



### General Information

Dear Parents,

Welcome to your second issue of the Primary News!

We hope you enjoyed Issue 1. Please get in touch with any feedback or suggestions.

Enjoy reading!

### Updates from The Primary Team

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome Katy Gregor to our Primary Team. The children have welcomed her back with much enthusiasm.

#### Kathryn Gregor

I am currently studying a BEd (Hons) degree in Primary Education through the University of Hertfordshire and got to know Lonsdale School through my 2nd year teacher-training placement during which I worked with Emerald Class. Previously, I have worked with children for 9 years and have Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education. My qualifications have allowed me to work both in schools and as a nanny across the UK, France, Brazil and Thailand. I have been very much enjoying my return to Lonsdale School.



Miss Nichols has unfortunately been unable to be with us over the last two weeks, and we hope she will be back soon. Despite Miss Nichols's absence, our new primary timetable is working well and the children are now learning and interacting in new environments and in different groups.

Your child has been allocated a named key worker from our team from this half term. This member of staff is your first port of call to raise any issues, concerns or suggestions you may have. The easiest way to get in touch is through the home-school diary. You can also phone the school and leave a message, and the key worker will get back to you as soon as they can. Another way to get in touch is to email Michele ([mnichols@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mnichols@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk)), Catherine ([csumner@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:csumner@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk)) or Jacquie ([jyule@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jyule@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk)), who will reply or pass on your message to your child's key worker.

### Primary Learning: News, Updates and Developments

The first week after the half-term holidays was a project week with a seaside theme. Children and staff were very disappointed that the weather postponed our planned visit to Southend. A new date will be with you shortly. They soon cheered up with lots of creative activities. The children have all contributed artwork for our corridor displays on the theme of 'at the beach' and 'underwater'. These included a variety of skills from printing with hands and bubble wrap, cutting, sticking, weaving, finding images on the computer and using collage materials. They explored pebbles and decorated one of their choice. In music the children explored sounds of the seaside using their voices and percussion instruments.

A group of the oldest primary children represented our school at the Primary Pentathlon sporting event. They all did their very best and were a huge credit to themselves and Lonsdale School. They took part in a variety of different sport activities and competed against six other teams representing other special schools in Hertfordshire. They were very proud of their medals.

See the photo on page2.



This week the weather was much kinder to us and all of the primary department were fortunate to attend the Rotary Club Kids' Day Out event at Whipsnade Zoo. A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and help make this a successful day out for all of the children. Some of the highlights included finding out how much an elephant can poo in one day (see photo below) and finding the lions.



The children have written 'thank you' letters to the Rotary Club for organising a fantastic day out.

In music this week we all learned a new song and were able to sing it in a round to Mrs Thiele and Mrs Kelly. They were very impressed! We played the percussion instruments and watched out for the signal to play loud and quiet and to stop.

We have continued on our seaside topic and have been finding out about the different features of a seaside environment.



### Stars of the Week

#### 9<sup>th</sup> June

Emerald: Philip for using his voice clearly to command his horse to 'walk on'

Sapphire: Amiee for being an enthusiastic learner all week

Ruby: Tallulah for excellent effort this week

#### 16<sup>th</sup> June

Emerald: Leo for having settled into Primary so well

Sapphire: Cameron for his effort in Maths lessons throughout the week

Ruby: Callum for really trying hard with his written work



A very big WELL DONE!

### Diary Dates and Upcoming Events

We would like to use this opportunity to invite you to a Primary Open Afternoon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 2 to 3pm to meet the team and find out more about the work of the Primary Department. Next issue of the Primary News 30<sup>th</sup> June.

- Primary Open Afternoon for Parents 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2-3pm
- Sports Week w/c 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Sports Day 30<sup>th</sup> June, parents invited
- Lonsdale Summer Festival on the Field 8<sup>th</sup> July 1-4pm  
(For tickets contact Lindsey [lswaine@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lswaine@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk).)
- Transition Day 13<sup>th</sup> July, all pupils in new class groups for the day
- End of Term 21<sup>st</sup> July

Please visit the school website for more information: <http://www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk>.