



Learning @ Lonsdale

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<p>Primary</p>	<p>The highlight of Sapphire and Ruby class this week was a visit to Southend Pier as part of their learning about the seaside. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all.</p> <p>In Emerald Class this week, learners got out their explorer bags as the weather has been so glorious and explored the Outside Learning Environment. Each Learner enjoyed getting out of their chairs and experiencing the tactile and sensory zones.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
<p>3LM</p>	<p>We have been conducting research into the American Independence Day, in recognition of 4th July. Students worked in groups to find out what the Declaration of Independence is, where Americans originally came from, and how they celebrate 4th July. Feedback was then presented to the whole group. Everyone was able to contribute and showed growing confidence in presentation skills.</p>
<p>3MW</p>	<p>Students have been continuing their learning of fractions in numeracy, looking at sharing picnic food. In K & U we have been learning about the Chinese New Year and finding out why they name each year after an animal. We also found out which animal year we were born in. We enjoyed a trip to The University of Hertfordshire on Tuesday to take part in some sporting activities.</p>
<p>3SH/MB</p>	<p>In Science, the class has been building on last week's homework about rocks by investigating where rocks can be found in the school environment. The Thursday technology class has been evaluating the two different styles of puppet they have made this term, recalling skills they have used and identifying whether or not their design could have been improved. Most importantly, everyone enjoyed using their puppet to perform.</p>
<p>4SB</p>	<p>We all had an exciting trip out to taste university life when we went to Hertfordshire University with 3MW on Tuesday. We were met by PE teachers and trainee teachers and showed them how to be inclusive during PE lessons by demonstrating our skills. We were praised for our ability to catch, throw and use a cricket bat.</p>

4HP	<p>KS4 HP have been calculating money and counted £65.25—this was raised from the charity bake sale. They also created a budget in final preparation for Helen's Celebration today. Pupils researched a specific charity they would support. Pupils and staff voted to send donation to NSPCC. Emails were sent to the NSPCC to make arrangement for donations. Emails were also sent to staff members and governors for the celebration event. Pupils researched information about World War 2 in preparation for the reading book "Grandpa's Great Escape."</p>
4SP	<p>We have continued to look at listening/reading comprehension, and are developing skills to be able to answer direct questions about written text and thinking about the opinions the author holds. In ICT, we have looked at how to make videos, using new software, which combines still photographs and music. The students have been selecting their favourite sports week pictures.</p>
4LH/JB	<p>Learners are putting the finishing touches to their persuasive motivational speeches. Some excellent speeches are nearing completion. Contributions have been both compelling and diverse. We have Kai's Catservative Party, who among other things, offer a feline guarantee that they will remain calm and detached when in government. The Presentations are set to take place in the coming week</p>
Post 16	<p>P16SK have been learning about the great fire of London in their British History lessons. P16GK learned about the English link to Northern Ireland as part of their learning about British History and politics. In Young Enterprise, students have been hard at work this week, getting ready to run the lemonade stall at Lonsdale's Summer Festival on the Field. Students have been organising their Festival stand, thinking about marketing and developing their money skills.</p>
REP	<p>On the 4th July we had a summer BBQ. All the staff and students had fun; James and Jordan made drinks for the BBQ. We had a musician singing playing his guitar. We ate lots, danced and chatted until 7:30. We all went to bed stuffed and happy! A local wild duck has nested and hatched 8 ducklings on one of the REP balconies, the duckings hatched this week. They are tiny, cute and fluffy. Students are enjoying watching them and helping them grow by giving food and water.</p>
Whole School	<p>Sports Day 2017 was Amazing; Thank you to those who came along! Red House won! All photos and award winners are on the School Website! The Green Beans met on Wednesday 5th July to complete the last outstanding point from their action plan, a litter pick along the Lonsdale-Marriotts drive. Sammi, a Marriotts student, joined us and helped. Katie, one of our school governors, and Milo came along, too. We collected bottles, wrappers and cans and filled half a bin bag.</p>