

Learning @ Lonsdale

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Weekly Newsletter: Issue 1: Friday 15th September

2017

<p>Whole School</p>	<p>The new school year has started well with all pupils and staff settling into their new groups. We welcomed several pupils new to Lonsdale and are looking forward to working with all of our pupils and their families this school year.</p> <p>On "Minion Monday", Mrs Ottridge used the friendly yellow creatures in assembly to remind everyone of our school rules and the code of conduct. Next week we are looking forward to GSK employees spending a community volunteering day at school creating mosaic art work with our pupils.</p>
<p>Primary</p>	<p>Our Primary theme this half term is 'Healthy Lifestyles' and there has been lots of thinking about healthy eating, keeping clean and keeping fit going on in the different classes. Ash Class have learned about fruit and healthy eating through the story of "The Hungry Caterpillar". They made fruit smoothies in cooking and painted different fruit and vegetables. Birch Class have learned about germs and the importance of hand-washing. They made painted hand prints and practised their hand-washing skills. They also designed their own 'germ' in their art lesson. Oak Class have looked at fruit in cooking and thought about healthy eating. They have also studied some of the different trees our classes are now named after.</p>
<p>3LM</p>	<p>This week we have discussed the news and learnt about hurricanes and the sort of damage they can do. We have begun studying our English text for this year, 'Millions' by Frank Cottrell Boyce, analysing various covers and what impressions they gave us of the text. We also thought about how characters are developed through use of adjectives. In K & U we learnt about the British Empire, in preparation for our topic on Slavery. Ask your child why the sun never sets on the empire.</p>
<p>3MW</p>	<p>KS3MW have made a start on all of their new topics: Basic Skills - transport, forces and time; K & U - Hertfordshire; PSHE - "All about Me" and Dance - "The Lion King". The children have reinforced their knowledge about the different forces and tried some gravity experiments in Science. In maths they have enjoyed learning about time using our new on-line resource "Education City". In Drama students learnt the dance to 'Circle of Life' and loved it! We are looking forward to starting our Funky Pie work.</p>
<p>3SH/MB</p>	<p>We have enjoyed starting to get to know one another in our new class group this week. In English we have started looking at transport and made simple poems through describing words. In Science we explored simple forces - push, pull and twist. We have also enjoyed making creative paintings of transport. Hertfordshire is our half-termly topic for K&U, and we have learnt about the county flag. Do ask if your son or daughter can describe it to you.</p>

4HP

The class practised their skills in telling the time by selecting different times in which they did activities in a given day. They learnt about clockwise and anticlockwise. In addition, the class group examined different media types and matched descriptions to the correct media. Whole class created a list of different things we use the internet for. Pupils used 'WOW' adjectives to describe artefacts such as cotton, biscuit wrappers, perfume, as well as pictures and used these in writing a short story.

4SP

Hello to all Parents/ Carers from the 4SP team. Thought we would start with some introductions; the class team; Mr Simon Page with Tracey, Vanda and Rory (newly appointed LSA). The class will be taught a variety of subjects, by a variety of teachers; these include Mr J. Billam – English, Mrs S Brown – Science, Mr B Pritchard - Creative, Mrs S North - Drama, Ms H Dean - swimming and Ms L Hughes/ Mrs M Woolley - PE and I will be teaching Maths, PSCE and K&U. The team are looking forward to working with you all to ensure this academic year is successful.

Upper

Welcome Back! We would like to start the term with some celebratory news: Alana, Jake and Lu sat their Maths GCSE and BTEC Performing Arts (Acting) final exam this summer all achieving a minimum of Grade 4 (Grade C) or equivalent in both qualifications— Congratulations—you all should be very proud!

Both 5LH and 5SN have started working through the ASDAN qualifications and are enjoying the variety of units.

4/5JB have started their GCSE and Functional Skills courses and are very enthusiastic .

Some of our students have started Horse-Riding lessons this week as part of their DofE qualifications. Some students were a little nervous but all have risen to the challenge!

REP

The Independent Flat have been busy planning their parent meet-and-greet evening. The evening will be a sociable evening where students will be cooking a meal for their parents. Students have been budgeting and started creating the menu.

Event Date: Monday 25th September 2017

Dates for your
Diary

- **Tuck Shop: Every Friday - items cost 50p/ £1**
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 29th September from 10am - Please come along, friends and family welcome!** (Donations of raffle prizes and cake would be very much appreciated. Raffle prizes can be brought in and given to Miss Hughes; cake should be brought in on the day)
- **Parents Evening: Wednesday 18th October 4-6pm (Further information will be communicated shortly.)**

