

Learning @ Lonsdale

LONSDALE



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Whole School	<p>Students participated in a Community Volunteers Day this week with GSK (Glaxo Smith Kline). GSK employees came in and helped to create mosaics to be displayed around the school and in REP. A great day was had by all! This year, Lonsdale are contributing again to the St Hugh And St John Church Harvest. They are collecting items for local charities, The Living Room and Aldwyck House. If you would like to contribute any dried packets of food, tins or toiletries, please send them to school any time this week. The Primary will take any donations to the Church .</p>
Primary	<p>Ash Class children have been carrying on with the 'Healthy Lifestyles' topic and cooked some delicious carrot cupcakes. The children have written a class story of 'The Very Hungry Pig', and have sequenced how to wash their hands. Birch Class children have learnt about leisure activities and whether they help to keep us healthy. The children made bread rolls and looked carefully at and tasted lots of different types of bread. The children have observed the bread from the experiment we set up last week and noticed one slice, the one touched with unwashed hands, had begun to grow mould. In Oak Class students have learnt about the different organs associated with the digestive system and what processes they have to go through to give our bodies energy.</p>
3LM	<p>We have been thinking about the iceberg technique in English, discovering that the reader is often in on the unseen word of the narrator. We learn about their thoughts and feelings, and the things that others don't see. We thoroughly enjoyed making mosaics with the community volunteers on Thursday, especially smashing up the tiles, and we have been exploring Triangular Trade in K & U, learning about what it was like for slaves to travel across the Atlantic ocean</p>
3MW	<p>This week 3MW have consolidated their learning about time through problem solving and playing games. In K& U they have made a start on learning about the Romans; who they were, where they came from and why they invaded our country. We are going to develop this next week to learning about the Romans in Hertfordshire. We have all enjoyed our first session at Funky Pie where the theme for this year is the 'Seasons'. Students have been continuing their 'All About Me' project learning how to decoupage their initials in Creative.</p>
3SH/MB	<p>The pupils have been learning the vocabulary relating to different vehicles in their Basic Skills work about transport. In K&U they have learnt about the spread of the Roman Empire in preparation for finding out about the Romans in Hertfordshire. They have continued to practise measuring wet and dry ingredients in our Food Technology module. The highlight of the week was our time spent working on the special art project with the GSK volunteers, which was enjoyed by everyone.</p>

4HP	Students had a great day working with the numerous GSK volunteers on the mosaic project, developing their creativity, imagination and fine/gross motor skills. We have been consolidating our learning about time through the use of the Education City programme and problem solving activities.
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4SP	The students in English have continued with comprehension activities, which have included role play and hot seating with written response. In Maths we have been developing their deductive reasoning, working alongside cross checking vertical and horizontal totals. Their Science lessons have been developing their awareness of hygiene with regard to cooking, and in PSHCE we have been looking at Paralympians and their skills at being resilient. In our Creative lesson, the class have developed their skills and been introduced to the concept and practice of Identity Boxes.
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Upper	<p>5SN students have been learning about different places in the community and what a balanced diet is in their ASDAN units. In Literacy this week we have continued our work on Romeo and Juliet. Students have developed their understanding of the feud between the two families and explored the moment that Romeo meets Juliet for the first time. Characters have been hot-seated with some excellent Q and A in role.</p> <p>5LH: We have been learning about the advantages and disadvantages of using technology during their ASDAN lessons and have been working on 'The Shave', gripping, suspense-filled cliff-hanger. We have role-played the characters, interviewed them in order to establish motives and begun to focus on close reading comprehension work.</p> <p>4/5JB: The class have been studying extracts from Captain Scott's diary. Functional Skills students have been exploring purpose and close-reading questions. In addition, they have developed written formal letter responses to weather disasters. GCSE students have been exploring the structure, text and language.</p>
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REP	<p>The Rotary Club visited this week, which all the students always thoroughly enjoy. Students took part in their quiz, learning the importance of working as a team and to play by the rules!</p> <p>Reminder: Independent flat:</p> <p>Parent Tea Visit—Monday 25th September.</p>
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Dates for your Diary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuck Shop: Every Friday items cost 50p/ £1 • Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 29th September from 10am—please come along, friends and family welcome! (Donation of Raffle prizes and Cake very much appreciated—Raffle prizes to be brought in and given to Miss Hughes, Cake to be bought in on the day) • Parents Evening: Wednesday 18th October :4-6pm (Further information will be communicated shortly.)
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