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# NEWSLETTER

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Whole School News

### Boccia Festival News

On Wednesday last week, we hosted the SSF Boccia festival. Nobel School attended, bringing 2 teams, and we also entered 2 teams. All matches were very close, with some excellent shots made by all players. The final results saw both Lonsdale teams coming joint thirds, and Nobel teams taking first and second positions.

Congratulations to the Lonsdale players: Zack, Harrison B, Jake W, Sam A, Damla, Aoife, Jay!

Many thanks to our 2 umpires, Kyra and Jake!

### Anti-Bullying Week and 'Children in Need'

This week we are looking forward to take a stand against bullying, in the Anti-Bullying Week. We will wear odd socks on Monday for this. On Friday we will join in 'Children in Need'. Pupils are invited to wear spotty clothes or non-uniform. On Monday we welcome a special guest to assembly, who will share the idea of an 'adverse calendar', where you give and share every day in the run-up to Christmas. You can help Lonsdale with some donations for Toyshed this year. Please see the flyer on page 10.

Thank you!

## Information & Dates for your Diary



7th December 2023 – In-school Christmas Fair for all pupils and Christmas Carol Concert for families and friends in the evening (more info to follow)

20th December 2023—End of Term, Pupils go home at 1.30pm

Please note that all EHCP Annual Reviews will have the option to be conducted remotely via Teams or telephone or can be attended in person. A list of dates for the academic year can be found on the website.

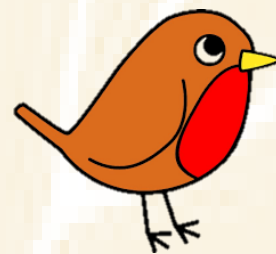


# PRIMARY

## News

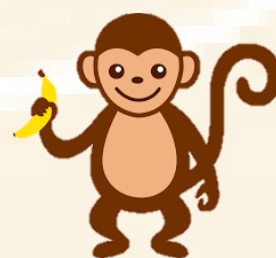


Robin Class have worked hard in all lessons covering the topics of Guy Fawkes and Remembrance Day. In English they talked about all the sounds fireworks make and created pictures using paint and glitter. They practiced their mark making skills in glitter sand using paintbrushes. In Maths they built tower rockets and used their number recognition and ordering skills to create numbered rockets. During Creative they painted poppies and listened to a short poem.



ROBIN CLASS

Pupils have continued to work on poems this week in English, thinking about Remembrance Day. They have developed their knowledge of number order to count objects and select the corresponding number. They were also using this knowledge to measure items and using the language of measurement. In Science, they have explored light sources, reflective materials and shadows. They have continued to work well on sharing their feeling and in geography explored landmarks around the world, then used building materials to create their own landmark. They worked hard on observational drawing in art.



MONKEY CLASS

In Science the pupils learnt about the sun being a light source and how to protect your eyes from the sun. The children enjoyed engaging in a sensory story of 'Can't you sleep little bear'. They discussed how little bear may be feeling in the story. In Maths we worked on shape and focused on how many sides a shape has. We also did work on number bonds to 10. In K & U we looked at a map and had to name the four countries and label them. In PE we practised our ball skills with throwing and catching. It's been a busy week.



ALPACA CLASS

Dragonfly Class had a lovely week continuing to explore light and symbolism in RE and Science, and they particularly enjoyed making Diva lamps. In English we have continued our work on poetry through 'Remembrance Poppy Poems', with lots of new vocabulary. The class are working hard to develop their knowledge of properties of shapes by classifying and grouping. They are continuing the theme of place value in number lessons. In DT we started to experiment with towers using marshmallows and spaghetti!



DRAGONFLY CLASS

In Literacy we looked at how to set out an address to start writing our letters. In Numeracy we developed our understanding of column addition and used this to add up money to pay for items. In Science we used tuning forks and instruments to experiment with vibrations and how different they sound. In History we learned how the Anglo-Saxons influenced our place names we use today. We enjoyed working out in FitKidz, and we enjoyed working with Wombats and Sea Turtles in Forest School going on a puddle hunt.



FALCON CLASS



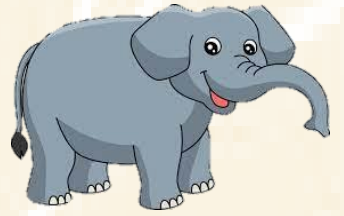
# UPPER SCHOOL

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Elephants have been learning about bones and their names in Science. We had fun making moving skeletons! In English, we have thought about what we need to make sentences – some have been quite silly! In Maths, we have practised adding using different methods. In our vocational lessons, we have been continuing with our sensory music topic and played percussion instruments to make up our own rhythms. In History we have learnt about the daily lives of Ancient Egyptians, thinking about their houses, food and jobs.



ELEPHANT CLASS

In English this week, some of us have completed our FS English Speaking and Listening assessments, the rest of us have been learning about formal and informal writing. In PSHCE/RSE we have been learning about healthy and unhealthy relationships. In ICT we have started our learning of how to create spreadsheets. We have been learning basic commands and cell referencing. We helped run the Stevenage inter-schools Boccia competition.



PANDA CLASS

This week, L Class have continued development with written addition and subtraction skills. Students attending GCSE classes have been working on expanding brackets in expressions. In Science, the class concluded the unit on the digestive system with an end-of-unit quiz to assess knowledge. In K & U, they continued work on the country of Greece, looking at some different types of Greek food.



LYNX CLASS

We had a lot of rain last week during lunchtimes. That meant that we had to spend some time indoors, where we used the library, attended film club, or some pupils enjoyed the large games, like Connect 4 or sharing stories. When the weather was better, we ventured outside with our friends to play hide and seek or to go for a walk.



LUNCHTIME NEWS

Governors started their termly round of board meetings. Last week the Safeguarding and Pupil Welfare Board met. They discussed all issues around wellbeing, safeguarding and pupil support. This week, the school's Resources Board will meet to look at everything linked to financing and resourcing.



GOVERNORS NEWS



# SECONDARY

## News

In Friday's Task Master, we enjoyed creating a firework picture using anything except pens, paint and coloured pencils. Congratulations to Miss Rose's group who created the winning piece! This week in Science we have been learning the names of some of the major bones in our skeleton. In maths we continue to learn about measure and used non-standard units to accurately measure different objects. In Geography the class carried out experiments to represent different kinds of weathering.



WOMBAT CLASS

In English, the class has been learning about how Kensuke lives alongside the orang-utans on the island. They have created a fantastic model island and have done some comprehension work about orang-utans. In Geography they have looked at different kinds of weathering and participated in some tasks to represent weathering. In Science they have been revisiting the internal organs, where these are located and what their role in the body is.



GORILLA CLASS

In Geography last week, we continued to learn about the continents, doing a labelling task to consolidate their learning. In RS, we started our topic on pilgrimages. Last week, we learnt about Buddhist pilgrimages and the Eight Great Places of worship. In Science, the class continued to learn about the body, focusing on the blood vessels in the body. In Maths, the class worked on counting in 2s. In English, we continued to read our class book, Wonder. In PSCE, we did some more work on healthy eating – focusing on what food are in the different food groups.



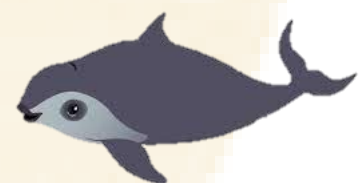
SEA TURTLE CLASS

We had a busy week with various activities, but the highlight was definitely the fun we had while taking class calendar photos. During our Science class, we studied the different roles and functions of blood that keep our bodies healthy. In Geography, we delved deeper into understanding maps and how to use the key to locate things. In History, we focused on the sequence of events that led to World War I and World War II, which was in line with our Remembrance assembly.



TASMANIAN DEVIL CLASS

This week we have been learning about the history behind Remembrance Day in PSHE, and pupils have created some related crafts for a display. In English we looked at the features of war poetry and studied 'The Sentry' by Wilfred Owen. With Divali approaching, pupils have been working on some amazing rangoli pattern designs (see photo page), while In Food Tech pupils made some very appetising loaded nachos – delicious!



VAQUITA CLASS





# FORM FOCUS

## HIPPO CLASS



In Science, H Class concluded their unit on the digestive system with a lesson on enzymes and an end-of-unit quiz. We have progressed well in the unit and remembered so much! In Creative, we continued with the keyboard and even had a go at playing chords. In K&U we learnt about Whitby and looked at maps, identifying what features the town has and compared this with Stevenage; we also did some research on Christian Pilgrimages. We celebrated James's and Sky's birthdays! In PSHCE we had good discussions about the likes, roles and responsibilities and possible achievements for children, teenagers and adults.



*Hippo Class  
in focus*





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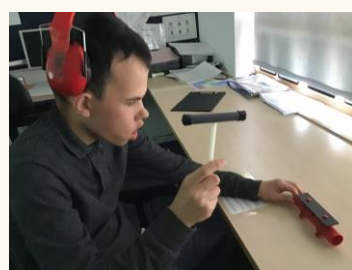
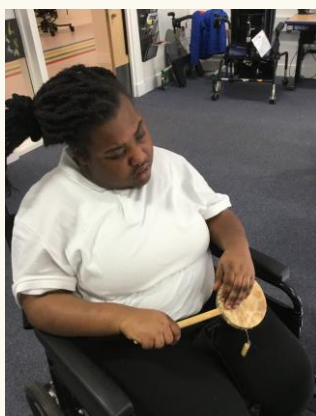


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*in for brilliant bits  
from this week at  
Lonsdale*



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## Second Hand Uniform

Lonsdale School are keen to promote sustainability. If you have any good quality, preloved uniform you no longer need, you can drop it off at the school office in a bag clearly marked 'Second-Hand Uniform Donation'.  
Thank you!

Young People's  
**Healthy**  
**hub**  
Stevenage

4:30-  
5:30PM  
EVERY  
TUESDAY

**SHEPALL CENTRE**  
SG2 9XR

**Creative Arts**  
CLUB

- ✓ Messy activities
- ✓ Dream catcher making
- ✓ Stone painting
- ✓ Clay modelling

Sept 19th - Dec 12th  
FREE for all →  
11year olds and under

North Hertfordshire College and Stevenage  
Borough Council joint project

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## Under 5s@Stevenage Museum

Stories, games, and arts and crafts fun!

1:30pm – 2:30pm on Thursdays, and 11am – 12noon on Saturdays

September  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

October  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

November  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

December  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

For children under 5 and their parents and carers.  
£2.50 (£1 concessions) – Adults go free!

Book online at:  
<https://stevenage-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



## Family Saturdays @ Stevenage Museum 2-3pm

Come along to our free sessions to create and learn!  
No need to book, just turn up

FREE



September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Exploring Space

October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Skeletons and Bones



11<sup>th</sup> November  
Terrible Tudors



2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Birds and Birdfeeders



# REPAIR

BIN IT? NO WAY!

# CAFE

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH  
a cd player that no longer opens?  
a toaster that no longer works?  
a sweater with moth holes?

REPAIR CAFE IS  
repairing broken items together, professional advice,  
encounters and inspiration

COSTS?  
A voluntary contribution

WHERE?  
Location: Stevenage Repair Cafe  
Address: Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, SG1 1NA  
Place: Bedwell Community Centre

WHEN?  
Date: First Saturday of each month  
From: 2pm to 5pm hrs

CLOTHES • FURNITURE • ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES • TOYS • BICYCLES • ETCETERA  
[repaircafe.org/en](http://repaircafe.org/en)

## Learning for Life!

Headteacher: Ms Annemari Ottridge M.Ed. NPQH NPQEL

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6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Lonsdale School will be supporting the Stevenage Foodbank for their Christmas fundraising appeal, Toysshed. The Toysshed provides vulnerable families and children with presents at Christmas time.



The Lonsdale School community have previously donated enough toys and gifts to support 65 families at Christmas time.



If you would like to donate a gift, we will be collecting all donations for children aged 0-18 years via the admin office from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Of note, all gifts must be brand new and not previously used.

With kind regards,

Leah McGrath

PA to Senior Leadership Team & Office Admin

Lonsdale School, Brittain Way, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG2 8UT  
Telephone: 01438 726999, email: [admin@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk)  
[www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](http://www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk)



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# STEVENAGE CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

MEET MRS  
CLAUSE  
AND RECEIVE  
A FREE GIFT\*

Saturday 25 November 2023  
12pm - 5:30pm

**FREE  
PARKING**  
ALL DAY AT  
ST GEORGE'S  
MULTI-STOREY

LIGHTS

LIVE MUSIC

STALLS

SENSORY  
STATION

FREE FACE  
PAINTING

SNOW GLOBE

FAIR RIDES

MOBILE BAR

CHRISTMAS  
MARKET

**GUEST APPEARANCE:  
JUNIOR ANDRE**

Meet & Greet Junior Andre  
4pm - 4:30pm

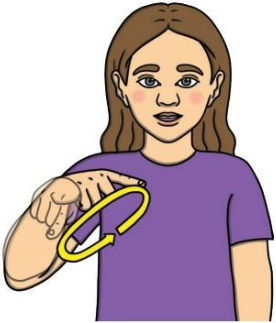
Performance: 5:10pm - 5:25pm



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## BSL Signs

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## SEND DROP IN

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in every month – 10.00 – 11.30am

Bedwell Family Centre, Unit 2-3 Bedwell Park, Stevenage, SG1 1NB

FREE bookable session

### SESSION DETAILS

Are you a Parent of a Child with Special Needs?

If so you will be very welcome to attend our SEND Drop In. You will have an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have, find out information about local support groups, meet other families. Your child does not need to have had a formal diagnosis

We can provide a friendly ear and a safe space to talk.

Children are welcome to attend with you or you can attend on your own Children are welcome, no diagnosis needed.

### HOW TO BOOK

Log onto our Eventbrite page  
to book your place  
<https://barnardos-stevenage.eventbrite.co.uk>

### MORE INFORMATION

[hertsfamilycentres.org](https://hertsfamilycentres.org) Call us  
on: 0300 123 7572



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## Could you welcome a foster child into your family?

We need foster carers for children  
and young people in Hertfordshire.

Can you offer a nurturing, safe and stable home?  
Hertfordshire County Council provide an allowance,  
training and unrivalled 24/7 support, every step of the way.

For further information on  
**Fostering** call us on **0800 917 0925**

**FOSTERWITHUS**

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering)

[@hertfordshirefostering](https://www.facebook.com/hertfordshirefostering) [@HCCFosterAdopt](https://www.twitter.com/HCCFosterAdopt)

In partnership with



**Stonewall**



**Hertfordshire**

**Physical and  
neurological impairment  
advice line**

**01442 453 920**

**Mondays 1.30pm - 4pm  
(term time only)**

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## About Carers in Hertfordshire

We are a leading charity that supports unpaid carers throughout Hertfordshire.

We are partly funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS in Hertfordshire. In partnership with them and other local organisations we provide services to carers to help them with their caring role, improve their health and wellbeing, give them a break from caring and have a voice in shaping services for them.

We support carers of all ages, including children, and our services are free of charge.

### Carers in Hertfordshire

**The Red House, 119 Fore Street, Hertford, Herts, SG14 1AX**

**Tel: 01992 58 69 69**

**Email: [contact@carersinherts.org.uk](mailto:contact@carersinherts.org.uk)**

**[www.carersinherts.org.uk](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk)**

## Our support for parents and carers.

We have Involvement and Development Workers supporting carers of someone with a mental health condition or who misuses drugs or alcohol, who can provide information relevant to your caring role and can help you to speak up to those providing or planning local services.

We also:

- Give you a chance to meet and talk to other parents, carers and staff who understand;
- Give you the opportunity to represent your views to the authorities that commission and manage CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) in Hertfordshire;
- Provide training and learning opportunities;
- Offer a Carers' Passport Discount Card that gives savings in shops, restaurants and other venues (contact us to apply for one today!)



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**ISL** Integrated  
Services for  
Learning

*working together locally*



## SEND Advice for Parents/Carers

*Helpful SEND advice lines  
for Parents and Carers*

| Advice line   | Times available [from Sept 2020]  |
|---|---|
| <b><i>Educational Psychology Contact line</i></b><br><b>01992 588574</b>                          | <b>Weds</b> 2pm – 4:30pm  |
| <b><i>SEND Specialist Advice and Support Service*</i></b><br><b>01442 453920</b> - term time only | <b><i>Specific Learning Difficulties:</i></b><br><b>Mon &amp; Thurs</b> 09:30am – 12pm                  |
|   | <b><i>Speech Language, Communication &amp; Autism needs:</i></b><br><b>Tues &amp; Weds</b> 1:30pm – 4pm |
|   | <b><i>Early Years:</i></b><br><b>Weds</b> 9am – 12pm<br><b>Thurs</b> 1:30pm – 4pm                       |
|   | <b><i>Physical and Neurological Impairment:</i></b><br><b>Mon</b> 1:30pm – 4pm                          |
| <b><i>West team Attendance Duty*</i></b><br><b>01442 454778</b>                                   | <b>Mon - Fri</b> 09:30 am – 4pm   |
| <b><i>East team Attendance Duty*</i></b><br><b>01992 555261</b>                                   | <b>Mon - Fri</b> 09:30 am – 4pm   |

\* also available to schools, settings and professionals

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## Cyberbullying

### What is Cyberbullying and online Harassment?

- Cyberbullying is any form of bullying which takes place online.
- This can be done over smartphones, tablets, online gaming, chat rooms, social media and more.
- Online harassment is the act of sending offensive, rude and insulting messages and being abusive.
- If someone purposefully keeps sending you offensive messages that make you feel scared, it could be illegal.



### Cyberbullying is NOT ACCEPTABLE

- Bullying someone whether online or offline is wrong.
- It can badly affect their mental health.
- Harassing someone and/or sending malicious or threatening messages to someone repeatedly is **ILLEGAL**.
- If you are found to be cyberbullying someone, there could be criminal consequences.

### What to do if you are being cyberbullied

If someone is bullying you, here is what you can do to put a stop to it....get **SMART**.

**S**creenshot any nasty messages.

**M**y privacy settings.

**A**void talking to them any further.

**R**eport the incident on whatever site you are using.

**T**alk to someone (parent, carer, teacher, friend or the police if necessary).

### How to cope with the effects of Cyberbullying

- You must not blame yourself. No one deserves to be treated cruelly by anyone.
- It can make you feel very upset, alone and like no one will understand or help you.
- **REMEMBER** you are not alone and there are lots of people who can help you. Make sure you tell someone and do not try to deal with this on your own.
- For confidential help and advice: NSPCC [nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk) or Bullying UK [bullying.co.uk](http://bullying.co.uk)

### When to tell the Police

- If you are ever threatened with physical harm, being repeatedly harassed, being sent malicious messages.
- If it's not an immediate emergency, phone **101** or use our online webchat service.
- If it is an immediate emergency phone **999**.

[www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/cyber-bullying/](http://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/cyber-bullying/)

**safe4me**



# WEBSITE

## INFORMATION

Visit the Student Area on our website

**www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk**

You can find lots of activities in the 'All Sorts of Things' section.

Daily Home Learning Plan can be found in your class area for pupils who are not attending school.

*Student Area is here!*



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Login to find out more!



Then explore your class area and look at 'Ideas Shared by and for Parents'.



Maybe send your feedback?



HOME - STUDENT AREA

### Welcome

To access this area we need you to login using the username and password provided to you by the school. Please enter this information below and click login to proceed.

If you have forgotten your username and/or password please contact the school.

Username:

Password:

[LOGIN](#)

[Forgotten your password?](#)

HOME - STUDENT AREA - IDEAS SHARED BY AND FOR PARENTS

### Ideas Shared by and for Parents

This page is full of ideas which have been sent to us by parents. Thank you, all!

Keep your ideas and thoughts coming; we will update this page regularly...

To get in touch, please email your child's form tutor or use the 'Home Learning Questions' tab.

Have you seen those?

#### Free Daily Resources For Children



**PE with Joe Wicks On YouTube**  
Week days at 9am but you can visit any time on youtube to view the workout.



**Wildlife With with Steve Backshall On Facebook**  
Every day at 9:30am for answering all your wildlife, biology, conservation, geography and exploration quest-ions.



**Science with Maddy Moate on YouTube**  
Weekdays 11am. Maddy & Greg chat about science and nature!



**Dance with Oli Mabuse On Facebook**  
Every day at 11:30am but children can view the class at any time.



**Maths With Carol Vorderman**  
Free access to the for maths website: [www.themathsdoctor.com](http://www.themathsdoctor.com)



**Music with Myleene Klass on YouTube**  
Twice a week. Next one Friday 27 March 10am, but can view any time.



**Storytime With David Williams**  
Free story everyday at 11am on his website: [www.worldofdavidwilliams.com](http://www.worldofdavidwilliams.com)

ALL SORTS OF THINGS...

BUMBLEBEES

DOLPHINS

ELEPHANTS

GORILLAS

HIPPOS

KOALAS

LYNX

OWLS

PANDAS

SEA TURTLES

TASMANIAN DEVILS

VAQUITAS

WOMBATS

JOIN THE SPRING WATCH!