

# Learning @ Lonsdale



Weekly Newsletter: Issue 7: Friday 3rd November 2017

<p>Whole School</p>	<p>A spooky theme to the school this week, students enjoyed their Halloween disco, dressing up, dancing and having fun with their friends. All proceeds made will go to Children in Need.</p> <p>Please visit the gallery page for all photographs of visits, events and learning.</p> <p>If you would like to pay for activities, uniform , trips and meals on –line by bank transfer, please request a form from our school office and the staff will support you in downloading the Gateway app.</p>
<p>Primary</p>	<p>Oak Class: This week the pupils have been learning about fireworks and making up acrostic poems in English. They have also learned facts about the gunpowder plot; who was behind it and the reasons as to why they wanted to kill the king. Birch Class have begun to read the story “The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark” by Jill Tomlinson. They learned that 'Dark' is exciting, because you can have fireworks'. They have been listening to and watching fireworks and firework music and learning some firework-related songs in music. They have been learning about owls, and the whole class helped to create a sensory 'Plop', the owl, from the story. We would like to welcome Mary Kate to Ash Class. Ash have been making Pumpkin Muffins and have enjoyed investigating the inside of a pumpkin.</p>
<p>3LM</p>	<p>3LM have been working on their scanning and skimming skills this week in English and considering the differences and similarities. We have been preparing one page passports for each student, which take into account the support they need to learn and achieve whilst here. In Science we investigated heat conduction and identified good conductors as well as insulators. <b>We have been doing a lot to promote the shoe box appeal too, any shoe boxes/items, please send in by Wednesday 15th November. Thank you!</b></p>
<p>3MW</p>	<p>This week we have started our new topics in both, Basic Skills and K &amp; U. In English we will be learning about different occupations; in Science about the muscular and skeletal systems and in K &amp; U about religious light. In Maths we have revisited measuring length and width. In K&amp; U we learnt about Diwali, the story behind the festival and heard first hand from one of the LSAs about how they celebrate in their homes and with friends and family. In Science we learnt about the role of the skeletal system and why it is important to look after our bones and how we can do this. We have also started to learn the names of some of the main bones in our bodies.</p>
<p>3SH/MB</p>	<p>In Science we have started our topic 'Skeletons and muscles'. We had a visit from 'Bob', our school skeleton and talked about the bones and how our skeleton helps us. In Art this term we are going to be making different pictures using different fabric. If you have any spare fabrics, buttons and zips (or old clothes), please can you send them in for our resources. Thank you. <b>Some pupils will participate in the Secondary Panathlon at Wodson Park on November 23rd, so please look out for letters about that next week.</b></p>

4HP

This week the class enjoyed our trip to the British School Museum, where we had a lesson- 'Victorian style' Pupils were happy to take part in the lesson and experience how strict teachers were in the past. They ended their day, by playing with the different toys that children would have played with in Victorian times. In Maths this week, we have revisited measuring length and width and have ordered the height of the students in the class as well as comparing the widths of different objects. They continue to broaden their experience through watching and discussing the news and reading different genres of reading materials.

4SP

In English, the students are looking at the book 'Of Mice and Men' and using extracts. They have been improving their descriptive writing. During their Science lesson, the class made 'Bonfire Bread', hopefully you all enjoyed it eating it! For their ICT/ PSHCE lessons we have been looking at technology and its impact on social well being and health. Drama students performed their monologues for assessment and did brilliantly, all should be really proud! **On Tuesday, please remember to send in your clothing/ musical instruments for the calendar picture.**

Upper

5SN returned to the sports centre at Marriotts equipped with their own money this week. All purchased an item they independently selected and used their own money with support to purchase it. They are certainly developing their confidence to be 'out and about' and making great progress with developing their communication skills. The class have been learning a dance with Mr Pritchard this week and loved developing their rhythm!

5LH: Drama students performed their monologues for assessment and did brilliantly, all should be really proud! Students have just started to look at employers' expectations and the process involved in apply for jobs. They will be focusing on personal hygiene this term within their healthy living unit and some are in the process of organising a charity day for Children In Need – details to follow next week.

5JB: Functional Skills students have been exploring a text related to Michelin starred restaurants. GCSE students have begun the planning of a creative story using the 6 stages of the narrative writing process. This is a creative response to hostile environment texts we have been studying.

REP

Pupils have been discussing their wishes for furniture for the chill-out area in the REP dining room. They currently are researching which sofa they would like to order. One pupil has also requested a television so he can watch sport. The Independent Flat went to the shops to buy the ingredients for the cooking and many REP students enjoyed the after-school clubs and activities this week.

Dates for your  
Diary

- **Lonsdale Christmas Fair— Saturday 18th November: 10am-1pm—please come and support—all profits go to towards supporting learning.**
- **Mosaic Auction at Christmas Fair—all bids to [cthiele@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cthiele@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk), see website for details.**
- **Any donations or the fair stalls, please send in to Mrs Woolley**
- **Shoe Box Appeal—all donations to Mrs Michael please.**
- **School photos taken on 9th November 2017**