

Learning @ Lonsdale



Weekly Newsletter: Issue 8 : Friday 10th November 2017

Whole School	<p>This week has had a strong learning focus around Remembrance Day and why people may choose to wear poppies at this time. The whole school community had their school photos this week, please look out for them coming home with your chance to purchase them if you wish. Final preparations for Lonsdale's Christmas Fair are well underway, please come and support our school on Saturday 18th November from 10am-1pm. Don't forget to look on the website to see the mosaics we will auction on Saturday!</p>
Primary	<p>Oak Class have been very busy with our new topic "The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark". We have read chapter 2 - Dark is kind in Literacy - and we learned about how people were not kind to each other in World War 1 in Topic. We learned how cook-books recipes can differ in Cooking and have been practising our division strategies in Mathematics.</p> <p>Birch Class have really enjoyed the opportunity to squirt paint over a member of staff in a collaborative big picture project. They have been looking at and describing fireworks. The result is on display in the primary corridor. Try to have a look when you are in school next (for the Christmas Fair!). The children have been thinking about "The Dark is Kind", the second chapter in our half term topic story. They have been thinking about their manners and reflecting and remembering as the old lady in the story does.</p> <p>Ash Class have been talking about fireworks, colours and shapes. We have made pictures using splatter paint in the style of Jackson Pollock and made shape rockets.</p>
3LM	<p>3LM have been organising and wrapping shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse appeal this week. We are pleased to say we have 11 filled boxes already. We will be delivering them at the end of next week, so please get any gifts to us by Wed 15th. We are particularly in need of donations towards to the cost of postage. Thanks so much to everyone who got involved! We have been thinking about writing instructions in English and practised by writing a recipe. In Science we studied heat transfers.</p>
3MW	<p>This week we have been learning about positioning and directions in maths, completing a treasure hunt in our second lesson to reinforce our vocabulary understanding. At Funky Pie we identified the different instrument families and practiced playing different instruments. We then chose one instrument to play and made an orchestra with the other students. In PHSCE students learnt about their rights and why rights are important. In Drama students are going to be developing their leadership and directorial skills this half term. They will be working with Primary to put on their Nativity. This week students decided on their directorial skill, learning about the qualities a successful director must have.</p>
3SH/MB	<p>In English we have continued to work on different jobs and their place of work. Pupils have played matching games linked to this on Education City. In Science we have continued work on skeletons and carried out an experiment about the strength of bones. We have decorated some lovely dolls with fabric in art and learnt about 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in Drama. In Technology this half term, the pupils are researching and planning to make a money container and this week have thought about the size the purse or wallet needs to be and what it might contain.</p>

4HP

We explored the idea of leisure activities and learnt about the class's and class team's favourite leisure activities. As a class we examined other people's leisure activities that we would like to try and gave reasons to support this. Pupils were introduced to the topic of energy and we spoke about the sun being the ultimate source. We continued to focus on religion by listening to creation stories based on both, the Christian and Jewish religions. The students also took part in a Boccia competition developing their sportsmanship, fine and gross motor skills and understanding of the game's rules.

4SP

A very busy week with the school calendar photograph taking place, thanks to all those families who sent in clothing! The picture will look amazing. The school photographers also visited on Thursday. In English, the class have continued looking at 'Of Mice and Men' and found out about the two main characters in the book, Lennie and George, and the differences between them. In Maths we have moved on to rounding numbers to the nearest 1, 10 and 100, and we have begun to look at decimal points and how to round them to significant decimal points.

Upper

5SN: Explored the actions and reasons for George throwing away Lennie's mouse (Of Mice and Men). Students studied a simplified version of the text, answered questions and role-played the scene. They then developed their own sets of questions that they used to interview the characters in-role in the 'hot-seat'. During their Dance lesson 5SN did splendidly well - they all distinguished variously themselves for effort, memory, concentration and confidence.

5LH: continued with Entry Level 1 tasks in English this week focusing on writing a letter of complaint. In addition a set of comprehension tasks exploring a stimulus exemplar letter was answered. Students have been developing their public speaking skills this week in Managing Social Relationships, learning how to engage an audience using eye-contact and gesture.

5JB: Students have continued to work individually on a variety of Functional Skills reading and writing tasks based around the Michelin Restaurant Guide. GCSE students further developed their creative/narrative responses.

All of Upper School have been working hard developing their functional numeracy as part of YE this week in differentiated activities recognising coins, adding in 2s and handling data.

REP

This week four pupils continued with their skiing lessons in Hemel Hempstead ready for the ski trip next year. Mulberry flat went to ASDA, and pupils were showing staff what they would like to put on their Christmas lists, they also had the opportunity to visit the café for a drink and a cake. Preparations also continued for the Christmas Fair and the REP Carol Concert. Watch out for more information or visit our website!

Dates for your
Diary

- **Lonsdale Christmas Fair— Saturday 18th November: 10am-1pm—please come and support—all profits go to towards supporting learning.**
- **Any donations or the fair stalls, please send these in to Mrs Woolley!**
- **Shoe Box Appeal—all donations to Mrs Michael please by Wednesday 15th November!**