



Weekly Newsletter: Issue 10 : Friday 24th November 2017

<p>Whole School</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair this year; it was a great success! We raised a whopping £1,700, which will be spent on play equipment for our large playground. A huge thank you to Mrs Woolley for over-seeing the organisation the fair and to all staff, parents and pupils who helped!</p> <p>Joshua (one of our school governors) visited Lonsdale on Wednesday and gave an assembly on the Jewish celebration of Chanukah: "I really enjoyed it, especially the interactions with the brilliant pupils."</p>  <p>We will be supporting World Aids Day on 1st December! If you would like to help us fill a huge cardboard ribbon with copper and silver coins, please send all change for donations into school throughout next week. Thank you for your support! All money will go to the National Aids Trust.</p>
<p>Primary</p>	<p>Oak Class have been very busy, carrying out our light experiment in Science learning about which light source is the best to see people whilst playing spotlight. We have developed our understanding of fractions in Maths and learned how to cream butter whilst making cakes in cooking. Oak Class also participated in the Mini Olympics at Stevenage Sports Centre.</p> <p>Birch Class have been finding out more facts about owls. They have been helping the owls share food in maths and are writing a letters to Father Christmas in literacy. We are hoping to get a reply! The children have started making a Christmas cake.</p> <p>Ash Class have been developing their gross motor skills by making hand-print advent calendars.</p>
<p>3LM</p>	<p>3LM have been working hard this week. They looked at conduction and convection in Science and found out through an experiment if double-glazing is good for insulation. In PSHCE the class looked at expectations and rules. They identified how they could make learning in their class effective and enjoyable for everyone by following some rules, being respectful and giving everyone time to answer. The 10 best voted-for rules will be printed and displayed in class.</p>
<p>3MW</p>	<p>This week we have started revising and developing our money skills. We used the Christmas Fair money to introduce the topic and enjoyed counting and sorting all of the coins! In Science we had fun playing a build-the-beetle-style game to consolidate our knowledge of the skeleton, building our own skeletons whilst naming the bones. We had our last Funky Pie session for this term, where we joined with the other students to make our own percussion orchestra, which was beautifully conducted by Thomas!</p>
<p>3SH/MB</p>	<p>This week in English we have been interviewing a few members of staff around the school. The children have worked hard thinking of and asking questions. In Science they have started to learn about muscles and what muscles move on our body doing different activities. The class have had a fabulous day at the secondary Panathlon in Ware, with three coming home with gold medals, one with a silver and one with a fourth place. All enjoyed competing alongside pupils from other special schools. This week we also said goodbye to George who is leaving Lonsdale and wish him all the best.</p>

4HP	<p>We continued studying different religions and focused this week on Islam. Pupils researched four things related to this religion, and it was great to see the diversity in the things chosen. We delved more into types of energy, but also looked a bit at electricity. We took photos of various electrical items around the school with the aim of researching more about electricity and safety next week. As always, we have read different genres of books and completed comprehension questions based on these. In Maths, we have made a start on revising and extending our money skills with individualised tasks.</p>
4SP	<p>Throughout the week, the class have been working on many diverse topics. These include 'Thinking inside the box', where the students have been studying the artist Joseph Cornell. In Maths, they have been learning about significant numbers and when to round up or round down numbers. During their Science lessons, they have been looking at budgeting and deciding which they think is the best choice to either make or bake a cake. After reading more of the book 'Of Mice and Men' they have been introduced to a new character. In K&U, we have been looking at the phases of the moon, especially why we can see full moons.</p>
Upper	<p>A highlight for 5LH and 4/5JB students this week was being a part of the careers day at Marriotts. Students took part in workshops run by Young Enterprise, Waitrose and other businesses. Students developed their interview techniques, creative thinking and problem-solving skills and were great ambassadors for the school.</p> <p>5SN students have been learning to use the correct adjectives when describing George from 'Of Mice and Men' in English and developing their counting skills by doing the stock-take for the tuck shop this week. In ICT students have started to learn how to begin basic computer programming, examining the purpose of programming using specific instructions.</p> <p>All Upper School students were involved in organising this year's Children in Need 'Onesie/PJ Day', together the school raised £70 for the charity. A great achievement!</p>
REP	<p>This week in REP, five pupils met with Stuart Scarott from Young Commissioners to discuss a project which he has been asked to run with young people with disabilities. He is getting young people involved in the planning for Divots Place, a supported home for young people who attend school/college. The building is literally a shell at the moment, but Stuart has started to gather the views of young people about what is important to them, what the facility should be offered and what it should look like so that these views can be considered when the building and refurbishment takes place.</p>
Dates for your Diary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • w/c 27th Nov—Please send in silver and copper change to support WORLD AIDS DAY on 1st December! All donations greatly welcome! • Thursday the 14th December: 7PM - REP Christmas Carol Concert • Friday the 15th December - Primary Christmas Play: 10:30am— Parents/Carers of primary students invited • Monday the 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day—Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 donation to charity!