

Learning @ Lonsdale



Weekly Newsletter: Issue 13 : Friday 15th December 2017



Whole School

Winter arrived this week with snow and ice, which left the school closed to pupils on Monday. Many students returned on Tuesday, and by Wednesday school was back to normal with educational visits and lessons as per usual. We welcomed some university students this week, who thoroughly enjoyed spending time in lessons and with pupils and staff. Highlights of the week were the REP Carol Concert and the Primary Nativity Play. It was great to see so many parents join us for those.

We are now looking forward to the whole-school Christmas Dinner on Monday and wish all our families a peaceful break, a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year! Our best wishes also go to Hannah, our trainee music therapist, Lynda from REP and Mrs Palmer, who all leave Lonsdale at the end of the term. We wish them all the best for the future!

Primary

What a short but busy week! Primary have been very busy putting together our Christmas performance 'Noisy Nativity' which will be performed to Primary parents on Friday.

On Wednesday Ash and Birch Class welcomed parents and carers to meet Sue Tanton, who will be joining the primary team in January. Oak Class have been exploring and extending their winter vocabulary to create group winter poems. Birch have been completing

3LM

After the excitement of the snow at the weekend, we had a fantastic day on Tuesday having our bowling trip at school! We were unable to travel due to the icy conditions. We took over a flat in REP and created our own bowling alley. We played charades and had an indoor picnic. It was wonderful to enjoy one-another's company. We laughed a lot! For the rest of the week, we have been finishing topics in lessons; such as 'light' in Science, and the finale of our book 'Millions'. We have also got very Christmassy and created a Toy Soldier centre piece for our Christmas lunch. Merry Christmas!

3MW

This week has been full of the Christmas spirit in 3MW! We have made a good start on our table decorations for the Christmas lunch on Monday. We enjoyed our shopping trip to the Howard Centre and had great fun choosing gifts for our families.

We had a visit from Tim (Funky Pie) to help us make a start on writing our action plans for our Arts challenge which we will start next term.

3SH/MB

This week has been a shorter week full of snow, ice & Christmas preparations. As there were not many pupils in on Tuesday, pupils spent the day making a 'Gingerbread house and decorations' for our Christmas dinner table next Monday. It looks amazing I must say. Our shopping trip to Welwyn was enjoyed by all. The Howard Centre had all the shops we needed and the pupils enjoyed helping one another with present ideas and had time to wrap everything, too. Some also had the chance to see the performance of 'Elf' at the Valley School nearby. Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break & looking forward to seeing you in the New Year!

4HP	<p>We had an easy week this week focussing on fun activities all relating to Christmas. Pupils completed different activities such as counting, matching and colouring. Others were challenged to complete more complex activities. As always, we read different fiction and non-fiction texts, and together we took turns to answer questions based on these. We watched the news, discussed current affairs ideas and completed the weekly news quiz. In addition, KS4HP watched films and had a fun week in preparation for Christmas. The team wish you and your family the best for Christmas and hope you have a Happy New Year!</p>
4SP	<p>Through the week, we have been feverously be designing and making our table display, ready for Monday's meal and decorating the classroom in a festive tradition. During their Science lesson, the students cooked Swiss Roll, which hopefully will be brought home, without being eaten first. We have also been attacked by 'Zombie Reindeer', and the students have had to become scientists, engineers and designers in order to prevent the hordes of Zombie Reindeer from attacking Lonsdale School. To prevent the attack, the class have been designing and making catapults out of plastic shapes. On Monday their designs will be finalised and the attack will be stopped!</p> <p>Best Wishes from the team and a Happy New Year from your 4SP Class Team</p>
Upper	<p>All Upper School Students will now have their celebration meal on Monday 8th January 2018.</p> <p>5JB have been very busy this week, completing end-of-term assessments in GSCE English, History and Maths.</p> <p>5LH had an awesome time Ice Skating on Wednesday; learning a new skills, doing something new, developing money skills and social awareness. "It was cool."</p> <p>A message from Mr Pritchard regarding P16SN: 'Today saw the last session of what is officially a Drama lesson, though has often featured Dance. Pupils have been most enthusiastic and involved over the term, improving concentration, contributing good ideas, working well both, as a group and in pairs, and also working hard to learn and recall new skills and... oh, yes, really showing great enjoyment! Congratulations, Class, and thanks for a fine term's work!' Mrs North will be taking the Drama and Dance lessons from January 2018.</p>
REP	<p>Our Carol Concert on Thursday night was a great success. Thank you to those who came to support the event. The concert was held in in the REP dining room for the first time. Students, staff and their families sang together with the band.</p> <p>Thank you to Tina and Alison for helping with the refreshments and of course to the Brass Band.</p> <p>Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!</p>
Dates for your Diary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday the 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day (Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 donation to charity.) • Tuesday the 19th December - End of Term: finish at 1:30pm • Pupils Return to School: Thursday 4th January • Parent & Carer Afternoon Tea: Friday 26th January at 2pm