



<p>Dates for your Diary</p>	<p>Friday 23rd March—Parent / Carers Afternoon Tea, 2pm to 3pm Thursday 29th March—End of Spring Term, 1.30pm</p>
<p>Whole School News</p>	<p>Swimmer of the Week is Anam for swimming independently for the first time ever—well done!</p> <p>After all the excitement of the snow, Health and Wellbeing Week and World Book Day, we have had a quieter week at Lonsdale this week. Many of the classes have been preparing gifts for Mothers' Day on Sunday, we wish all mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunties and carers a wonderfully relaxing day!</p> <p>As we mentioned last week four of our pupils left last Saturday to go to Andorra for the first Lonsdale ski trip. Mrs Woolley has been reporting back to us every day, telling us what a fantastic time everyone is having, and Mrs Harley has been sending us lots of photos together with a couple of videos of the children skiing. If you get a moment, please take a look on the school website under News and Events, School Gallery, Lonsdale Skiing Trip Andorra, it looks like an amazing time is being had by all.</p> 
<p>Primary News</p>	<p>Birch Class have now planted their sunflower seeds with help from their peers in Oak Class. The children have been learning about where different vegetables grow—under ground or on the ground. The children have been learning what their seed needs to grow and named parts of a growing plant. The children have been making a sweet treat surprise for Mothers' Day and made the container to carry it home. In Art the children used cereal to make collages.</p> <p>Oak Class have been learning about the similarities and differences between real and artificial plants. They have continued to work on their persuasive writing and learned about coins in Maths. In Letters and Sounds the children have been practising reading and spelling high frequency words.</p> <p>Ash Class had great fun playing in the snow last week and built a snowman in the playground. They have been playing team games and using their counting skills to help Jack get away from the Giant. They have started to make gifts for Sunday.</p>
<p>Secondary News</p>	<p>CF have been investigating probability using packs of playing cards. The students knew very little about the structure of a pack of cards and were interested to hear that staff knew of many games that could be played using these.</p> <p>They have also constructed a survey that will be distributed to all other classes about the use of disposable plastics in Lonsdale at part of our British Science Week project. Data will be gathered next week and results will be analysed. 3CF have also had a busy week with health and wellbeing at the centre of many lessons! We have explored the benefits of activities that make us feel good including the development of leisure activities in Geography, healthy diets and meals using online software (Computing) and using electricity safely (Science).</p>

Secondary News

MB/SH: In English this week the children have enjoyed the story 'Funnybones'. They have described characters, ordered story, talked about speech bubbles and made up their own stories. In Science they planted the seeds and bulbs they bought last week, with controls. They also learnt about plants we eat and what part of the plant it is we eat.

The children have made more short films, thinking about the sequence and process. They have completed their mosaic pictures, which look really good. The Easter Journey trip to our local church was an interesting morning out. As well as activities relating to Holy Week, the pupils were taught about some of Jesus' parables and had opportunities to engage with several practical activities as part of their learning.

LM: We explored part of the heart and how the heart functions. We dissected lamb hearts and found arteries and veins as well as valves. It is amazing to think that our heart beats about 37 million times every year! 3LM are also looking at the parts of plants and will be considering what they can grow this year and the conditions needed for the seeds to germinate.

MW: The class have started to learn about different forms of media and what media do in PHSCE. In Science this week, the class were learning which foods they eat and if they form the flower, stem, leaf or root of a plant. In Literacy students were learning about the bones of the skeleton through reading 'Funnybones'. Funky Pie came to Lonsdale this week; students are developing graphic symbols for different instruments to develop into a large score next week.

SP: The class have been working on numerous different projects and tasks through out the week. They have had a variety of teachers, teaching them different topics and subjects. I am sure the students have enjoyed this. In Art work was diverse from Jessica's colourful cartoon creations to Chasya's 3-D depiction of a meal.

Upper

This week, 5JB and 5SN each began working on the House Art Competition, the theme of which is 'The Senses'. Students were offered the opportunity to respond creatively to their individual interpretations of Sight, Hearing, Touch, Smell and Taste. Any and all media could be employed, and all techniques and approaches used, whether representational or abstract. Both classes provided interesting discussions about which sense we most value. 5JB's artists each chose different senses to depict, and Jake distinguished himself by creating a written, poetic, graphic piece.

5JB are working hard in Biology to cover the rigorous GCSE curriculum. Students have investigated the structure of a leaf and considered how the tissues and cells are adapted to their functions. Students taking Functional Skills English studied elements of both descriptive and persuasive writing. GCSE students examined the text 'structure'- based questions that now form part of the examination.

5LH: In English students continued to focus on Reading and Writing skills at Entry Levels 1 and 2. As part of 'Preparing for Work' they have had some work experience across the school helping in the lower Key Stages, they will be planning some trips linked to healthy eating and continue to work through their PE targets.

5SN: In English students did speaking and listening on the subject of dreaming and read and studied a story that centres on a dream. Students then completed differentiated questions on the story. Some students were also able to devise and sequence simple stories of their own, based on a dream. The class have started to learn about safe practices in the home as part of 'Looking After Your Own Home'.

REP

This week a number of our resident pupils have enjoyed meals out to a local restaurant. In REP this week we have introduced 4 new pupils with extended tea visits in preparation for beginning overnight stays. We also currently have 4 pupils and Mrs Lancaster away on a skiing trip to Andorra. Although we have been missing Mrs Lancaster, we look forward to hearing how the pupils enjoyed the experience and how everything went. The pupils and staff had previously attended the Ski Centre in Milton Keynes to practice for this once in a lifetime event and hopefully have enjoyed skiing on the real thing!