



Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th May—Early May Bank Holiday
 Friday 11th May—Upper School/P16 and Adulthood Talk 2pm—3pm
 Friday 18th May—Primary Bring Your Family to Afternoon Tea 2pm—3pm
 Friday 25th May—Secondary Bring Your Family to Afternoon Tea 2pm—3pm
 Friday 25th May—Charity Day
 Friday 25th May—School finishes 3pm
 Friday 8th June—Upper School Bring Your Family to Afternoon Tea 2pm—3pm
 Saturday 7th July—Lonsdale Summer Fest. 12pm—4pm

All term dates can be found on our website.

Whole School News

This week's swimmer of the week is Piphany for being brave and trying something new in the water—well done!

A reminder to Year 11 and 12 parents of the talk being held by Mrs North and Anna Drury about Upper School and the transition to college. This will take place in school on Friday 11th May from 2pm to 3pm.

On Saturday 28th April despite grey skies, a cold wind and a little drizzle, Adrian Phipps completed his 80 metre Free Fall Abseil at The Orbit at the Olympic Park in London to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. Adrian has raised an outstanding £1320 so far. Adrian will join us in an assembly soon to share photos and video clips of his abseil.

Our staff team 'Team Mandy' are busy training for the Moonwalk on 12th May, donations can be made via the link:

<https://moonwalklondon2018.everydayhero.com/uk/team-mandy>

We would like to give a huge 'Thank You' to Sheena Harley for all the planning and hard work she does in getting the Duke of Edinburgh scheme up and running at Lonsdale, and for organising such amazing expeditions. Sheena works incredibly hard to make sure these events run smoothly, which everyone involved appreciates very much. Thank you, Sheena!



Primary News

Ash: This week Ash Class have started their new book, The Princess and the Wizard. They have been looking for coloured items and matching them to mats. They have been making a very messy pond by squirting paint on paper, covering it with film and mixing the paints together.

Birch: This week Birch Class have been learning about bread, how it is made and about different types of bread. The children have also made white and brown bread and some particularly vigorous kneading took place! Beautiful collages of different types of bread were made in Art. In Maths the children learned about

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repeating patterns and made pattern collages using different types of seeds. In Literacy the children learned about magic spells and wrote their own as well as working out how many sounds were in the magic words.

Oak: The children have been learning about King Harold, Edward the Confessor's successor. They looked at the Bayeux Tapestry and planned what they would need to make as props to recreate the Battle of Hastings. The children were asked to choose a side, Harold or William and give a reason why they made their choice. They were asked to describe how they thought the soldiers might feel on their chosen side before the battle. On Tuesday afternoon the children put on their helmets and shields and travelled to the battle site where they re-created the Battle of Hastings with great enthusiasm! In Maths the children have been practising their 2, 5 and 10 times table. In News the children received a lovely email from Miss Rose and wrote a reply to her about what they have been learning in class.

Secondary News

CF: This week, pupils have started to analyse pieces of music to identify different elements within the pieces e.g. pitch, timbre, tempo and dynamics. This has been done by comparing Mussorgsky's Paintings in an Exhibition. They have also created an illustration to give an idea of what the exhibition may have looked like, with The Promenade as the link between the paintings on show. In Science pupils are learning how to plan experiments and record their findings. This has many cross curricular links to English and Maths. In K&U/RE, pupils have begun to learn about important festivals within Christianity and Judaism. In Maths, 3CF have developed their own surveys about a range of subjects and have been collecting data which they are going to create their own pie charts with.

LM: 3LM and 3CF welcomed Stuart from YCH (Youth Connexion Hertfordshire), who ran a session about relationships on Monday. Pupils explored formal and informal relationships and decided what makes good and bad relationships. Everybody joined in really well in the session, and Stuart kept it interesting and engaging all the way through. 3LM have been studying the parts and functions of flowers and are creating their own informative models which will be on display shortly. The tomato plants, which they've grown from seeds, are 10 cm tall and looking very healthy. 3LM have completed some beautiful copies of a Hockney painting in Art. They have used a grid to try to copy scale and placement, used oil pastels to create texture and finished with a wash of colour. In English pupils have thought about content pages and glossaries and practised locating information.

MB/SH: This week in English the pupils have enjoyed creating super heroes. They selected names, costumes and super powers. Then they used these to create a story through a comic strip. In Science they continue to learn about solids, liquids and gases through experiments. They experimented with how to melt ice in different ways and then how to make an ice ornament. In Creative they have explored moulding magic clay to create an animal and composed music. Thank you for your feedback about last week's Maths homework. It has been interesting to gauge how much is known about non-cash methods of payment. This week they have been learning about where money comes from in a family, such as earnings and pocket money.

MW: This week we have continued learning about money, focussing in particular about where it comes from (working!) and how we can keep track of how much we have. In English we have really enjoyed creating our own super heroes, designing their costumes, call out signs and what super powers they have. We have also made a start on writing a comic strip story about one of their adventures. In Science we continue to learn about changing materials using different hot and cold sources and timing to see which is the most effective. In PHSCE students have been learning about internet safety, learning about best practice when using the internet and creating a poster to demonstrate what they have learned.

Upper

Some of P16, along with Miss Hughes, Mrs Woolley, Donna and Sheena, are on a practice expedition for DofE on Thursday and Friday. Students will be orienteering, map reading, putting up tents, cooking and camping over at school. This is in preparation for the qualifying expeditions in June. Good luck to those on their practice, we hope the weather stays nice for them!

5JB: GCSE students have begun their run in to the exams: practise papers with focus on exam techniques. Functional Skills students have been preparing for a Speaking and Listening task rooted in a contemporary news issue. It is scheduled for next week. The group will be assessed on their discussion/debate, exploring the topic of whether Wembley Football Stadium should be sold. Students continue their individual projects on their chosen current affair issue, developing their ability to create and deliver a persuasive point of view, analysing different views to deliver a balanced argument. The class are enjoying their freedom to independently learn within this project. In Biology 5JB have been researching the process of vaccination and considering the crisis surrounding the use of antibiotics and bacteria who have developed immunity to these.

5LH: Students will continue to explore their Entry Level reading and writing skills. This week will focus particularly on finalising an opinion based writing task. Learners have started their new ASDAN unit 'Environmental Awareness', learning key vocabulary and analysing the affect of human behaviours on each environment. In Maths 5LH have been practising estimating and measuring length and width and choosing the correct units in Functional Skills Numeracy. 5LH have been talking about what could be classed as a healthy takeaway. The students opted for Subway so each chose their options, and Miss Hughes and Emily took Jordan and Jason to town to pick them up. Some students played it safe with a 6inch sub whilst Jason and Joe decided to take on a foot-long sub each. They were all pretty healthy choices and opted for extra salad.

5SN: This week we have continued to examine MasterChef with literacy tasks rooted the theme of 'comfort food'. Students have identified the features of the second chef's contribution and completed language activities. Pupils then went out on a trip to coast to coast to sample some of the foods. They talked about what would be healthy and what would be unhealthy options on the menu. Students said they had a really good time and enjoyed the foods, especially the deserts. 5SN completed coursework this week towards their ASDAN unit 'Out and About.' They provided photographic evidence and reports to show their progress. In Dance this week, learners completed their final dance for assessment and developed their evaluation skills by discussing their progress in learning over the term; all students should be very proud of their achievements! Next week the class will move onto studying Drama.

REP

In REP we have a thriving music/singing group who meet every Thursday for a sing-a-long and instrument playing session with Rory (school LSA) on guitar. The pupils really enjoy joining in and listening to Rory's musical talents. Also in REP, we have a new member of staff, Paul, who has previously been volunteering his services but is now employed and will be offering activity programmes to students in REP. Last week several REP pupils took part in the Silver DofE in Norfolk, practicing their camping and outdoor cooking skills. This week we have 6 REP pupils starting their Bronze DofE with a dry run at Fairlands Park and sleep in the hall. We hope they manage to get some sleep!