



General Information

Dear Parents,

Gentle reminder - With the forecast of warmer weather, please ensure your child has applied sun cream before arrival at school. If you have not already done so, please provide a named bottle of sun cream that we can reapply in the afternoon at school if needed.

Tuck shop is available to all children on Friday at break time. It is run by the school Post 16 group. Your child may bring money in a named purse if they wish to buy something different for snack time.

We will be celebrating the Royal wedding on Friday and all primary pupils are invited to bring in a prince or princess costume to change into after their swimming/PE/Horse Riding lessons.

We look forward to meeting you at the Primary Afternoon Tea on Friday 18th May.

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Primary Learning: News, Updates and Developments

Learning:

Oak: In Oak Class 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. The children 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! The children are now learning about Motte and Bailey castles. They have worked in pairs on a collaborative project to make a model after planning what they would need.



In Maths, the children have been working on capacity and area. They have been exploring how they can use their times tables to work out the area of a rectangle and square. They have been practising their 2, 5 and 10 times table.

In News and Literacy, the children received a lovely email from Miss Rose and wrote a reply to her about what they have been learning in class.

In Music, the children have used a variety of instruments to compose their own medieval style music. They worked in two groups and would like to thank Mrs Taylor for judging their performances of the composition.

In Cooking, the children made their own pizzas and fresh pasta from scratch and pasta sauce. We hope their parent and carers enjoyed eating it!



Birch: The children 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 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

The children read the story of the Princess and the Pea and the book 'Eat your Peas'. During their phonic session, as a group they found over 50 words beginning with the 'p' sound! The children have helped the Princess to make a comfy bed, after trying different materials and testing them to see if she could feel the pea (grape) and whether it was hard or soft.

In Cookery, the children made Pea Soup and enjoyed eating it at snack time whilst giving a recount to Miss Sumner on how they made it - it was delicious!

They worked on building a wall with Duplo bricks and using positional language to place animal figures on, under, behind, next to, close to etc. the wall.

The children created art work by rubbing wax crayons and oil pastels across different textured objects they found outside.

In Science the children explored ways to rescue the figure trapped in the ice. There were some good ideas including using a hairdryer!



Ash:

In Art this week, the class have made a giant pond picture using blue and green paint. On the classroom floor they squirted paint over large sheets of paper and then covered it with film. Then they sat and laid on the floor and rubbed the film and made patterns on the paper.



During this week's Cookery lesson the children made jelly and placed inside it some mini figures. On the following day, Mrs Tanton wanted the mini figures back, so the children were asked to place their hands in the jelly and retrieve them for her.



Stars of the Week

Ash 27th April: Leo for being animated in music this week

Ash 4th May: Edward for trying new equipment in swimming and for brilliant, independent swimming

Birch 27th April: Yehoshua for making such a lot of effort this week

Birch 4th May: Donte for a fantastic first horse-riding lesson and listening well to instructions.

Oak 27th April: Ayala for making good progress with her eye-gaze to complete class work

Oak 4th May: Kasey-Lou for engagement in her learning and improvement in communication



A very big WELL DONE!

Diary Dates and Upcoming Events

Dates for Diary: Please refer to Learning @ Lonsdale Newsletter.

Friday 18th May—Primary Bring Your Family to Afternoon Tea 2pm—3pm

Wednesday 13th June Primary Rotary Club Kids Day Out.

Next issue of the Primary News: Friday 25th May

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