



# Learning @ Lonsdale

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 6th July 2018

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| <p>Dates for<br/>your Diary</p> | <p>Thursday 19th July—6th Form Prom<br/>Friday 20th July—Wear a Hat Day for Brain Tumour Research<br/>Friday 20th July—Leavers' Assembly<br/>Friday 20th July—End of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm</p>  |
| <p>Whole School<br/>News</p>    | <p>Swimmers of the week are Lydia, for always giving 100% effort, and Charlotte, for very good swimming on her back—well done to both!</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who came to our Summer Festival on Saturday afternoon. Despite the soaring temperatures, many families enjoyed a picnic whilst having fun with the bike rides and bouncy castle. The Archery was also a resounding success, with Miss Rose showing everyone how it should be done! The bands who performed were fantastic, especially our staff band whose renditions got their audience clapping and dancing along. Matthew was, as ever, fantastic on the drums, and Lana and Ellie's singing was completely amazing. We would also like to thank the pupils from Knights Templar school, who performed wonderfully. Photos of the fun and games can be found on the school website, News and Events, Gallery.</p> <p>CMAT SENCO Day at Lonsdale - 10 Sencos from CMAT schools visited Lonsdale on Friday to share best practice and meet staff and pupils. They all had a great day and thanked everyone for making them feel so welcome.</p> <p>On Friday morning in school, we held an Awards ceremony for all students who have recently completed the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards. Mrs Ottridge presented prizes to everyone involved and was very proud of everyone's achievements.</p> <p>Mrs Ottridge also presented the Mandy Parker Award for the first time. Staff at Lonsdale voted for a colleague who always go the extra mile, above and beyond their role in school, and always with a happy smile on their face. The winner of the Mandy Parker Award 2018 is Sheena Harley, for her hard work and dedication, especially with the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Mrs Woolley was voted a very close second, and Sam Field third. We also gave Mandy Parker Key Personnel Awards to Alpha from Engie and Sam from the IT team for their helpfulness and happy disposition. Congratulations to everyone!</p> <p>On Friday we shall be having Wear a Hat Day in school, where students and teachers are encouraged to wear the wackiest, craziest hat they can and donate £1 to Brain Tumour Research.</p> |
| <p>Primary<br/>News</p>         | <p>Ash: This week Ash Class have been following their usual timetable and enjoying swimming, PE, sharing stories and taking part in mathematical activities. In cooking they stewed a selection of berries and cut slices of bread to fit containers so that we made a delicious summer pudding. In Music the children played summer rhythms on a variety of instruments. Pupils made folders to put all their work in to take home at the end of term, and some pupils joined Birch class to make an under the sea picture. On Wednesday and Thursday we welcomed some visitors who will be joining our class in September and began to make new friends.</p> <p>Birch: This week Birch Class have begun exploring our final 'Under the Sea' topic. We have been using technology, water, bubbles and glitter to create sensory sea experiences and learn about creatures that live under the sea. paper and using hand &amp; footprints to make sea creatures for them. The children have worked hard to create large 'Under the Sea' sun catchers for our classroom windows, painting tracing paper and using hand &amp; footprints to make sea creatures for them. We have continued to explore rhyme and are focusing on mathematical language. The children enjoyed welcoming and making friends with some new children who visited for Transition Day and will be joining the primary team in September.</p>   |

## Primary News

Elm: Elm Class worked with Oak Class to make circuits to light a bulb in Science. Some of the children even managed to make a circuit that worked by replacing a wire with a slinky spring and another using a string of paper clips! They were very excited by this discovery. The children also had further opportunities to explore magnets within the classroom. Elm Class have also been predicting and testing materials that float and sink in the water tray this week. In Creative, Elm worked with their friends in Oak to finish and test their balloon powered vehicles. They look great and there was lots of good discussion about why they didn't move and suggestions to improve them. The children have worked hard to improve their reading skills and they have been ordering the alphabet. In Maths this week, the children have been subtracting and comparing and describing more and less. They baked chocolate chip cookies, which we hope their families enjoyed.

Oak: Oak Class have been enjoying finishing off projects. In Art we finished off our balloon-powered cars ready for our race next week. In English we added a few more ideas to complete our comic strips. We thoroughly enjoyed making and eating our 'Captain America Apple Pie', complete with homemade ice cream from last week. On Tuesday we met up with the Year 2 class Miss Rose worked with on her placement. We met in Fairlands Park and had lots of fun playing games and parachute and making lots of new friends.

CF: 3CF have continued to practice their measuring skills in Maths and are hoping to put theory into practice and weigh out the ingredients to cook something nice to eat .

LM Class said goodbye to Mrs Michael this week. They enjoyed their Transition Day on Thursday. They also welcomed some visitors from the CMAT into their lesson on Friday.

MB/SH: Another hot week, but the pupils have worked well. In English we have been learning about how Robots need instructions to move. They have directed each other and followed directions as well as recording those.

We had another fun experiment in Science looking at the absorbency of different materials. In Maths the pupils are continuing to spend time working through their individual workbooks then enjoying consolidating their maths skills with a game such as snakes & ladders, Uno or the pocket money game. If you can find opportunities to play similar games with the family over the holidays, they are great for practising counting forwards & backwards, recognising numbers on a dice, etc. In K&U the class has enjoyed a talk & photos from Africa, shown by Jamie (Facilities Manager) about his trip there with some of the Marriotts pupils earlier in the year.

MW: In English this week the students were learning how robots need instructions to be able to perform a task and enjoyed giving each other directions. On Tuesday, the Silver award Funky Pie students went across to Mid-Herts music centre to meet with the moderator. He was extremely impressed with all of their work and I am delighted to inform you that they have all passed the award. This a tremendous achievement and they should all be very proud of themselves as they have worked very hard throughout the year! The bronze award student also passed! All the students enjoyed spending the day with their new classes on Thursday. They have all got new friends joining them and some also have new classrooms and teachers. In PHSCE, the class learned about appropriate behaviour and personal space, recognising places as public and private and appropriate behaviours for those places.

SP: BTEC Drama/Drama students performed in their showcase to an invited audience of family, friends and staff. All learners should be very proud, as they wowed the audience with their talent and team work. The class enjoyed their visit to Paradise Wildlife Park on Tuesday, the weather was kind and proved not to be too hot. All students managed to see most of the animals in the park, there were lots of comments about family members! Those students involved in the AAC gave a good account of themselves with the external examiner, so congratulations to those involved. The rest of the week has proved to be less eventful, with the class still working on functional skills maths, including telling the time using analogue, and the 24 hour clock.

Thursday was Transition Day, and many of the class are moving into new pastures, some moving up to post 16, some moving classes within upper school and some staying with me, I wish all every success for the future!



## Secondary News

## Upper

### Reminders for Upper School:

**Leavers' Meal - Wednesday 18th July, please pay by Tuesday 17th July.**

**Prom - Thursday 19th July - 6pm-10pm**

**Leavers' Assembly - Friday 20th July - 10:30am**

5JB: 5JB sat their end of year GCSE Biology exam this week, it was a gruelling 2 lessons after much revision, but they all did their best. On Transition Day the class had an enjoyable day with their new classmates. They supported each other to update their personal statements and then got serious when they divided into teams to undertake a challenge to construct the highest freestanding tower. Their only materials were marshmallows and spaghetti, so they were all very sticky by lunchtime but had great fun; one student commented "this is much harder than it looks".

5LH:BTEC Drama students performed in their showcase to an invited audience of family, friends and staff. All learners should be very proud, as they wowed the audience with their talent and team work.

5SN: This week, the class learned how to make a fresh fruit salad in Cooking, which they found very refreshing after this hot weather. In Drama they finished editing their films of their dances and improvisation work since January, these will be on a DVD for each learner to take home at the end of term.

Whilst new and old pupils and staff throughout the School prepared for their exciting new classes on Transition Day, a group of Lonsdale Leavers spent an enjoyable day reflecting on their respective time here. Robin, Myah, Nathan and Jordan (before he left for a College visit) were the departing students present who worked together to create a display that represented their Lonsdale experience. We also benefited from a sociable, well-spent break at Marriotts Café, happily joined by Mrs Thiele. 'What have you learnt at Lonsdale?', 'What's your advice for new pupils?', 'How do you feel about leaving?' and 'What are you looking forward to doing?', were the basis of some very original, creative and well-expressed ideas that we hope will inform, instruct and benefit the whole School (once the display is completed on Tuesday – now sadly replacing the football presentation! – outside Mrs Kelly's and Mrs Thiele's office).

With the exception of the third question, these might be valuable ideas for us all – pupils and staff alike – to reflect upon, as we prepare for a new school year... once we have recovered from the exertions of our holiday adventures, of course!

## REP

This week in REP, pupils have been watching the World Cup on the big screen in our REP dining room, they were all very passionate about the game when England were playing. On Wednesday afternoon, REP had their annual summer Bar-be-que, REP pupils were joined by staff from school and Governors. We had the dining room decorated with lots of England flags and balloons. Our chefs were Dale Kelly and Daniel Paul, who cooked up a feast of burgers and sausages on the Bar-be-que, the school kitchen supplied us with some tasty wedges, mixed salad and a variety of desserts. We choose to sit out on the balcony and enjoyed the warm summer afternoon before going inside to watch the match.