

# Learning @ Lonsdale

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 11th January 2019



<p>Dates for your Diary</p>	<p>Please see below details of sports and House events taking place this term:</p> <p>Friday 15th February - Spring Parent Progress Meetings and Transition to College Forum, 2pm—3pm</p> <p>Tuesday 26th February - Regional Boccia Finals</p> <p>Tuesday 5th March - Special Schools Table Top Cricket Tournament</p> <p>Thursday 7th March - Special Schools Swimming Event</p> <p>Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March - House Bake-Off</p> <p>Tuesday 19th March - Wheelchair Dance</p> <p>Wednesday 27th March - House Drama Competition</p> <p>Thursday 28th March - Youth Sports Trust Festival</p>
<p>Whole School News</p>	<p>Welcome back to schools, and happy New Year to you all! We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, with lots of sports and house activities taking place, as well as lots of fun projects planned across the school. We shall keep you informed of everything taking place at school and are looking forward to sharing as many photographs as we can with you. Thank you for your continued support.</p> <p>We shall be holding a Cake Sale in school every Tuesday starting from next week to raise money to help support our pupils who are going on the Water Sports Trip to Mallorca later this year. Each Tuesday, our two 'trolley dollies' will visit each class to sell cakes, doughnuts and other bakeware, all of which will be priced £1. We hope that you can support us with our fundraising.</p>
<p>Primary News</p>	<p>Ash: This week, Ash Class have been settling back in to school after the Christmas holidays. The children have been talking about all of the exciting things they did during the holidays, and we have also welcomed a new pupil, Riley, to our class and helped him to make new friends. We have been practicing our fine and gross motor skills as well as our number recognition and counting skills, and we have made a start on our new topic 'Fairy Tales'.</p> <p>Birch: Birch Class would like to wish you all a very happy New Year. We hope you had a lovely, relaxing Christmas, and the staff have really enjoyed hearing about all the fun the children had. We have started this term with a new topic 'Traditional Tales'. In Maths, we are focusing on 'number', but will also be looking at 'pattern'. Our focus in English is 'story telling', whilst continuing with our individual targets in Phonics. In Topic lessons we will be linking various aspects of the Science curriculum to some favourite traditional stories. The children have demonstrated fantastic knowledge and enthusiasm already, so we're looking forward to a very exciting six weeks.</p> <p>Elm and Oak: This week, the children have begun their new topic 'Fairy Tales'. Both classes have been listening to the story of Rumpelstiltskin and then engaged in identifying and describing the characters, thinking about what might happen next and writing part two of the story under the title Rumpelstiltskin Returns. In Music, the children have collaborated to write their own song based on the Rumpelstiltskin story which they will finish next week. Both classes made fairy cakes in Cooking, developing their understanding of measure, health and safety in the kitchen, and pupils used an electric whisk with support, some for the first time. Oak Class have been writing shopping lists and learning about what a logo is. They have been designing a logo for the Forest School. Watch this space for further information about Forest Schools! Elm Class have been thinking about colour-mixing and making cool winter colours in Art. The children also developed their turn-taking and describing skills. In Maths, the children have been identifying coins and counting 1p coins to match price tags.</p>
<p>Secondary News</p>	<p>CF: Welcome back to Spring Term. A quick overview for the coming half term...The main topic will be Medieval Times, so in History pupils will recap their sequencing skills by creating a detailed timeline of the key monarchs and characters from a section of this period. They will then do a more detailed study into the lives of people, looking at issues of comfort, danger, work, enjoyment and freedom and compare these to their own experiences. Elements of Geography, RE and Maths will also be included in this work. In Science, pupils will learn about levers, pulleys and gears. They will then do a short unit on sound, which will also be complemented with some sessions in Music. English will continue with the book study of Grandpa's Great Escape, with the pupils rounding off the unit with a narrative poem.</p>

## Secondary News

JB: 4JB have got straight back into their Biology lessons with a recap on the differences between Mitosis and Meiosis and some exam-style questions to set their knowledge into context. They also took part in a rather messy experiment to extract DNA from kiwi fruit - no one fancied eating them after they had been pulverised and drenched in a soapy liquid and ethanol. In Maths, they have started a large unit studying data, statistics and tables, charts and graphs.

JW: Welcome back and happy New Year from everyone in 3JW! Aside from lots of enthusiastic conversations about what we've been up to over the holiday, we also made some New Year's resolutions and began our new medieval theme. Perhaps most excitingly, we've been building a castle in our classroom - it isn't full-sized yet, but it may grow, depending on how many cardboard boxes we find. We've also been learning about forces in Science (which may come in handy if we have to defend our castle) and about democracy in PSHCE.

MB/SH: It has been good to see everyone back at school this week. Our new Maths topic is about capacity and we started by identifying different containers and what they are used for. Some pupils have been practising saying which of two containers holds more or less, and others have been working to order three containers holding different volumes. In Food Tech, we are going to work on 'Winter Warmer' recipes, starting with sweet-potato soup. Our K&U topic for the term is 'Medieval Times.'



MW: This week, pupils started their Drama Unit, learning about what parts of the body are used when acting and exploring how to create a 'Freeze Frame' and perform 'Mime'. Our new Maths topic is about capacity, and we started by identifying different containers and what they are used for. Pupils found containers in the classroom and around the school. Some pupils have practised saying which of two containers holds 'more' or 'less', and others have been working to order three containers holding different volumes.

Our K&U topic for the term is the "History of Medieval Times", and the class have started by looking at key features of a medieval settlement, some natural features and some man-made ones.



SP: It is fantastic to see the whole class return after the holidays. From what the class have told the team, they have been doing many different and exciting things during the break. We have been doing some statistics work in Maths, collecting data working towards using a computer to produce different types of graphs. In PSHCE, we watched Newsround that had a segment on students aged 15 and over who start school an hour later, at 10am; most said they wanted to start at 9am, a big surprise!

## Upper

Happy New Year! This week began with all P16SN, P16LH and 4JB students working together to prepare and eat a New Year's Meal. Pupils made a roast dinner with all the trimmings and a chocolate cake with cream for dessert. Pupils enjoyed spending time together.

5LH: In ASDAN, 5LH got stuck into considering real ways that they could help to have a positive effect on their environment, with many students realising that their actions could have a much wider impact than they thought. They also came up with an Action Plan to develop their business for the remainder of the academic year.

5SN: In English this week, 5SN have been concentrating on finishing Harry Potter, and they are very much looking forward to moving on and reading about Myths and Legends this term. In ASDAN's 'Keeping Safe' module, pupils learned about safety in the home- electrical safety, potential hazards, safe use and safe storage. In Numeracy, pupils have been developing their money skills, addition and measure, learning how to recognise and write their birthday in numerals.

## REP

This week in REP, the pupils returned full of excitement and are looking forward to a happy New Year. The students on all of the flats were keen to share their Christmas holiday news with each other and enjoyed catching up with their friends' news. Also plans begun to take shape for the next REP cooking evening, which will take place later this term. Students are currently thinking of ideas and researching different recipes to create on Aspen Flat.