



Weekly Newsletter: Friday 6th July 2018

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 7th July—Lonsdale Summer Festival 12pm—4pm
 Wednesday 11th July—REP BBQ, 5pm
 Thursday 12th July—Transition Day
 Friday 13th July—Parent / Carer Consultation, Summer Progress Meetings 2pm—3pm
 Thursday 19th July—6th Form Prom
 Friday 20th July—Leavers' Assembly
 Friday 20th July—End of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm

Thank you to everyone who came to Sports Day last Friday and supported us in our Race for Life around Fairlands Lakes. Despite the incredibly hot weather, all participants enjoyed the walk around the lakes to raise money for Cancer Research UK, congratulations to everyone who took part and made this such a memorable occasion. Thank you also to all parents, grandparents and carers who stayed to take part in the remainder of Sports Day, everyone involved had a wonderful time. One of our parents commented:

'So well organised and generally good fun! It was such a pleasure to see my daughter in her school environment and have the opportunity to meet the other pupils, parents and staff. My daughter loved having the opportunity to show it all to us as well. Feeling really blessed to have my daughter settled at such a great school.'

Hopefully next year we can arrange some more races for parents so start training soon!

The winning house this year was Cains House, well done to everyone for their superb effort in very hot weather. In addition on Friday we announced the winners of the Sports Personality Awards who were:

Primary Girl:	Aimee	Primary Boy:	Thomas R
Secondary Girl:	Kyra	Secondary Boy:	Bradley

Congratulations go to these and all other pupils for their hard work and effort in PE this year!

We have also been fortunate to receive a number of charitable donations this term, for which we are so incredibly grateful. It is so heart-warming that we are considered a worthy cause, and that our work at Lonsdale has such a positive impact on people's lives.

Whole School News



Following the success of the England football team earlier this week, we are happy to inform you that, following the fun and music on the school field, the England vs Sweden quarter-final match will be shown in the School Hall on the big screen at 3pm. Please bring your family and friends along to cheer on the team, it will be an afternoon we will never forget! If you have not already purchased your tickets, please email sharley@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk or contact the School Admin Office.



Primary News

Everyone in Primary has had a busy week, mostly trying to keep cool. Thank you to parents who came to the Primary picnic, we all had a lovely time playing parachute games, water and sand play and pass the parcel. Elm and Oak classes have been learning about electricity, where it comes from and how to use it safely. In Music this week both classes worked in small groups to do some amazing composing of their own song played on tuned percussion.

Mrs Kelly's KS3/4 class PE class learned about the javelin this week in their athletics lesson. They practiced their techniques and threw further each time with guidance from their teacher. They then went on to watch a video of Paralympians throwing the javelin, which they found very interesting.



CF: This week during Maths, 3CF were busy improving their skills in converting measurements from one unit to another so that they can solve real life problems by adding and subtracting lengths and weights. In Creative pupils have continued with their project of 'Perspectives in Landscapes' and the discipline of working to a grid system. They are really starting to closely resemble the original painting, so well done all! In Science pupils were continuing with the investigation into plants including photosynthesis and the presence of starch in leaves. In Geography pupils completed their 3D models of a river profile to embed the three stages and related features.

MB/SH: In English this week we started to think about 'Robots'. The students designed their own robots and had to make sentences about what their robot can do. We had a fun experiment with materials trying to decide which material would be best as an umbrella. With this heat, the children enjoyed getting a little wet. On Tuesday the students enjoyed a sports trip to University of Hertfordshire where they helped trainee teachers in learning how to teach them sport. In Maths pupils have been working on their individual targets through their number work books and then consolidating their skills by playing simple games with their friends. In K&U they have been continuing their research about their chosen African animal.

LM: 3LM have enjoyed being back to normal routine after Sports Week. We have been listening to songs from musicals in Creative and identifying the types of instruments used to produce different sounds. We tried to play along to 'The Lion King' and 'We Will Rock You'. We have been continuing with our unit of play scripts in English; adapting stories into scripts and trying to read the correct bits aloud and act them out. The students really enjoyed the acting. 3LM are continuing their studies of the properties of different materials in Science and considering how these make each material fit for purpose. They have conducted experiments to test the properties and as usual, magnets were a very popular test, particularly when they found out that these repel as well as attracting.

MW: In K&U the class continue to study Africa, in pairs or individually. Supported by staff, learners researched their chosen animals: Zebra, Elephant and Hyena. Did you know that there are 3 species of Zebra? Or that the African Elephant is shaped like Africa? or that Hyenas live in small groups called clans? In PHSCE the class learned about puberty and the importance of personal hygiene at this stage of the human life cycle. This week we have also enjoyed cooking flapjacks with Mrs Smith. In English we watched some of the film Wall-E, where we learnt about robots and how to make them move. We also designed our own robot. On Tuesday we put together the PowerPoint show for the Big Bang Band performance at Funky Pie, and on Thursday we performed at Funky Pie to our parents. The performance went really well and the audience loved it giving us a big round of applause!

Secondary News

Secondary News

SP: After the excitement of Sports Week, the class have returned to their normal studies and have continued work with their normal lessons this week. Pupils have continued looking at Functional Maths and for those who needed I looked at telling the time using analogue clocks. They also looked at being able to write about their favourite song and why they like the song, without mentioning the artist/ artists who sang the song, this proved to be quite difficult. Please look at the school website, as a selection of pictures have been uploaded from Sports Week. Class trip on Tuesday 10th July to Paradise Wildlife Park, please remember to send in sun cream, hats or winter woollies depending on the weather.

Upper

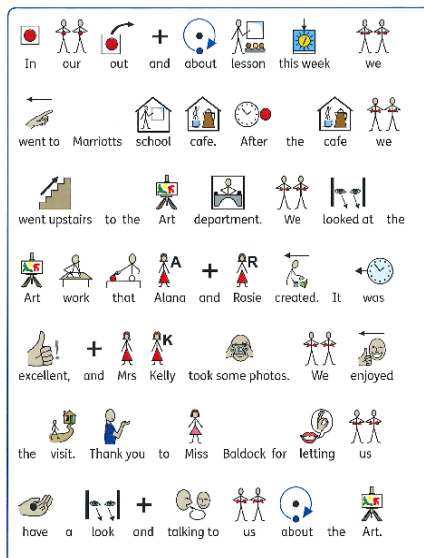
Upper School reminder: Leavers'/Summer Meal at local pub for lunch: Wednesday 18th July - If students would like go, please pay through School Comms (Gateway) by Tuesday 17th July.

JB: In Biology 5JB are learning some new techniques for revision as they have an end of year examination coming up next week. When they look back through their folders, they are amazed at how much work they contain and they are using BBC Bitesize to remind themselves of important facts and learning how to apply their knowledge and understanding to exam questions.

LH: As part of their 'Environmental Awareness', students have started their environmental clean-up operations as part of their study. Activities include litter-picking and recycling. Learners will be keeping a journal to evaluate positive impact.

SN: In Drama the learners developed their editing skills, with support learning how to edit their performance footage into a short movie. All learners thoroughly enjoyed this new experience developing their communication, team work and ICT skills.

Students from Post 16 visited Marriotts to look at some Art work by Lonsdale students, here is their report:



REP

This week five pupils from REP took part in their Silver DofE Award walk. Day one was spent travelling to East Sussex where the students walked five miles of the Cuckoo Trail. When they returned to the campsite, they put up their tents and cooked their evening meal. After a peaceful and decamped and moved to another campsite along the trail, the five miles to return and put up their tents and cook for themselves once again. On the third day, the students and staff went for a walk along the sea front followed by fish and chips from Harry Ramsdens. All Silver DofE were amazing, they walked without complaint in some very challenging temperatures; we are all very proud of them.

