



<p>Dates for your Diary</p>	<p>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</p> <p>All term dates can be found on our website.</p>
<p>Whole School News</p>	<p>This week's swimmer of the week is Emblyn —Well done!</p> <p>We have finally collated the results of the questionnaire we sent out last term regarding the possibility of running a Holiday Club for students at Lonsdale. Unfortunately only 20% of parents and 15% of pupils replied which means that, based on these numbers, it is not possible for us to offer a Holiday Club at this time.</p> <p>The winners of the British Science Association meets Green Beans Art competition were announced in a special prize giving assembly last Friday. There were 28 entries in total, with some inspirational pieces of artwork on the theme of 'Discovery & Exploration'; all the students who entered took home certificates and the following students won prizes for their work: Jake, Ollie, Lydia, Syd, Simba, Ellie, Harrison, Phillip, Edward, Emblyn and Mary-Kate.</p> <p>Choir would like to thank Hilary Spiers for joining us this week. We hope she enjoyed our singing and look forward to future opportunities to work together with Stevenage Arts Guild and Music Centre.</p> <p>Our staff team 'Team Mandy' are wishing for good weather as they take part in the Moon-walk on Saturday night, hopefully the rain will stay away and the ladies taking part will enjoy a memorable evening. You can check out the school website for updates and photos after the event. Our donation page is still open: https://moonwalklondon2018.everydayhero.com/uk/team-mandy</p> 
<p>Primary News</p>	<p>Ash: This week Ash Class made jelly in Cooking. We put some little people in the jelly but the next day Mrs Tanton wanted her people back so we had to put our hands in the jelly to find them and take them out! Ash Class had their art lesson with Mr Pritchard on Thursday and have made a joint piece of artwork that can be seen displayed outside the classroom.</p> <p>Birch: This week Birch Class have read the story of the Princess and the Pea and the book 'Eat your Peas'. The children have helped the Princess to make a comfy bed after trying different materials and testing them to see if they could feel the pea (grape) and whether it was hard or soft. They did some phonic work and as a group found over 50 words beginning with the 'p' sound! They worked on building a wall with Duplo bricks and using</p>

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positional language to place animal figures on, under, behind, next to, close to the wall. They made art work by rubbing wax crayons and oil pastels across different textured objects they found outside. Pupils also made pea soup in Cookery and enjoyed their pea soup at snack time after giving a recount to Miss Sumner how they had made it. - it was delicious!

Oak: The children in Oak Class have been learning about motte and bailey castles this week. They have worked in pairs on a collaborative project to make a model after planning what they would need. This will continue next week. 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. 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 fresh pasta from scratch and pasta sauce. We hope their parent and carers enjoyed eating it!

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CF: This week pupils have been learning about symbols in Islam and Sikhism and identifying any similarities with religions we have already studied (Judaism/Christianity). In Basic Skills the pupils have been developing their knowledge and understanding about algorithms and how to write and test basic programs for a logo program online. In Science, they are investigating the properties of materials and states of matter and relating this to everyday things. In Maths 3CF have been creating pie charts to display the results of their own surveys.

LM: We have been extending our understanding of poetry to consider metaphors and similes this week. The students did some excellent detective work, using the imagery in the poem 'You're' by Sylvia Plath, to work out what she was talking about. They did a brilliant job and all worked it out! We have also used objects to help us draw similar comparisons in order to come up with our own similes and metaphors. We have completed making and labelling our 3D plants and have had great fun getting covered in glue and cotton wool in Science. We have thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine, but are aware that many in the class get very hot in their chairs. Please feel free to send in a body mist water spray if you'd like us to use this to help keep the students cool, especially if they cannot drink fluids.

MB/SH: I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. The pupils have shared their news, developing sentence building, using communication aids and/or computers. In English they shared their comic strip about a Superhero, and we made one together using an app on the iPad. In Science we continue to develop our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases through experiments. This week pupils carried out an experiment about evaporation using wet tea towels and putting them in different places to see where they dried best. In K&U the pupils have been comparing what they learnt about Florence Nightingale with what they have learnt about Malala Yousafzai and looking at similarities and differences between the lives and activities of these women. A highlight of the week was having Jordan, Head Boy of Lonsdale School, join our class assembly. The pupils had prepared questions to ask Jordan and everyone has been impressed by his confidence and thoughtful answers. Thank you, Jordan.

MW: Due to the long weekend, we had a slight change to our timetabled lessons, I was very pleased with all the students hard work in tutor time, developing their reading skills and communication skills when discussing their weekend news; the class were awarded achievement points for this. In PHSCE we have started a new topic - learning about money. This week students started to learn about essential and choice buying. All were able to identify something they have to buy and something they like to buy, demonstrating understanding of need and want. In English we continued with our Superhero comic strips and having finished writing the stories, we are now in the process of uploading them onto the i-pads. In Science we carried out an investigation to learn about the process of evaporation, whilst in K & U the students used their homework from a few weeks ago about Florence Nightingale to compare her life to Malala Yousafzai. Please remember to collect photos and newspaper articles for next week's K & U lesson about the forthcoming Royal Wedding.

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SP: In K&U and Science we looked at plastic pollution and how discarded plastic can effect life on earth, especially in the Seas and Oceans. In Maths, we have looked at how to read bus and train timetables, and be able to plan journeys. In Science with Mrs Brown pupils continued looking at light and shadow. In English, students completed comprehension tasks rooted in analysis of an opening scene from Titanic. Drama students have continued to work very hard to rehearse their play for their exam (BTEC students)/Assessment (Drama students) on Monday 14th May. Please remember your costumes for Monday and try to practice your lines over the weekend.

Upper

5JB: Functional Skills students have been preparing and delivering their speaking and listening discussion/debate, focusing on the pros and cons of selling Wembley football stadium to the American millionaire owner of Fulham FC. The debate went very well, a full, frank and clear exchange of well prepared views exchanged. The final recommendation to the FA was to retain full ownership, in the interests of maintaining England's 'spiritual home' of football. GCSE students have been out of lessons taking Art GCSE. During Biology lessons 5JB have been studying the worrying effects of over-use of antibiotics on neo-natal care. They have discovered that antibiotics can be bought over the counter in third world countries and this is contributing to the increase in bacteria that are resistant to the effects of antibiotics such as MRSA.

5LH: This week pupils have planned and made smoothies as part of healthy living. They also made tasty chicken stir fries in Cooking this week using a variety of vegetables. In English pupils planned a written story, rooted in picture stimulus, focusing on description and atmospheric language. Some excellent openings devised and shared with the class. They have had some tennis coaching in PE and worked on their targets. Some of the students are preparing for their Drama exams next week and some are preparing for the house Bake Off competition. As part of their ASDAN course, students continue to learn about environmental awareness, and have started to research about the effects of rubbish and pollution on the environment. BTEC Drama students have continued to work very hard to rehearse their play for their exam on Monday 14th May. Please remember your costumes for Monday and try to practice your lines over the weekend.

5SN: In Drama students have learned how to perform a Freeze Frame and Thought Track. The class have started to develop their improvisation skills and will continue with this next lesson to create an improvised short play. We examined further spoken language, taken from MasterChef, focusing on language and the sequence of a complex recipe. In addition to visual stimulus and role play/hot-seating, students responded to written text, both orally and in written form. Comprehension and opinion were the foci. 5SN went out to the sports centre this week. They spoke to Michael (Sport centre assistant) about coming back again to access the gymnasium. Jessica enjoyed her Latte in the café, she said she felt posh!

REP

In REP this week some pupils did some gardening, removing weeds from the planters, filling with compost and planting some flowers. They worked together to choose which plants to put where and ensured all new plants had a good watering. As part of their travel training this week, pupils from Aspen flat took the bus in to town. They had to work out when to leave school and show staff which bus stop they needed to catch the bus into town. Once on the bus, the pupils brought their tickets ensuring they had return tickets for the bus journey home. Due to only one wheelchair at a time being able to access the bus, the group split in to two groups. Once in town, they chose to go to Starbucks for a drink, each pupil chose a drink and paid the cashier. After a quick stop in Tesco to get something for dinner the pupils then had to show staff where to get the bus back to school. Due to the lovely weather, a group of pupils went to Fairland's Lake and practiced their photography skills. They were joined by one of the school's governors on their walk, who was then invited to join the pupils back at school for tea.