



Learning @ Lonsdale

Weekly Newsletter: Thursday 17th April 2018

<p>Dates for your Diary</p>	<p>Monday 7th May—Early May Bank Holiday Friday 11th May—Upper School/P16 and Adulthood Talk 2pm—3pm 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 Lana —well done!</p> <p>Please may we remind parents to send sun cream and sun hats in to school with their children whilst we are enjoying the warm weather.</p> <p>On Friday everyone had a very special treat, the skiers held an assembly telling everyone about their time in Andorra and shared photos and videos of their fun on the snow. They had an amazing time, special thanks must go to Mrs Woolley and her team who worked so hard to make this trip a success.</p> <p>Great News! Lonsdale School now have a Head Boy. Jordan from P16 applied and had to undergo a tough interview before he was appointed. He is now supporting the Headteacher as well as pupils and staff. He will also present our school on outside events and to visitors. We wish Jordan all the best in his new role!</p> <p>Angels Support Group are holding a number of Evening Drop In Meetings for parents of children with ADHD or Autism Spectrum Disorder. These will be held at Greenside School, Shephall, Stevenage on Thursday 10th May 7pm—9pm and Thursday 5th July 7pm—9pm. Everyone is welcome, details can also be found on their website www.angelssupportgroup.org.uk</p> <p>Our staff team 'Team Mandy' are busy training for the Moonwalk in May, donations can be made via the link: https://moonwalklondon2018.everydayhero.com/uk/team-mandy</p>
<p>Primary News</p>	<p>Ash: Ash Class have started the new sunny term by welcoming a new friend, Jacob. We have started the new primary topic by looking at the story of the Frog Prince and how important it is to keep our promises. We have also been learning about St George who saved the princess from the nasty dragon.</p> <p>Birch: Everyone has had a lovely Easter holiday and is glad to be back - it is especially nice to welcome one new student and see another who has been away following an operation. The children have begun this half term's topic which is Kings and Queens and this week have been learning about what a King does and the story of King Midas who was granted a wish which enabled him to turn</p>

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everything he touched to gold. In Literacy the children made zig-zag books about what might happen if they could change things by touching them. They designed and made crowns in Art. They investigated squares, triangles and rectangles in Maths and also learned about doubling. They learned about the letter sounds 'g' and 't' and searched for things around the school beginning with those letters. In Cookery they had great fun making beautiful rainbow toast

Oak: The children have started back after Easter with great enthusiasm! They have begun their new Primary Topic 'Kings and Queens'. This week our focus has been on King Edward the Confessor leading up to the Battle of Hastings. The children have been enthralled by his story and asking to know what happens next each day. The children have been looking at the UK and identifying the countries in the UK. They have been finding Normandy and looking at its position on a map in relation to England. The children have also been thinking about the weather and how we could design a chart to record the different weather over the next two weeks. This will then be used for data handling. The children enjoyed making up some of their own weather forecasts and will be having a go at translating this into French in their French lesson. The children made the most of the sunshine to study shadows and watch how the shadows moved through out the day. They drew round each other's shadows with chalk.

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CF: It was lovely to see all the pupils back and refreshed ready for the Summer! This term we have started a new unit in K&U- the subject is RE and we are going to learn about symbolism across several faith groups. This week we started with Christianity and Judaism. In Science we have investigated pure and impure substances so we will have our Chemistry heads on, while in Music (Creative) we are learning about how artists and composers are influenced in their work.

LM: This week we have learnt some vocabulary to describe position in paintings. In English we have continued our topic on Cultural Poetry. Students have created collages of things that influence them and written an acrostic poem using the word culture. In PSHCE the class have started improving their communication skills and thinking about different elements, such as body language and conversation skills. 3LM have started their new Science unit on electricity and explored what electricity is and how it is stored. Pupils looked at electrical equipment and decided if the electricity is transformed into sound, light, movement or heat/ cold.

MB/SH: We hope everyone had a lovely Easter break. It is great to see the children are refreshed and ready to learn. In English we have started to look at stories and focussed on traditional stories. They had fun acting them out as well. In Science we introduced the topic changing material and recalled information they knew about solids, liquids and gases. This we will continue to do through several experiments. This week was melting chocolate, yummy 😊! In Art we will be learning about sculptures and over this term begin to make different ones. If you would like to start collecting and storing at home any junk modelling materials, that would be great! Our K&U module about famous people started last half term when we learned about a historic person, Florence Nightingale, who had a Christian faith. For the next few weeks, the class will be learning about Malala Yousafzai, a young Muslim woman who has become famous for her campaigning work for girls' education.

MW: This week we have started our new topics. In English we are looking at heroes and heroines and this week read some traditional stories and used a great interactive tool to make up our own tale! In Maths we are revisiting money. As well as continuing to develop our personal money skills we will be learning about savings, different ways of paying and also budgeting. In K & U we are learning about famous people and started the topic with Malala. We enjoyed a walk to Fairlands on Wednesday afternoon where we discussed the changes that were happening to the plants. This week as part of our unit on 'The Media' students examined the format that news is presented in, learning about the types of news presented. Students took part in a quiz to learn about real and fake news, identifying which news were real or fake news and making up fake news.

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SP: It is so good to see everybody back in class this week! We have started looking at different topics in Science: Evolution and Inheritance. The class enjoyed combining Mr Men and Little Misses to find what their children would look like! In Maths, we are looking at how to read tables, specifically mileage charts, and working out the distances from town to town. In ICT, we have continued looking at designing websites and how to plan their pages, the pupils are make a website about their favourite band or artist. In English we began to explore comprehension questions, centred on our new topic for the term, of Titanic. We hope you are all enjoying the good weather!

Upper

5JB: Biology - Two students are revising hard for their forthcoming exams with the remainder researching the history of fighting infection and disease. As part of their PHSCE students had a talk from Anna Drury who is our advisor for transitioning from Lonsdale . She talked about adult services and preparing for adulthood. The students found the talk very useful, giving them an understanding of the things they need to think about for the future. In Art students commenced their latest theme of the Elements of Art, and explored Tone. This week GCSE students have been revising creative narrative techniques. Functional Skills students have been finalising and delivering their spoken language presentations. A particularly interesting presentation was given on the subject of school dinners at Lonsdale.

5LH: The class went out for a buffet lunch choosing both healthy and unhealthy options and were able to explain this. Their favourite part was all the ice cream they could eat. In Numeracy we have continued practical work with measuring capacity and weight. We looked into how to calculate the weight of your suitcase when you go on holiday. This week the English lesson focussed on comprehension activities centred on two texts aimed at the interests of students. A particularly impressive piece of reading took place from one student in particular, who is showing excellent developments in reading.

5SN: We began creating collages based on Monet's famous Waterlily paintings, carefully building semi-translucent layers to represent depth; so far, so beautiful. Students went for a walk around the lakes as part of their healthy living, we saw some of the wildlife bathing in the sunshine and we worked out it was about a one mile walk which is very healthy for us. In English we began to explore our theme for the term, centring on Food and Taste. We studied both visual and written text taken from a segment of a MasterChef episode, the focus being on 'comfort food'. Students were successful in responding to questions aimed at developing language and understanding about food, character and taste. The following day during lunch time supervision, I was informed by one student in particular, that her curry was a 'lovely bit of comfort food'.

REP

In REP this week pupils were sharing their news from their Easter break; some pupils were lucky enough to go abroad for a holiday, some had lots of Easter eggs!! A couple of girls went to a pop concert which they thoroughly enjoyed and are now planning their next trip. Due to the lovely warm weather in REP this week, we managed to spend some time on our balcony enjoying the sunshine while eating an ice lolly. Some pupils built a solar-powered flower planter and sprinkled some seeds in, hoping we will get some beautiful flowers in the coming weeks.



Please remember your sun protection!

