



Learning @ Lonsdale

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 27th April 2018

<h2>Dates for your Diary</h2>	<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>
<h2>Whole School News</h2>	<p>This week's swimmer of the week is Ruby for consistent enthusiasm in Swimming—Well done, Ruby!</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>We will soon have a vacancy for a Governor at Lonsdale. If any parents are interested in obtaining more information regarding this role, please email Jo Brush jbrush@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk.</p> <p>Mrs Wooley would like to remind everyone about the After School Clubs this term, Tennis Club will take place on Tuesdays from 3.45pm—4.45pm, and Cricket will take place on Thursdays from 3.45pm—4.45pm. Places are still available. If your child would like to take part, please let their class teacher know.</p> <p>Our staff team 'Team Mandy' are busy training for the Moonwalk on 12th May, donations can be made via the link: https://moonwalklondon2018.everydayhero.com/uk/team-mandy</p>
<h2>Primary News</h2>	<p>This week the children have been using the 'Emperor's New Clothes' as their story stimulus. In Science the children explored what happens to skittle sweets when you add water and how to make water walk from cup to cup and change colour (there are some great YouTube videos if you wish to find out!). The children were very excited and thought the results were amazing. In Maths the children have been learning their number bonds of 5. The children have also learned about St George this week. In Oak Class the children have been working unbelievably hard! They looked at portraits of Edward the Confessor and compared them looking at similarities and differences. They used adjectives to describe a portrait then had a go at creating their own. The children used their thoughts about what a King should be like to analyse evidence and decide which of four possible candidates should succeed the throne after Edward died. This led to some very good and thoughtful discussions. In Music the children have been listening to medieval music and looking at pictures and sounds of some medieval instruments. Some of the children had a go at some medieval dancing whilst their peers played along to the music on drums and recorders. In Maths the children have been practising their weighing skills and counting in 2s and 5s. The children have enjoyed taking turns to role play their weather forecasts in class. They had good ideas on how to improve each others performance and identify what their peers had done well.</p>

Secondary News

CF: We were lucky enough to visit Westmill Farm Fishery lakes in Ware on Wednesday. The weather was really kind to us and the pupils all had a really fun day catching lots of fish - big and small alike! Some took their catch home and the school chef kindly prepared Jake's trout for supper in REP - I hear it went down a treat 😊. The pupils learned lots of skills and were, as always, a credit to the school. Photos to follow... This week in Science we have been investigating solutions and how to get back salt from water using the evaporation method and discussed how to improve experiments if they do not work first time. Pupils have planned their own experiments to investigate dissolving and chosen their own equipment. They will be developing the skills of observation and recording results and writing conclusions. In K&U/RE we are comparing symbolism in Judaism and Christianity and important ceremonies or festivals. In Creative, pupils have been developing their listening skills to try and match a piece of music to the art work that inspired it.

LM: 3LM continue to work with Mrs Brown on the topic of plants in Science. Their tomato plants and sunflowers are growing really well. In Literacy we have been working on dictionary skills, from ordering letters and words alphabetically to checking spelling, meaning and finding words that fall in between. We are piloting a City & Guilds AAC Qualification with Sydney, Ruby and a few students from another class. This is going well and has proven a great motivator to use their machines more frequently. In Science with Mrs Thiele, pupils explored stored energy in batteries and electrical hazards around the home.

MB/SH: In English the pupils enjoyed and worked really hard sharing their favourite stories. It was lovely to see those pupils who had bought in their book from home, thank you. They continue to work hard on writing their news thinking about who, what and where. In Science they recalled information on solids, liquids and gases and then carried out another experiment to grow ice. Unfortunately as the best experiments go, it didn't quite work, so I'm sure we will try again. If you want to try at home, look up 'Growing Ice' on You Tube. In K&U, the pupils have been learning about the way Malala's faith influenced her views on the right for all children to have a good education. If you haven't yet paid your contribution for this term's Food Tech, please could you do so on the 'School Gateway'. Thanks to those who have made prompt payments.

MW: Mrs Woolley was away supporting the Silver Duke of Edinburgh students for 3 days this week, so the class had some different teachers for their lessons. On Monday 3MW had Miss Hughes, they worked on their reading skills and questioned each other about their favourite books. Pupils then decided to make one of the LSAs a Get-Well-Soon card and came up with ideas and messages for the card. Then on Wednesday, 3MW joined Miss Hughes and her form group for a sweet-treat-themed lesson. Pupils were paired up with a student from 5LH and were treated to making Ice Cream Floats as a sweet treat every now and then, as we know, too much sugar is bad for our teeth. At Funky Pie the silver students have continued with their art form, whilst the bronze students have started dance. They all enjoyed their morning! In K & U we have continued learning about Malala and how her faith influenced her views on the rights for all children to have an education.

In PSHCE students have been learning about the role and the structure of newspapers in communicating, local, national and global news. Students have written their own newspaper articles about their weekend news.

SP: Drama students have started to devise their assessment piece based on the film 'Freedom Writers'. Students have created a character and started to learn their improved monologues as part of their performance, demonstrating their ability to apply what they have learned about using movement and vocal skills in performance. This week, some of the class have been away on their training for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, next week some are doing their training for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Hopefully the weather will be kind! In Science, we have continued looking at light with Mrs Brown; and Evolution and Inheritance with Mr Page, we discussed how the human body may change in the future. In Maths, we have continued to look at how to read mileage charts accurately. In ICT, we are covering how to make working websites about their favourite bands/ music, including adding pictures, buttons and eventually rollovers.

Upper

5JB: As part of PHSCE students have started to research a current affair which they feel is important, they are going to put what they have learned through research and their views into a presentation to raise awareness of issue of their choice. They are speaking to persuade an audience, linking in with their learning in English.

5LH: We are learning about healthy living and looking at food and drink choices, what we should have in moderation with unhealthy choices. Students made ice cream floats as part of sweet treats in healthy living and were able to explain why we should only have sweet treats on rare occasions. They had a selection of fizzy drinks including Dr Pepper, Coke, Lemonade, Fanta and Cream Soda alongside the all important ingredient of vanilla ice cream. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the lesson and worked really well together, but there wasn't a clear favourite on the drinks. Most said they liked all of them. Drama students have started to devise their assessment piece based on the film 'Freedom Writers', students have created a character and started to learn their improved monologues as part of their performance, demonstrating their ability to apply what they have learned about using movement and vocal skills in performance.

5SN: Students have been learning about safety in different areas of the house, why the safety rules are important and safe practice as part of their 'Looking after your own home' ASDAN unit. Next week they will start 'Keeping Safe' learning how to be safe when out in the community.

REP

Some pupils from the Independent Flat started their photography club; they used the front of the school grounds to take photos of nature, they are learning the different techniques to take photos and are on the lookout for any competitions that they could enter their photos. Also this term, the Independent Flat will be starting their travel training and this week they looked at bus timetables to plan a journey and some of them completed a walk to the bus stop, so they could gauge how long it takes as they will need to factor this in when planning to use the bus to go to town. Redwood pupils have been working on their social skills and engaging with each other when playing games. As a group they are forming some great friendships. Five pupils from REP embarked on their practice expedition for the DofE this week for 2 nights and 3 days. They camped in Norfolk and despite the weather, they worked as a team when walking, cooking, putting up tents. The plan is for the actual expedition for this group will be in July, and once completed, all 6 pupils will have earned their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. Please check our school website for some great photos which we took on our practice.



Please remember your sun protection!

