



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th April—Return to school, Horse Riding will take place on Monday 16th April

Monday 7th May—Early May Bank Holiday

Friday 25th May—Charity Day

Friday 25th May—Parent / Carer Afternoon Tea, 2pm—3pm

Friday 25th May—School finishes 3pm

Save the Date

Saturday 7th July—Lonsdale Summer Fest. 12pm—4pm

All term dates can be found on our website.

## Whole School News

This week's swimmer of the week is Joshua for excellent exploring around the pool—well done!

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](mailto:jbrush@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk)

Ms Ottridge has placed an advertisement in school this week for a Head Boy for Lonsdale. Boys from Post 16 were invited to apply, with interviews taking place in the first week of the Summer Term. We will let you know who the successful candidate is. Ms Ottridge will be advertising for the role of Head Girl, also from Post 16, from September.

A questionnaire was recently sent home asking for parents' opinions about a Holiday Club at Lonsdale. Unfortunately we did not receive enough replies from to make it feasible for us to offer a Holiday Club to our students. We will be emailing the consultation questionnaire home again at the end of this week. If you are at all interested, please send your completed questionnaire to Jo Brush [jbrush@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jbrush@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk). If you do not have access to a printer, please feel free to email Jo with your responses. A decision as to whether we can proceed with this initiative will be taken after the Easter holidays.

We are very excited to announce the 2018 Lonsdale Summer Fest will take place on Saturday 7th July from 12pm—4pm. Please bring your own picnic and join us for fun-filled family day with live music and bands, workshops and accessible sports to name but a few. Further details will be given shortly so watch this space and save the date!

Several members of staff are taking part in this year's Moonwalk, to raise money for Cancer Research. They will be taking part under the name 'Team Mandy' in memory of Mandy Parker who passed away last year. It would be wonderful if any of our parents could sponsor this very worthy cause, the link to give to the Team Mandy page is

<https://moonwalklondon2018.everydayhero.com/uk/team-mandy>



## Primary News

This week the children in Primary have been preparing for Easter. They have listened to the Easter story and some children matched sentences to pictures. The children have created cards and been busy cooking Easter themed delights. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to sing some fun Easter songs about chocolate eggs and spring chickens! There has been lots of 'egg' based maths going on looking at pattern, sharing and fractions and of course counting. In literacy the children have enjoyed lots of spring themed stories identifying and using their high frequency words and letters and sounds.

## Secondary News

CF: We have continued to develop our script reading skills for Buggy Malone as part of our Creative work and the pupils have been able to begin to develop characterisation through their voice inflections and tone. In Geography pupils have mapped out plans of a place familiar to them and are beginning to develop some observational skills. In our Science lessons pupils have created circuits to help them investigate the properties of conductors and insulators. Today we are conducting some egg-citing Easter themed experiments...Happy Easter!

LM: The class have been working on their reading this term, by selecting a book to read at home every week and practising key spelling strategies in class. We are also reviewing punctuation and encouraging students to use their VOCAs to the best of their ability to capture their work, thoughts and communication. In English we have started to consider what culture is and how it influences us. We will begin to look at poetry from other cultures soon. Students have also adjusted quickly to a new classroom layout this week, to encourage them to communicate more with their peers. It also allows for more space near the board to interact more easily at the start and end of the lesson. The smaller groups of tables seem to be less distracting for students and aiding better concentration.

MB/SH and MW: In English this week both classes have worked on rhyming words and poems while also recapping adjectives. They have written about their weekend news, which we are going to start doing every Monday so please put any information in diaries which will help them to recall. In Science the pupils looked at their experiments and explored roots. The children used magnifying glasses to look closely. In Art they have coloured Rangoli patterns and in Creative they have used music computer software to explore making music with rhythm. The pupils have also enjoyed taking photos of their favourite places around the school to send to pupils in other countries.

SP: In English the class had to decide what they would need if they were stranded on a desert island. They also had to decide how they became stranded in the first place. In Art, they painted self portraits. In ICT, students revised how to use drawing packages and they then used the pictures to make a website. Some members of the class went on their Duke of Edinburgh training day and others attended wheelchair dance. In Science, we looked at how fossils are formed and wrote a commentary using a silent video, to show our understanding.

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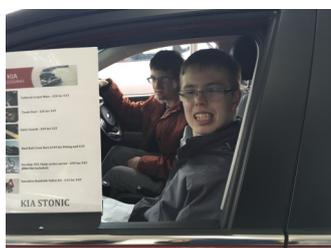
5JB: Students this week have begun to prepare a Speaking and Listening presentation in which the recent class visit to RAF Duxford, will be delivered to a school assembly. In Cooking this week, students have been making Easter and Spring themed cakes. They have been using different cooking techniques to make the cakes and all have practised their measuring skills in preparing ingredients.

5LH: Our focus has been on revisiting the work we have completed this term - recapping the skills we have gained from our study of writing to inform, report, persuade and advise. 5Lh have been learning about safety in the home and have been learning how to keep their homes clean and the importance of this; learning to sort and load laundry and load the dishwasher. They have also been thinking about safety in the kitchen, living room and bathroom. They have continued to work through their healthy living and prep for work and gathered their

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evidence for the upcoming moderation. Some upper school students went off on a team building day as part of their Silver DofE and some students have been out at the dance festival. For the last PE session the students opted to play fun games.

5SN: This week as part of their ASDAN lessons with Mrs North, students 5SN have also been re-capping their learning on safety in the home and have been learning how to keep their homes clean and the importance of this; learning to sort and load laundry and load the dishwasher. Perhaps your teenager can support with household chores, any photos of chores done at home would be great in extending their learning. In Music, students rehearsed the songs they have learned this term: Copacabana, September song, Blue Suede Shoes, I Can't Help Falling in Love, and the class's own song entitled 'Lonsdale School'. 5SN went 'Out and About' to the Kia showroom. They interviewed Martin the Manager asking him questions that they had prepared for homework. They then looked inside the cars, and decided which was their favourite.



## REP

The Rotary club visited REP on Monday, and took part in a quiz with pupils and staff, they also treated everyone to a chicken dinner—yum yum.

Some pupils finished decorating their Easter cakes to take home, and some pupils have been looking in to getting a fish tank for REP, one pupil looked on line at the different types of fish tanks and what is required if REP wish to keep fish upstairs!! Watch this space!!