



Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd March—Parent / Carers Afternoon Tea, 2pm to 3pm
Thursday 29th March—End of Spring Term, 1.30pm

Whole School News

Swimmers of the Week are Ollie T and Jensen for both trying very hard and being great—well done!

Horse Riders, please note that horse riding **will** take place on Monday 16th April when we return to school.

Below is a photo of our Choir members, at last week's Voice in a Million event, as you can see they had a great time!



Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue are holding an Open Day at Longfield, Hitchin Road, SG1 4AE on 14th April 2018 from 11am to 4pm. Everyone is invited to bring along their favourite teddy bear for the annual parachute launch, also to come along to see 'Reqs' the amazing fire dog, experience what it is like to be a fire fighter, 'smoke experience', demonstrations, meet super heroes and receive free fire safety advice .

The British Science Association meets Green Beans Art competition will close on Friday, Mrs Brown and Mr Pritchard have seen some interesting and innovative submissions from pupils across the school. The theme is discovery and invention.

This week, the whole school joined together to perform in 'Lonsdale Does Strictly'; this year's House Drama Competition. The atmosphere in the competition was immense; each House had been given either the Charleston, Jive, Salsa or Waltz to create a routine, rehearse and perform. The results are as follows:

Showmanship:	Blue
Dance Routine / Style:	Yellow
Production:	Red
Overall Winner:	Green

Primary News

Ash Class: This week Ash Class have been working hard on their art work, creating 2 pieces for the competitions. Our beans are growing well, and we have been sketching pictures of them for our 'Bean Diary'. We also made yummy Easter nests in cooking.

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Birch: The children in Birch have had an artistic week making their contributions to the art competitions. The children were very excited to see how much their sunflowers have grown and as a class they made a big flowering plant and added labels. They have been looking at and weighing and comparing vegetables in preparation for making their yummy vegetable stew. Phonics has also been on a vegetable theme.

Oak: The children have been writing up their 'persuasive' letters about the environment. They have worked hard planning and drafting these before typing them out. In Maths the children have been working on their money problems and exploring fractions. They have had a very artistic week finishing their 3D models inspired by their work on pollution and the environment. They created posters for a Science competition and a 'Senses' themed piece of work for a House Art competition. In PE the children enjoyed working on their defence and attacking skills in hockey which concluded with an exciting game ending in a draw.

Secondary News

CF: In Science pupils have been investigating safety in the home and outdoors with electricity and identifying how circuits work. In Drama, pupils have been practising their scripting reading skills and designing prop for their characters. In K&U and Geography, we have been studying various aspects of how factories work including all the processes within as well as supply of materials, transport and distribution before and after the products are made.

LM: We had a great Drama lesson this week thinking about how to use our bodies creatively to represent different objects, we tried to express emotions and practiced our communication and team work through some games. In English we have continued with poetry and thought about Rap poetry and poems about our sense of touch. The students have shown that they can all recognise rhyming words and consider the meaning of a poem. They have also had a go at adapting a poem with their own choice of words. In Science, 3LM explored how unhealthy choices affect the health of the heart. We looked at how transplants can help people with heart defects. We have also planted cress seeds to check the conditions needed for germination and will be planting tomato seeds and sunflowers today. We hope to have a lovely crop of cherry tomatoes in a few weeks.

MB/SH: In English this week we have worked on rhyming words and poems while also recapping adjectives. Pupils 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 we looked at our experiments and explored roots. We used magnifying glasses to look closely. In Art pupils have coloured Rangoli patterns, and in Creative they have used music computer software to explore making music with rhythm. The pupils are continuing with work on measuring in Maths, this week with a focus on length and height. Some have been using non-standard measures and others are working on accurate measuring with a ruler. In K&U the pupils are learning about the importance of hand-washing as part of the work on Florence Nightingale and have used glitter in an experiment to see how far and how quickly germs can spread.

MW: This week we have learnt about rhyming poems in Literacy and continued work on measurements in Maths. Our Funky Pie session was a sharing day with the other schools who are also taking the award this year. The Silver students have been writing a musical piece which they then performed to everyone on Thursday. They were absolutely fantastic! In Creative all students worked very hard to get the Drama Competition production rehearsal completed, students have had to learn their production role and should be very proud of their achievements and have enjoyed putting on the competition, as part of their Funky Pie Silver and Bronze Awards. In PHSCE students have continued to learn about advertising through making their own advert for Lonsdale. Students have been learning about key elements such as logo, slogan and brand; evaluating their impact on selling a product.

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SP: This week we have been working on numerous different and exciting things. In English, we have continued to look at how to write newspaper articles. In Science, pupils have continued to look at the digestive system and try to make rockets out of sweets and a certain diet soft drink. After four attempts, we finally got one to behave like a rocket! In Knowledge and Understanding, we have continued our work on the troubles in Ireland looking at the view point from both sides. Letters for our class trip will be out shortly after the Easter holidays. The visit will link into what we have been studying in Science.

Upper

5JB: This week, we had an exciting visit to RAF Duxford. We enjoyed the visit enormously. We were treated to some superb talks from enthusiastic and knowledgeable guides, taking in details of how machine guns fired through propellers, the positioning of fuel tanks and, memorably, the merits of 'The Sunderland', an enormous water-based aircraft that protected merchant convoys in WW2. All were amused to learn that she was later used to house a land-based disco in France, prior to being rescued and brought safely back home.

5LH have started work on weight/mass and had an enjoyable practical lesson estimating and weighing objects around the school. This week, in English, we have continued our study of writing to advise. Student have finalised their advice letters, with close focus on paragraphing and sentence structure. In addition, they have structured their pieces to first gain trust, then give gentle suggestion, followed in their conclusions with urgent commands. On Thursday afternoon, 5LH were involved in the work of the Herts Young Commissioners. Stuart from Youth Connexion and a colleague came in to run a session to find out what young people would like to see and receive from adult services once they leave school. All students contributed very well and shared their ideas.

5SN: : In their ASDAN lesson with Mrs North, students learned about electricity and safety in the home. Learning about electrical safety and how an electrical circuit works, students enjoyed self-directed learning where (with support) students connected up the components to make an electrical circuit to power a light bulb, buzzer and motor. In Music, students have been writing their own song about Lonsdale, composing lyrics and music. Students have been learning about story-telling and rhythm, whilst having great fun doing this. In Dance, students have been learning a Waltz this week, all students have made fantastic progress with their dancing skills and knowledge developing understanding of sequence, time and confidence to dance with their peer in a paired slow dance. In Music, we have studied several popular songs, developing our own musical renditions involving singing and percussion. Students have also begun to develop their own song, detailing their experiences of Lonsdale School.

REP

Some pupils in REP this week made Easter bunnies from recycled plastic bottles and filled them with sweets, The pupils on the independent flat had guests this week and cooked a lovely lasagne and garlic bread followed by a home-made chocolate cake—yum yum!!! On Thursday some of the younger pupils in REP enjoyed a music session where they sang and played instruments. They also have been creating their own music.

