



# Learning @ Lonsdale

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<p>Whole School</p>	<p>Thank you for supporting World Aids Awareness Day, we raised £18.35.</p> <p>This week our new secondary teacher, Cathie Fisher, paid a visit. She will start her new post at Lonsdale in January.</p> <p>On Wednesday Father Chris came along to our assembly to explore the meaning of Christmas with all students who attended.</p>
<p>Primary</p>	<p>Birch and Oak Classes were treated this week to a fantastic performance of Peter Pan by the students of Barclay School. The children were very well behaved in the audience and showed their appreciation. Thomas hopes they will invite us back next year! Rehearsals for the Primary Nativity are well underway so we hope to be all ready for next Friday's performance. The children in Primary are working very hard on learning their songs and scripts.</p> <p>Ash class welcome Clau to our class. We have been busy writing invitations to all primary families to come to a <b>Christmas tea party on Wednesday 13th December 2.15 - 3.15</b></p>
<p>3LM</p>	<p>This week 3LM have been thinking about how Frank Cottrell Boyce created tension in the book 'Millions'. Students will be trying to develop to skills in descriptive writing for homework. In Science we have been studying light and shadow and learning the terms opaque, transparent and translucent. Ask your child if they can describe them for you?</p> <p>In Knowledge and Understanding we learnt about Queen Elizabeth I and role-played key aspects of her life. The students were very confident sharing their scenes in front of the class.</p>
<p>3MW</p>	<p>We learnt about the muscular system in science, looking at how the muscles get longer and shorter to move, and predicting which muscles we would use to perform certain actions. In maths we finished our individualised money workbooks. We have made a start on our Christmas decorations for our class table for the Christmas dinner. In PHSE learners became detectives to solve a crime, learning about who protects the law, that a crime could be hurting someone or stealing something, this concluded the 'My Rights and the Law' Unit. Tim from Funky Pie came into our creative lesson to watch us direct the primary play and was thrilled with the progress and the standard of the learners directorial skills.</p>
<p>3SH/MB</p>	<p>This week in English we have used our previous learning of questioning to write a letter to a professional. We went to the post box to post them. The children have started to make their pillowcase designs and these look fab! In Science they have developed their learning of skeletons and muscles by looking at organs in our body. On Wednesday, pupils made some simple nativity scenes using lolly sticks and have been able to re-tell key events from the nativity story. <b>Please return any outstanding trip forms &amp; payment for trips on 13th &amp;/or 14th Dec asap. Thank you!</b></p>

4HP	<p>We had a fantastic time at the pantomime where the class thoroughly enjoyed themselves laughing, shouting and participating in the fun. We worked together to decorate our classroom this week. We decorated two Christmas trees and made other decorations for the classroom, which is very festive at the moment. Pupils looked at the Christmas story and were able to answer questions about the meaning of Christmas. We took part in the assembly with guest priest Father Chris from St Georges and St Andrew Anglican Church in Stevenage.</p>
4SP	<p>The week has been a busy one, with the class working hard looking at the book 'Of Mice and Men' in English. During their literacy lessons, they have been reading books of their choice.</p> <p>In Science, we have been working through ideas how to improve the vegetable soup they made.</p> <p>Our Christmas plans include ideas of how to decorate the classroom, Suggestions have included Little Mix, Sonic the Hedgehog and Mary Poppins.</p> <p>We have made a Reindeer, some wool snowballs and a very large Snowman!</p>
Upper	<p>5JB: In Science, students have been testing their own saliva to investigate how enzymes work to break down food. Students have continued with their study of the Winter Oak. A creative response to the story is underway, involving writing a diary from the point of view of the central character. In this diary, students are expressing their understanding of the figurative language and theme of the piece.</p> <p>5LH have recorded their public speaking speeches as part of their ASDAN unit 'Managing Social Relationships' the class should be very proud of their achievements and progression in their learning . <b>The class are due out to go ice skating next week, so parents are advised to ensure the students have suitable clothing and all manual chairs to be brought into school by 13th December.</b></p> <p>SN students had a fantastic lesson on personal hygiene products this week learning what a selection of products are used for, who uses them, and why they are important for good personal hygiene. <b>All Upper School Students are cooking their annual celebration meal together on Monday 11th December.</b></p>
REP	<p>On Monday we had nine members of Stevenage Rotary Club visit REP for an evening of Christmas activities, take-away supper and the sharing of Christmas presents bought from the £450.00 donation that was so generously given to us. The activities organised consisted of a 60-square-piece puzzle, a word search and Spot the Difference (20 clues) all centred around a Christmas theme, promoting work, observation and word skills. It was good fun. Everyone happily took part.</p>
Dates for your Diary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thursday 14th December: 7PM - REP Christmas Carol Concert</b></li> <li>• <b>Friday 15th December - Primary Christmas Play: 10:30am— Parents/Carers of Primary students invited</b></li> <li>• <b>Monday 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day-wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 donation to charity!</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 9th December - End of Term: finish at 1:30pm</b></li> </ul>