

Learning @ Lonsdale



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<p>Whole School</p>	<p>Lonsdale supported World Aids Day this week by collecting change to fill a gigantic red ribbon. We raised £18.36. Thank you all for contributing! The money will go to the National Aids Trust.</p> <p>Two of our governors visited the school this week to get an insight into the day-to-day running of the school.</p> <p>There was a special assembly on Friday by Muscular Dystrophy UK representatives talking about their work to support the charity.</p> <p>The Christmas Post Box is now open in the dining room for everybody to post their cards!</p>
<p>Primary</p>	<p>This week the children in Ash Class went to 'Build A Bear' in Milton Keynes. Everyone had a fab time, and we would like to thank the volunteers and staff who came with us. You will be able to read more about it in the next issue of the Primary News.</p> <p>Birch Class have been learning all about nocturnal animals. The children have also been introduced to the word 'diurnal' for daytime animals. In cooking the children iced their Christmas cake and will be making a special box to bring the cake home safely.</p> <p>Oak Class have been developing their English skills in many ways, looking at different parts of a book and writing a persuasive letter to Father Christmas. We started looking at graphs in mathematics, and we wrote up our light experiment finding out which light</p>
<p>3LM</p>	<p>3LM have been consolidating the spellings for various long vowel sounds this week. We have been learning about Florence Nightingale and Martin Luther King and their contributions to the world. Students have enthusiastically engaged with quizzes, group discussions, paired PowerPoint production and team investigations in Maths. Students also have been investigating whether two eyes are better than one in Science, with much laughter generated by their (lack of) ability to catch, even with both eyes open!</p>
<p>3MW</p>	<p>We have continued with our individualised money programs in Maths. In K & U we made a start on learning about the Christian festival involving light, Advent. We had the most amazing time at the Chicken Shed Theatre, where we watched Rapunzel. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and seeing a fellow student on the stage. In PSHCE, we learned what voting is, how people vote and why it is important to vote as part of 'Your Rights and the Law'. Luckily, the class unanimously voted for kind Mrs North instead of grumpy Mrs North; perhaps you can ask your child what grumpy Mrs North would have changed if she had been elected.</p>
<p>3SH/MB</p>	<p>This week the class enjoyed a trip to the Chicken Shed Theatre to watch the production of 'Rapunzel'. They got to see one of Lonsdale pupils perform, which was really lovely. In English they recalled different job roles and looked at pictures sent in for homework. In Science they recalled information learnt about muscles and made their own muscles using cardboard and elastic bands. Please look out for trip forms in bags next week for Christmas Shopping trips on 13th or 14th Dec. Reminder: Any materials you may have for next week's Art lesson, please send these in at the beginning of the week.</p>

4HP	<p>This week we have consolidated our money skills by visiting the café at Fairlands Valley Park where we bought our own snacks and drinks. We watched videos giving us more information about the Christian religion. Pupils looked at different church services and discussed the differences in the way this religious group worship, for example the use of songs and dance. Pupils compared the three religions studied so far and were impressive at showing what things related to the Jewish, Muslim and Christian religions. Pupils continue to develop their comprehension skills through whole-group reading and completing comprehension questions.</p>
4SP	<p>This week in English, the class have continued to work on the book 'Of Mice and Men' where a new character has been introduced. For Maths, we have been looking at using the exact money to purchase items, and how much change they should receive, if they over-pay. In PSHCE, the class read news stories and discussed, if they were 'Fake' or 'Real'. They made vegetable soup in Science; some of the student thought it was rather tasty and took some to REP, some thought it was horrible!</p> <p>Apologies to all, but we are unable to attend the Chickenshed Theatre; all contributions should now have been returned.</p>
Upper	<p>In Literacy this week, 5JB have been exploring methods of developing characterisation and setting in 'The Winter Oak'. GCSE students are examining the way the story has been structured.</p> <p>5LH have continued to explore their writing about landscape paintings, with focus on positional and descriptive language, and 5SN looked at how to write a postcard and text message. Students engaged in a variety of skills that focused on using common functional phrasing. Some students developed a range of pleasing sentences that were written with accuracy. Others used their communication devices, showing increasing speed and familiarity.</p> <p>Students studying ASDAN have been learning about personal hygiene with Miss Hughes; identifying products, their use and why personal hygiene is personally and socially important for maintaining a healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>Upper School students should be very proud that Dynamix have made over £400 in profit so far this year, a huge achievement—well done! Please look out for letters explaining how students can buy a share and receive their share of the profits in July 2018.</p>
REP	<p>Pupils on the Independent Flat, shopped this week at Asda with staff supervising from a distance. They decided on their chosen meal when they arrived at the supermarket, they had to think about what ingredients they may already have back at school and what was required to make "Toad in the hole" for their Tuesday evening meal. The pupils worked together choosing, shopping and paying for all their ingredients. Keep an eye out for the new REP monthly newsletter.</p>
Dates for your Diary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday the 14th December: 7PM - REP Christmas Carol Concert • Friday the 15th December - Primary Christmas Play: 10:30am— Parents/Carers of primary students invited • Monday the 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day (Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 donation to charity) • Tuesday the 19th December - End of Term: Finish at 1:30pm.