

Learning @ Lonsdale



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<p>Whole School</p>	<p>The Shoe box appeal has been a huge success, thank you to those who have contributed. Together we have 13 boxes to send abroad to support children at this time of year.</p> <p>Thank you to Mrs Michael for organising this appeal.</p> <p>Swimmer of the Week: Joseph Miller</p> 
<p>Primary</p>	<p>The third chapter in our book 'Dark is Fun' has been about scouts enjoying a campfire, games and cocoa. In cooking the children made and tried warm cocoa. They sang some campfire songs and in Art made hand-print colour bonfire pictures. On Thursday some of the children joined some other schools to participate in mini Olympics. They particularly enjoyed the cheer-leading and cup-stacking activities.</p> <p>We have started rehearsals for our Christmas Nativity. Students have started to learn the songs and have chosen their characters.</p>  
<p>3LM</p>	<p>We started a new topic in K & U on famous people from history. We learnt about Genghis Khan and tried to guess which period of history he was from. We will learn about other historical figures and discuss what we can learn from them. In Science we have completed a quiz in our Skeletal and muscular systems unit, to see how much we can remember. We also worked on conduction and identified examples for insulators and conductors in real life.</p>
<p>3MW</p>	<p>This week in Maths we have revised data collection and display; in Science we located and negated the main bones in our body and carried out an experiment to find out which bones are stronger, long or short. At Funky Pie we enjoyed playing a range of instruments including members of the woodwind family. In Drama the students have started to put their directorial skills into practice, designing lighting, cueing in the sound and directing the performance elements of the Primary Nativity. In PSHCE students have been learning about their rights and how they differ from those in other countries.</p>
<p>3SH/MB</p>	<p>In English we have thought about jobs in our school and of interview questions. In Science we have continued our work on skeletons and body. In Drama we have started learning the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We are continuing our learning about festivals of light in K&U and have been finding out about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and how the lighting of the Hanukiah is a key part of that festival. Our trip to the Secondary Panathlon will be on Thursday - I am still awaiting the last couple of permission slips, so please send these with payment asap if you have not already done so. Thank you.</p>

4HP	<p>We continue looking at the Jewish religion, their type of worship and things related to the their culture and religion. Pupils had fun in creating their Christmas Card project designs for the Christmas Arts project. We looked at pupils' favourite dishes and listed the ingredients that make up their meals. Together the class tried internet shopping and compared prices in different supermarkets to seek out the best prices. Pupils also continued to work on their reading and comprehension using online reading material.</p>
4SP	<p>The class have continued looking at the book 'Of Mice and Men' and the contrasts between the two major characters in English. During their Science lessons, they evaluated their Bonfire Bread and stated how they could make it better next time. For Art, the class have been designing their Christmas or winter-themed cards! We have been looking at rounding up decimals numbers and rounding to significant figures in Maths.</p>
Upper	<p>There has been a Young-Enterprise feel to this week's learning in Upper School; students have been very busy developing their marketing and money skills in preparation for selling their products at the Christmas fair as well as the school calendar 2018.</p> <p>In addition to this students have been starting to think about their chosen product to market and sell this year; researching and starting to think about a suitable product. Students have been considering the design of waterproof bags for the back of wheelchairs that appeal to a wider demographic considering size, shape, accessibly and their target audience.</p> <p>All profits made from the school fair ,Hitchin trade fair and the school calendars will go towards the marketing and manufacturing of their chosen product.</p> <p>All Upper School students are encouraged to come and be a part of Young Enterprise—please return your reply slips if you would like to support your peers at Hitchin market on Saturday 25th November. Thank you.</p>
REP	<p>Students have been learning how to work together in large groups; the residents on the flats have been coming together to play games and completing activities embedding the community ethos of the REP department .</p> <p>Rehearsals and preparations for our Carol Concert will be taking place from next week. Please look out for the event information and come and join us.</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: Students finish at 1:30pm.