



Whole School	<p>Macmillan Coffee morning was a great success and enjoyed by all, raising £370 pounds! Thank you to all who took part, sent in cakes or raffle prizes or supported us with donations on the day!</p> <p>Lonsdale have had four PGCE students in Primary this week learning about and experiencing SEND provision. The students have thoroughly enjoyed their time with us. One student said: "Learning about how the school runs and getting to know the children was great." Another student added that it was fantastic to see how every pupil was given the opportunity to be successful.</p>
Primary	<p>All of the Primary children went to St Hugh and St John Church to learn about the Christian celebration of Harvest. The children were very well-behaved and were keen to explore the church building.</p> <p>Ash and Birch looked for signs of autumn on a walk through the woods and Fairland Park. They enjoyed talking to the ducks and geese! Birch class have made vegetable soup in cooking and have been learning about different types of shop where we can buy food. Oak class have been learning to name and find countries on a world map. They have been learning to read millimetres on jugs in capacity.</p>
3LM	<p>3LM students have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming sessions with swimming instructor Heather this week. They are all working towards individualised targets and love the opportunity to move in the water and get physical exercise.</p> <p>We have started a new project in Creative this week to link in with our Knowledge &amp; Understanding topic on Slavery. We are designing a patchwork quilt, where the designs represent the secret codes used to help slaves escape in America.</p>
3MW	<p>This week the students have continued to work on their individual Maths number targets. In K&amp;U we learnt about the Roman invasions of Britain. In Science we investigated air resistance by making different parachutes, both, different in size and material, to see which one would float for the longest time. As there was no Funky Pie this week, we enjoyed a trip to the bowling alley with 3SH. Grace was the winner at bowling from our class. In PHSE students learned about family connections by creating their family tree as part of their 'All About Me' project.</p>
3SH/MB	<p>This week pupils have enjoyed making parachutes and investigating air resistance through an experiment. In Art they have been making collages. On Wednesday they enjoyed a day's fishing at Westmill Farm near Ware. It was a perfect, mild autumn day! Everyone caught several fish with the assistance of experienced anglers, and we were treated to a barbecue lunch prepared by our hosts. The pupils had another morning out, this time bowling with 3MW on Thursday. Maisie and Joshua were the winning bowlers from 3MBSH!</p>

4HP

Throughout the week, pupils learnt about the different things people had in the past and compared them to what they have today. They took part in a whole-class discussion giving their feelings about and explaining whether or not they would like to use any of the things today. They were surprised to see what schools were like in the past and the difference in schools today. The class also examined the solar system noting the planets and comparing the others to earth. We read stories about living in space and answered questions showing our understanding of what lies beyond the sky.

4SP

In English this week, the class have been working on descriptive writing, especially of objects and landscapes. Within their literacy lessons, they have been practising phonics. In Maths, we have been looking at times tables and how to work out probability using them. The class also enjoyed the Science lesson making their own smoothies and continued to work towards their vocational Science qualification. They have been looking at the difference between cyberbullying and trolling.

Upper

5SN: English lessons have been centred around learning about Morals; were Romeo and Juliet right to keep their marriage a secret? Is keeping a secret ok? In ASDAN 'Being Healthy', students learned how much sugar was in their favourite drinks, measuring out the sugar content for each item. Did you know that there is 39g of sugar in a can of coke?

5LH: Learners had a visit on Monday from the Police at Stevenage Station. The police gave a talk on disability and the law and how they support people with disabilities in the community. This forms part of their ASDAN unit 'Managing Social Relationships'. All Learners engaged in the discussion about this topic and were great representatives of the school.

5JB: Functional Skills students have been practising and honing their close reading skills. Often there is a temptation when answering questions, such as 'What does the text say about...?', to add some useful information that is perhaps known by the student but not actually located in the text itself. We have been focusing on the need to 'stick to evidence from the text', asking for closely quoted evidence. GCSE students have continued to develop their skills of comparison.

REP

Redwood Flat: The pupils have used their flat meeting (with staff support) to explore the importance of communicating with each other to form friendships. They learnt that it is important to let pupils who can't speak have their say and make choices. Some of the pupils learnt to use the maths grid on the Magic Carpet for given answers to multiplication number tests.

Dates for your  
Diary

- **Parents Evening: Wed 18th October :4-6pm; please return your reply slips ASAP to receive your preferred appointment time.**
- **Lonsdale Christmas Fair— Saturday 18th November: 10am-1pm—please come and support—all profits go to towards supporting learning. Any donations for raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair are very welcome!**
- **Two non-uniform days coming up soon! More information to follow.**