#### Learning @ Lonsdale

#### Weekly Newsletter — Friday 8th October 2021

## Information and Dates for your Diary

Please see below some diary dates for you:

Parents' Consultation (Face-to-face or virtual) - 20th October 2021 4-6pm

Half Term 25th-29th October 2021

End of Term 17th December 2021

Staff Inset Day 5th January 2022, Pupils return to School 6th January 2022



Please note that all EHCP Annual Reviews will have the option to be conducted remotely via Teams or telephone or can be attended in person. A list of dates for the academic year can be found on the website.



This week started with the big Anti-Bullying Assembly for many classes and our photographers visiting the school on Monday and Tuesday.

Another highlight of the week was the re-starting of lunchtime clubs with many pupils attending Dance Club, Sports Club, Cooking, Gardening and Choir. We are hoping to increase the number of clubs running throughout over the next half term.





The Tuck Shop is now also back and running on Fridays, and our older pupils are organising and running this as part of their Business Enterprise.

We are very excited that Herts County Council have allocated the underpass outside the school to Lonsdale. Each class will create a display representing their class's endangered animal, and our art work will be displayed in the underpass for the local community to enjoy.

Don't forget to let your child's form tutor know if you wish to book an appointment for the parents' consultation evening on 20th October. You can attend in person or virtually from 4-6pm. We are looking forward to seeing you!



#### Dolphin Class:

lots of counting in Maths.

This week the children in Dolphin Class enjoyed a lot of fine-motor skill work. We worked on our phonics phase1 and explored 'heavy and light' and 'more and less' in Maths. In Art we played with clay, and we focused this week on turn-taking, sharing and passing. We used balls and cars to practise this. Everybody enjoyed our music session, where we tried to keep the beat using drums.



**Bumblebee Class**: This week the Bumblebees continued to learn about growing and how we grow. In PBL children enjoyed looking at photos of themselves, identifying if they were babies or children and exploring life cycles. In Cooking the children learnt about vegetables, and in RE the class explored harvest festivals around the wold! The children worked very hard in Maths, developing an understanding of length and growing! The class also enjoyed making bird feeders for the courtyards in Outdoor Learning, and we are looking forward to seeing all the different birds that come and visit!

**Owl Class:** This week the children wrote a class story set on a farm, which they plan to perform to their friends as part of their Project. The rest of the week, the children have been learn-

ing about young farm animals and their parents, wheat; how it grows and what it can be used for. In Art the children enjoyed using cereal and pasta to decorate a paper plate—see some in the photos. The children worked hard in Music choosing instruments to match mood cards, and in PE they worked on their individual targets. The children made carrot cake in Cooking and did

#### Primary News



**Koala Class:** The Koala Class shared their ideas for our underpass project in Creative. They explored the fable 'The Crow and the Pitcher' and what healthy eating entails. They worked on their Horizon Targets and made leaf masks in Forest School. In their Cooking lesson, they made breakfast banana muffins, and they participated in line dancing with Miss Gregor.





Wombat Class: The students have had a very practical week in school! In Science we made parachutes with baskets to protect a tomato from going splat when we launched them from the balcony. I'm pleased to say all were successful! In Gardening we had a great time digging up the dead sunflowers in readiness for some winter plants to be planted. In Forest School we continued and developed our game "1, 2, 3 Where are you?" by making a base for the groups to return to without being seen by the seekers—there may have been a little creative hiding in order to return to base! We joined with the Koalas and Sea Turtles for Task Master for another crazy challenge set by Miss Rose! We also loved our cycling session on Monday and have really improved our driving skills and speed!



#### **Hippopotamus Class:**

This week, the Hippo Class learned about the discovery of oxygen in their Science lessons. We all found it a little odd that oxygen was 'discovered' as it seems to be everywhere, how could you miss it?! We then conducted an experiment, in which we lit a candle and covered it with different-sized glasses to see for how long the candle burned. Fortunately, we didn't set the fire alarm off in the process. In Maths this week, we have continued to look at shapes, this time finding lines of symmetry in 2D shapes. In our Geography lesson this week, the class learned about the Prime Meridian, including why we have it and where it is. We then conducted some research on different countries that are situated on the Prime Meridian.



Sea Turtle Class: This week, we watched 'The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly' and talked about different types of bullying, what students can do if they feel they are being bullied, and we then discussed the 5 people we would turn to if we needed help. In English, we worked on adverbs. In Cooking, we made some delicious-smelling (and looking!) pizzas. In PE, we practiced some of the ball-skill challenges that we will be doing in a House Competition in a couple of weeks time. In Forest Schools, we enjoyed working with the Wombats again doing some teamwork. In Maths, the class continued to do some work on money and then some work using the Numicom boards (whilst also having a bit of a stretch out on the mats. Mrs Fisher joined us and introduced us to some of her pilates exercises!!) In Science, we continued to look at scientists, this week focusing on the Solar System. We were very impressed by how much the class knew about this already.

#### Secondary News

#### Vaquita Class:



This week we built solar ovens in Science. These were invented by Mária Telkes, a Hungarian-American biophysicist, scientist and inventor who worked on solar energy technologies. In Maths we practised our times tables. In English we enjoyed 2Gangsta Granny" and completed several reading tasks and challenges. In Creative, we started our project work towards creating a class display, which will be displayed in the subway outside our school.

#### **Gorilla Class:**

This week Gorilla Cass enjoyed learning all about harvest festival, and they got to design their own scarecrow. In Gardening, the children enjoyed pulling the sunflower seeds out of the large sunflower head. We learnt all about cerebral palsy as it was World Cerebral Palsy Day on 6th October. In Science, we have been learning about air resistance and have made parachutes in different sizes and out of different materials. In English the class wrote acrostic poems on the theme of the DRAG-ON in our story.



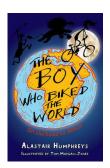
#### **Tasmanian Devil Class:**

This week we have been watching the Anti-Bullying Assembly, and we discussed how we can help and what to do if the occasion arises. We were very impressed with how mature the pupils were. In Food Tech we have been making delicious pizzas, which made our mouths water all afternoon. In Science we were detectives looking at further forces and gears, levers and pulleys finding out where we can find these around the school.



#### **Elephant Class:**

It's been a busy week for Elephants with photo day, creating our artwork for the underpass and learning all about our likes and dislikes in PSHCE. In Maths, they have continued their work on time, becoming more fluent with their learning and using the time in day-to-day situations. In English, the students have been enjoying learning more about 'How to Train your Dragon'.



Lynx Class: This week in English we started to read 'The boy who biked the world' written by a teacher called Alastair Humpreys, who actually cycled 46,000 miles through 60 countries in 4 years, so it's based on his adventures but seen through the eyes of a boy called Tom. We enjoyed the first part and are eager to read more. During our ASDAN lessons, we learnt about human pregnancy and considered some of the ways that pregnant women can keep themselves and the baby healthy, we saw some amazing photographs of developing babies in the womb. Whilst in our Outdoor Learning lesson, we watered our late-season salad vegetables and planted some mint into pots. While we were out and about, we also had a look at the new orienteering signs that have appeared - What are they for, we wonder?

#### Upper School News



Panda Class: In English we continue to develop our understanding and competency of SPaG and using a dictionary. In Maths we continue to develop our learning of division using the 'bus-stop method'. In K&U we are learning about 'Black History Month' and about inventors that were not recognised; did you know that the traffic light colour system was in fact invented by Garrett Morgan? In RSHE we continue to develop our understanding about positive relationships and consent. In Drama we have started learning about Constantine Stanislavski's 'The System'; we have developed our characters through the rehearsal method of 'Hot-seating'. In ICT we have started to learn about Coding. In Business we have started to design the School Calendar for next year. This will be on sale from the beginning of December—Please watch this space!

#### Lunchtime News from our MSAs

The primary pupils enjoyed football, a disco and the lunchtime clubs this week. Our secondary pupils had lots of games of 'hide and seek', football matches as well as socialising and chatting with friends. All lunchtime clubs were attended well, and we are looking forward to next week.

#### **REP News**

Another week of increasing excitement has just gone by in REP. It is evident that the students are settling in quite well, in fact better than expected. Students have participated in a number of activities, which included weekly REP swimming sessions, music and dance, arts and crafts. REP staff and students held a "Students Voice" meeting on Monday 4 October 2021. The meeting was a success in that all students actively participated, and virtually everyone had a lot to say and suggest, resulting in the meeting taking quite a long time. This was a brilliant meeting by many standards, because the students' suggestions and contributions were quite mature and focussed on improving independent skills, participation by all, and positive peer-to-peer relationships. Staff supported students, as far as practicable, to complete baseline forms that were used to map out their REP curriculum targets.

#### Governors News



The school's governors met on Wednesday evening to talk about all the important things going on in school. They were keen to find out how the first half term of the new school year was going, and they were pleased to find out that pupils and staff have settled back into school well. The governors are very much looking forward to starting their visits to school soon.

## Photo Page — Zoom into Brilliant Bits'





















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https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/

#### **Report Remove**

Childline has launched 'Report Remove', a service that allows children and young people under 18 to report and get removed from the internet, a nude image or video of themselves that might have been shared online. The webpage also includes links to services and information offering emotional and safeguarding support.

Childline | Report Remove: Remove a nude image shared online



Nude image of you online? We can help take it down. On Friday **15th October** at 10am - 12, **Herts Mind Network** will be delivering their first **Spot the Signs – Youth Suicide Prevention Training for Parents, Carers and Family Members**.

The aim of this training is to help parents, carers and family members to recognise when their young people are experiencing suicidal thoughts and provide next steps support, along with practical advice, information and signposting.

If you are a parent, carer or family member over 18 and living or working in Hertfordshire, please visit the following links for more information and to sign-up for your FREE space:

https://www.hertsmindnetworkcyp.org/training-workshops/spot-the-signsemotionalwellbeing/spot-the-signs-youth-suicide-prevention-parents-carers-familymembers/

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spot-the-signs-youth-suicide-prevention-course-for-parentsfamilies-tickets-173551135117







#### YOUTH

#### Tuesday 26th October

Light Art project and pizza lunch | Phoenix - 1pm - 4.30pm - FREE

#### Wednesday 27th October

Introduction to British Sign Language followed by teaching BSL to the community. (If you are a BSL user, please come along and help to teach) | Phoenix | 1.30pm - 4pm | FREE

Fire station visit and advice about home safety | Stevenage - 10.30am - FREE

#### Thursday 28th October

Ninja Warrior Experience | Watford - 1.30pm - 3.30pm - £7

#### **PHOENIX PLUS**

#### Monday 25th October

Cooking | Phoenix Centre - 1.30pm - 4pm - FREE

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Fire station visit and advice about home safety | Stevenage - 10.30am - FREE

#### Thursday 28th October

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#### **FULL DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE**

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#### AUTUMN TERM 2021 WORKSHOPS /COURSES

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Anger and Conflict Workshop	Thursday 16th September	10:00 - 11:30
ADHD Parenting Course (4 wks)	Tuesday 21st September	19:00 - 21:00
Sleep Tight Course (5 wks)	Wednesday 22nd September	09.30 - 11.30
Understanding Autism Workshop	Monday 27th September	19:00 - 21:00
Navigating the SEND World Course - Beginning the Journey (3 wks)	Friday 1st October	09:30 - 11.30
Executive Functioning Workshop	Tuesday 5th October	18:00 - 19.30
Understanding ADHD Workshop	Thursday 7th October	11:00 - 12:00
DLA Application Workshop	Friday 8th October	12:30 - 14:30
Raising Self Esteem Workshop	Monday 11th October	10:00 - 11:30
Navigating the SEND World Workshop - Beginning the Journey	Wednesday 13th October	19:00 - 21:00
Emotional Regulation Workshop	Monday 18th October	18:00 - 19:30
Autistic Girls Workshop	Thursday 21st October	19:00 - 20:30
Understanding Autism Workshop	Monday 8th November	10:00 - 11:00
EHCP Annual Review Workshop	Monday 15th November	19:00 - 20:00
Navigating the SEND World Workshop (Beginning the Journey)	Tuesday 16th November	10:00 - 12:00
Understanding ADHD Workshop	Thursday 18th November	19:00 - 20:00
Autistic Girls Workshop	Tuesday 23rd November	10:00 - 11.30
Puberty Workshop	Wednesday 24th November	10:00 - 12:00
Anxiety Workshop	Thursday 2nd December	19:00 - 20:00
EHCP New Application Workshop	Tuesday 7th December	19:00 - 21:00
Navigating the SEND World Workshop	Wednesday 8th December	19:00 - 21:00
Understanding Autism and ADHD Workshop	Friday 10th December	10:00 - 12:00



All workshops and courses can be booked via Eventbrite and will be posted on our social media in due course For further information then please email: training@spaceherts.org.uk or check Eventbrite & our FB pages

All workshops and courses are subject to change, correct at







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# Free Autumn Short courses\*











Job Search in the Modern World

2-week course, running at 2 different venues and times;

- Stevenage -Starts Weds 13th Oct, 10am to 12pm
- Online Starts Weds 13th Oct, 6pm to 8pm

Book your place at www.step2skills.org.uk/courses



















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### Gain the grades



# ENGLISH QUALIFICATION course

starts at Bedwell
Community Association
on Tuesday 7th
December
9.15am – 11.45am

Fully funded for Hertfordshire residents aged 19+, with no cost\*

\*Eligibility criteria applies, this will be checked on the day

There is an opportunity for you to come along to take a free face-to-face assessment on Tuesdays, from the 28th September

Please come along between 9.15am and 11.45am

to

Bedwell Community Centre Bedwell Crescent Stevenage Hertfordshire, SG1 1NA

This assessment will check that you are working at a suitable level to then join this course.

Please bring a form of ID with you.

The assessment session is drop-in, with no need to book. Online assessments also available. For more info, please call 01992 556194





















#### October 2021 Zoom Parent Network

Parent Network is open to ANY parent in the UK caring for a child with any Special Education Needs including those awaiting assessment or diagnosis.

If you would like to join us, email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk and we'll send you the Zoom codes

<b>ZOOM</b> with Francine and Lesley	Thursday October 7th 9.30 - 11.30am	Managing anxiety in primary aged children	
<b>ZOOM</b> with Francine and Lesley	Monday October 11th 7-9pm	Supporting Siblings	
Early Years <b>ZOOM</b> with Tracey and Georgie	Wednesday October 13th 9.30-11.30am	School issues & successful meetings with Helena Marks-Dwyer, independent SEND consultant	
<b>ZOOM</b> with Siobhann and Sharon	Thursday October 14th 7-9pm	Preparing EHCP assessment application	
<b>ZOOM</b> with Siobhann	Monday October 18th 10am - 12pm	Choosing the right school for your child with Helena Marks-Dwyer, independent SEND consultant	
Teens 15+ <b>ZOOM</b> with Finola and Karen	Tuesday October 19th 7-9pm	Building a community of shared experiences	
<b>ZOOM</b> with Vicky and Sharon	Wednesday October 20th 9.30-11.30am	Let's pop the kettle on - SEND chat, giggles and a cuppa	

Parents who have attended previous sessions will receive a text invitation to join the virtual meetings





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#### October half term 2021 at Brighter Days Kids Club Based at Roebuck Academy-open from 7.45 until 18.00 \*Activities are subject to change\* Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Walk to the woods -Pinecone bird feeders Lava lamps and Musical theatre Spider crafts volcanoes workshop Den building Pumpkin biscuit decorating Football tournaments and penalty shootout Tag rugby Monster races Kite making PM Brighter Days has Animal visit Team obstacle course Make your own monster talent Design a pumpkin Kick rounders Skeleton scavenger hunt Dinner Shepherd's Pie Macaroni cheese Chicken curry Pizza and chips Tomato pasta Our fun filled holiday club also includes Book corner Science Face painting Arts and craft Dancing **Board games** Cooking Small world play Multi sports Drawing Group games Roleplay Potion making Lego challenges Construction Outdoor play Loom bands Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at: Enquiries@brighterdayskidsclub.co.uk

#### HPCI Autumn Term Webinars are free and open to book now!

SEN Support in Mainstream Schools – for families whose child may have a special educational need but does not have an EHCP.

Wednesday 8 September (10:00 - 11:00) or Thursday 9 September (19:30 - 20:30)

EHC Needs Assessments part 1 – What is an Education, Health and Care Needs
Assessment? Does my child need one and how do I request one?
Wednesday 15 September (10:00 – 11:00) or Thursday 16 September (19:30 – 20:30)

SEND Strategy – for parents and carers who are not able to attend one of the SEND Strategy Community events and would like to hear from Herts County Council about their proposals for a new SEND Strategy.

Friday 17 September (10:00 - 11:00) or Wednesday 29 September (19:30 - 20:30)

Understanding the Local Offer – this session will help you understand what the Local Offer is and how to navigate the website.

Friday 24 September (10:00 - 11:00)

Choosing a secondary school Wednesday 6 October (10:00 – 11:00)

Choosing a primary school
Wednesday 13 October (19:30 – 20:30)

EHC Needs Assessments part 2 – weeks 6-12 of the 20-week process Wednesday 20 October (10:00 – 11:00) or Thursday 21 October (19:30 – 20:30)

Tribunals part 1 – How to lodge your appeal
Tuesday 2 November (10:00 – 11:00) or Wednesday 3 November (19:30 – 20:30)

Making Meetings Matter Thursday 11 November (10:00 – 11:00)

#### **EHCP Annual Reviews**

Tuesday 16 November (10:00 – 11:00) or Wednesday 17 November (19:30 – 20:30)

Tribunals part 2 – After you have lodged your appeal

Tuesday 30 November (10:00 – 11:00) or Wednesday 1 December (19:30 – 20:30)

EHC Needs Assessments part 3 - Assessment Feedback / EHCP Planning meeting and beyond

Tuesday 7 December (10:00 - 11:00) or Wednesday 8 December (19:30 - 20:30)

For full details about each webinar, please visit www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk/webinars





#### **HERTFORDSHIRE ADHD HERO AWARDS**

October is National ADHD Awareness Month. That's a whole month devoted to sharing reliable information about ADHD! It's also a chance to recognise the good practice that is already happening to ensure people with ADHD can thrive, so that we may all benefit from their incredible strengths and talents.

The **Hertfordshire ADHD Hero Awards** have been created by a group of local charities which support families living with ADHD in Hertfordshire. The initiative is designed to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals, teams and organisations who have shown dedication and commitment to understanding ADHD.

If you would like to present an ADHD Hero Award to a teacher, healthcare worker, mentor or anyone else who has made a real difference to you or your family, please complete the online form <a href="https://forms.gle/wuWDztMAtg9SkFD16">https://forms.gle/wuWDztMAtg9SkFD16</a> and describe the impact they have made. We will send you a certificate to present to your hero personally.

If you have permission to take a photo of your hero with their certificate, then please do share on social media so that we can give our Hertfordshire ADHD Heroes the recognition they deserve!

For more information about ADHD: <a href="https://www.adhdawarenessmonth.org/">https://www.adhdawarenessmonth.org/</a>
For more information about support in Hertfordshire: <a href="https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/the-hertfordshire-local-offer.aspx">https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer.aspx</a>













Use the link below to get to the 'Family Lives' website, where you can find support about eating disorders. The site offers advice and support for many other areas, too.

https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/teenagers/health -wellbeing/eating-disorders-help/





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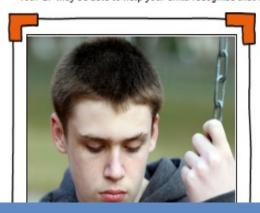
#### **Eating disorders**

Estimated read: 10 minutes

Food is often the focus of family celebrations, and regular shared mealtimes are a well-known way to keep the family connected, so when a young person has an eating disorder, it can be difficult for the whole family.

#### Key points:

- Try not to blame yourself for your child's disorder. Accept that you may never know what triggered it. Simply
  accept that your child has an illness and focus on recovery
- Find out as much as you can about eating disorders. This will help you to understand your child's behaviour, feelings and mood swings
- Make an appointment with your GP even if your child refuses to attend with you or admit there is a problem.
   Your GP may be able to help your child recognise that they need help



#### Understanding eating disorders

An eating disorder is a form of mental illness, not a fad or a diet gone wrong. With all eating disorders, food is used in some way to control or block out difficult thoughts and feelings. There is rarely one specific cause or trigger. Each case is unique and could be the result of different pressures such as bullying, family issues, worries at school, body image issues, friendship worries, and relationship difficulties.

#### Types of eating disorders

# Teenagers Body image Teenage depression Self harm Eating disorders Peer pressure Teenagers and sleep Teens mental health during the pandemic Teens and exercise Runaway teens

#### Cyberbullying

#### What is Cyberbullying and online Harassment?

- Cyberbullying is any form of bullying which takes place online.
- This can be done over smartphones, tablets, online gaming, chat rooms, social media and more.
- Online harassment is the act of sending offensive, rude and insulting messages and being abusive.
- If someone purposefully keeps sending you offensive messages that make you feel scared, it could be illegal.



- Bullying someone whether online or offline is wrong.
- It can badly affect their mental health.
- Harassing someone and/or sending malicious or threatening messages to someone repeatedly is ILLEGAL.
- If you are found to be cyberbullying someone, there could be criminal consequences.

#### How to cope with the effects of Cyberbullying

- You must not blame yourself. Noone deserves to treated cruely by anyone.
- It can make you feel very upset, alone and like noone will understand or help you.
- REMEMBER you are not alone and there are lots of people who can help you. Make sure you tell someone and do not try to deal with this on your own.
- For confidential help and advice: NSPCC <u>nspcc.org.uk</u> or Bullying UK bullying.co.uk



#### What to do if you are being cyberbullied

If someone is bullying you, here is what you can do to put a stop to it....get **SMART**.

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My privacy settings.

Avoid talking to them any further.

Report the incident on whatever site you are using.

Talk to someone (parent, carer, teacher, friend or the police if necessary).

#### When to tell the Police

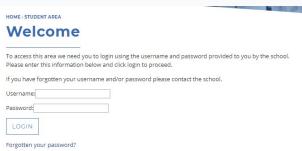
- If you are ever threatened with physical harm, being repeatedly harassed, being sent malicious messages.
- If it's not an immediate emergency, phone 101 or use our online webchat service.
- If it is an immediate emergency phone 999.

www.safe4me. co.uk/portfolio/ cvber-bullving/

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Visit the Student Area on our website www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk! You can find lots of activities in the "All Sorts of Things..." tab. Daily Home Learning Plan can be found in your class area for pupils who are not attending school. You will also find weekly homework plans uploaded there.





Log on to find out more!

Then explore your class area and look at 'Ideas Shared by and for Parents'.

Maybe send your feedback?

