



# Learning@Lonsdale

# NEWSLETTER

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Whole School News

Last week, we had a special assembly celebrating harvest. Pupils, parents and staff brought in donations to pass on to a local church to help people in need. We would like to say a big thank you to all the Lonsdale

Community for their generous donations for the Primary Harvest Festival. They were gratefully received by St Hugh and St John Church and will be passed on to St George and St Andrew Food Porch.

In other news, we are looking forward to a whole-school RSE Day next week, where we will celebrate and learn about identity and relationships.

The School Council have also met, and pupils have decided that they would like to have a Halloween Disco when we return to school after the half-term holidays.



## Information & Dates for your Diary

23-27 October 2023—Half-Term Holidays

31st October 2023 – Halloween Disco

7th December 2023 – Christmas Carol Concert 7pm

20th December 2023 – end of term, pupils go home at 1.30pm

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.

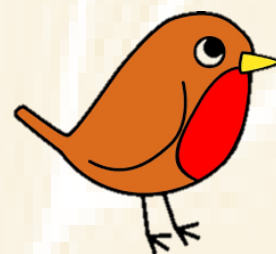


# PRIMARY

## News

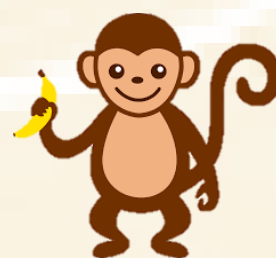


This week Robin Class have been learning about their sense of smell, they have enjoyed joining in with silly smelly songs and made smelly paint. In English they have been playing parachute games to support their listening and vocabulary skills. They have also been using water play to explore 'Five little ducks' and 'Row-row your boat'. In Maths they have been playing skittles and exploring the marks we can make on a tally chart to see who has won the game. In Music the children have been continuing to explore different instruments.



ROBIN CLASS

This week in Monkey Class pupils continued to work well in PE, linking balancing and shapes with a peer. They have listened to the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk', discussing characters, objects and settings. They then used this knowledge to create their own story. In Maths, the children have sorted socks into pairs and started counting in 2s. They have also worked on 2 and 3 D shapes. In Science they discussed the importance of exercise, looking at different sports. They used this in PSHCE to look at teamwork, also in History, learning about 'Black sporting history' as part of Black History Month.



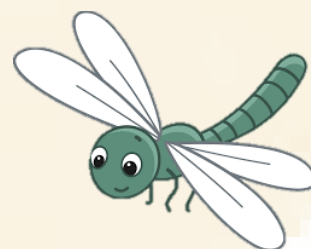
MONKEY CLASS

Alpaca Class have been enjoying looking at and describing signs of autumn. They have created a bank of ideas ready for some creative writing next week. In Maths the children practised their doubles, and in Science, they were learning about keeping clean. In PE the children worked hard on finding ways to move around the equipment and along benches. In PSHCE they looked at what being a good friend means and identified ways they can be a good friend.



ALPACA CLASS

Dragonfly Class had a wonderful time celebrating harvest at our assembly – thank you for all your donations! We continued our work on habitats this week, and pupils are showing a keen interest in the topic, particularly in relation to climate change. In English we continued our work on non-chronological reports, creating sentences about our chosen mini beasts and choosing pictures to label. The class enjoyed a fantastic PE lesson with Mr Perrett and got quite competitive in their games, and they also enjoyed joining with Alpaca Class for some cross-curricular learning.



DRAGONFLY CLASS

In Literacy we started to write our poems 'I like...' with rhyming words. In Numeracy we developed our understanding of division and length. In Science we learnt what exercise does to our body and how it affects us. In Creative we finished making our Hindu art. In PE we enjoyed moving our body in ballroom dance moves, especially the Cha Cha and really enjoyed working with Wombats and Sea Turtles in TaskMaster to make a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows.



FALCON CLASS







# SECONDARY

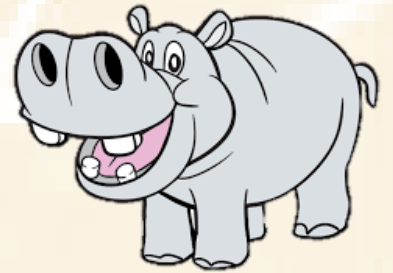
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Our English story is getting exciting as Michael has now met Kensuke, the other human resident on the island. The pupils are showing good recall of the story so far and have worked on feelings experienced by the main characters. In Geography they have been learning about another European country, France, including traditional French food items. In Science they learnt how a mirror works and had fun reflecting a torch into the mirror to illuminate objects on the floor.



WOMBAT CLASS

It has been another busy week in Hippos! In Geography we looked at how the environment may look in 2050 using different facts about the environment now. In History we talked about Anglo-Saxon Gods, their beliefs and superstitions, we learnt about some very strange superstitions and decided on what kind of Gods we would be. In PSHE we talked about Black History Month, we watched the Big Live Assembly and talked about Nicola Adams and how she got into boxing and problems she had to overcome in order to become a successful boxer.



HIPPO CLASS

In English, we finished our fortune cookies, which included our 'Precepts' that we learnt about the week before. We also continued to read 'Wonder'. In Science, the class continued to learn about colour and prisms. In Computing, we looked at cyberbullying, comparing it to face to face bullying. In History, we learnt about Black History Month, discussing why it is celebrated, and then students researched an influential Black person in society, for example Rosa Parks. In Geography, we did a map symbol scavenger hunt, and in History, we continued to do some work on Anglo-Saxon villages. In PE, we played some Curling.



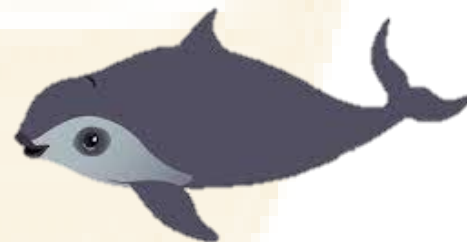
SEA TURTLE CLASS

This week we have been continuing with sequencing. We sequenced the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We also sequenced different things like how to make a jam sandwich, a cheese sandwich, how to get ready for a rainy day and how to make a snowman. We have continued reading our story 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We acted out a scene from the story. We also created a storm-at-sea picture, using paint, sand and tissue paper. It was lots of fun. We matched shadows to the correct object and completed a quiz. Then we did a Science experiment using puppets and torches.



GORILLA CLASS

Another busy week has flown by. This week's highlights include an amazing lesson in Music (see some photos for the kids in action). In Food Tech' pupils made chocolate-chip cookies - they were popular enough for some parents to request the recipe - well done, guys (but where is my share?!). In English, pupils are getting the sense that something dark is going to happen in 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. In Science, we have had fun matching the skeletal systems to the corresponding bones and a lot of requests for 'Dem Bones' - will sort that out in the coming week.



VAQUITA CLASS

# UPPER SCHOOL

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Wow, what a busy week we have had! It's been exciting to see all the learning progress the students are making. In English we worked on our own sinister stories with strange events happening. The creative imagination is utterly inspiring and in time for Halloween! In K&U, we created our own version of what a god should be, what powers and traits he should have. In Science we have looked at how colour filters change the way we see things and why.

Panda Class continued their diverse studies. Every pupil follows their individual learning pathway, and some pupils access Marriotts for a part of their timetable. It is great to see that pupils are getting ready and going to their sessions independently. Some of them are also helping younger pupils at lunchtimes.

This week in Lynx, the class spent time learning about the digestive system and which organs are involved. In Maths, the classes focussed on rounding and different methods of addition. In English they continued to work on their functional skills work, and in PSHCE the class discussed elements of healthy and unhealthy lifestyles.

This week, the Film Club at lunchtime was so popular that we had to move the group to a larger room. A couple of pupils have started up a Music-Dance Club, and some more pupils are planning their own clubs to run for and with friends. A lot of the pupils still enjoy going outside at lunchtimes, although the weather is starting to change. The huge Connect-Four game is a very popular indoor option in secondary at lunchtimes.

Our Governors are starting to plan their school visits, and the new Governors are starting to settle in. We will introduce them to you here in the newsletter next half term.



TASMANIAN DEVIL  
CLASS



PANDA CLASS



LYNX CLASS



LUNCHTIME NEWS



GOVERNORS NEWS





# FORM FOCUS

## ELEPHANT CLASS



We have had another busy week in Elephant Class. In English, we have continued reading CVC, CVCC and CCVC words, looking at different short stories. In Maths we have thought about greater than, fewer than and equals, as well as ordering numbers. In Science we continued learning about light, exploring silhouettes, and we made our own animal silhouette. In Geography, we looked at different European landmarks, like Buckingham Palace, the Eiffel Tower, the Colosseum and the Matterhorn. We also had fun taking summery photos for the calendar. In our PSHCE sessions we are currently exploring 'Me and my Health' looking at what is part of a healthy lifestyle and what is unhealthy.

## Elephant Class in focus







# BRILLIANT BITS







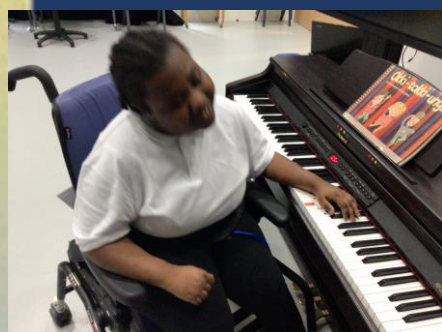
# Open Orchestra Update

# OPEN ORCHESTRAS

This week in Open Orchestra, the pupils met Matthew from Herts Music Service who will be supporting us along with Tim, who we met last week.

Our theme this week was the rain. The pupils explored different instruments and sounds to create different sorts of rain, including thunder, sunshine and a rainbow after the storm!

Next week, we will begin the journey of the river.





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## Second Hand Uniform

Lonsdale School are keen to promote sustainability. If you have any good quality, preloved uniform you no longer need, you can drop it off at the school office in a bag clearly marked 'Second-Hand Uniform Donation'.  
Thank you!

**Young People's Healthy hub**  
Stevenage

4:30-5:30PM EVERY TUESDAY

**SHEPALL CENTRE**  
SG2 9XR

# Creative Arts CLUB

- ✓ Messy activities
- ✓ Dream catcher making
- ✓ Stone painting
- ✓ Clay modelling

Sept 19th - Dec 12th  
FREE for all →  
11 year olds and under

North Hertfordshire College and Stevenage Borough Council joint project

# STEVENAGE CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

MEET MRS CLAUSE AND RECEIVE A FREE GIFT\*

Saturday 25 November 2023  
12pm - 5:30pm

**FREE PARKING**  
ALL DAY AT ST GEORGE'S MULTI-STORY

- LIGHTS
- LIVE MUSIC
- STALLS
- SENSORY STATION
- FREE FACE PAINTING
- SNOW GLOBE
- FAIR RIDES
- MOBILE BAR
- CHRISTMAS MARKET

**GUEST APPEARANCE: JUNIOR ANDRE**

Meet & Greet Junior Andre  
4pm - 4:30pm  
Performance: 5:10pm - 5:25pm

Event Island Stevenage

Stevenage Town Centre



# MORE INFO



## Under 5s@Stevenage Museum

Stories, games, and arts and crafts fun!

1:30pm – 2:30pm on Thursdays, and 11am – 12noon on Saturdays

September  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

October  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

November  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

December  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

For children under 5 and  
their parents and carers.  
£2.50 (£1 concessions) –  
Adults go free!

Book online at:  
<https://stevenage-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



## Family Saturdays @ Stevenage Museum 2-3pm

Come along to our free sessions to create and learn!  
No need to book, just turn up

FREE



September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Exploring Space



October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Skeletons and Bones



11<sup>th</sup> November  
Terrible Tudors



2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Birds and Birdfeeders

# REPAIR

BIN IT? NO WAY!

# CAFE

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH  
a cd player that no longer opens?  
a toaster that no longer works?  
a sweater with moth holes?

REPAIR CAFE IS  
repairing broken items together, professional advice,  
encounters and inspiration

COSTS?  
A voluntary contribution

WHERE?  
Location: Stevenage Repair Cafe  
Address: Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, SG1 1NA  
Place: Bedwell Community Centre

WHEN?  
Date: First Saturday of each month  
From: 2pm to 5pm hrs

CLOTHES • FURNITURE • ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES • TOYS • BICYCLES • ETCETERA  
[repaircafe.org/en](http://repaircafe.org/en)

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## Could you welcome a foster child into your family?

We need foster carers for children  
and young people in Hertfordshire.

Can you offer a nurturing, safe and stable home?  
Hertfordshire County Council provide an allowance,  
training and unrivalled 24/7 support, every step of the way.

For further information on  
**Fostering** call us on **0800 917 0925**

**FOSTERWITHUS**

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering)

[@hertfordshirefostering](https://www.facebook.com/hertfordshirefostering) [@HCCFosterAdopt](https://www.twitter.com/HCCFosterAdopt)

In partnership with



**Stonewall**



**Hertfordshire**

**Physical and  
neurological impairment  
advice line**

**01442 453 920**

**Mondays 1.30pm - 4pm  
(term time only)**



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and families



## SEND DROP IN

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in every month – 10.00 – 11.30am

Bedwell Family Centre, Unit 2-3 Bedwell Park, Stevenage, SG1 1NB

FREE bookable session

### SESSION DETAILS

Are you a Parent of a Child with Special Needs?

If so you will be very welcome to attend our SEND Drop In. You will have an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have, find out information about local support groups, meet other families. Your child does not need to have had a formal diagnosis

We can provide a friendly ear and a safe space to talk.

Children are welcome to attend with you or you can attend on your own Children are welcome, no diagnosis needed.

### HOW TO BOOK

Log onto our Eventbrite page  
to book your place  
<https://barnardos-stevenage.eventbrite.co.uk>

### MORE INFORMATION

[hertsfamilycentres.org](https://hertsfamilycentres.org) Call us  
on: 0300 123 7572



Hertfordshire  
Family Centre  
Service

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## About Carers in Hertfordshire

We are a leading charity that supports unpaid carers throughout Hertfordshire.

We are partly funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS in Hertfordshire. In partnership with them and other local organisations we provide services to carers to help them with their caring role, improve their health and wellbeing, give them a break from caring and have a voice in shaping services for them.

We support carers of all ages, including children, and our services are free of charge.

### Carers in Hertfordshire

**The Red House, 119 Fore Street, Hertford, Herts, SG14 1AX**

**Tel: 01992 58 69 69**

**Email: [contact@carersinherts.org.uk](mailto:contact@carersinherts.org.uk)**

**[www.carersinherts.org.uk](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk)**

## Our support for parents and carers.

We have Involvement and Development Workers supporting carers of someone with a mental health condition or who misuses drugs or alcohol, who can provide information relevant to your caring role and can help you to speak up to those providing or planning local services.

We also:

- Give you a chance to meet and talk to other parents, carers and staff who understand;
- Give you the opportunity to represent your views to the authorities that commission and manage CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) in Hertfordshire;
- Provide training and learning opportunities;
- Offer a Carers' Passport Discount Card that gives savings in shops, restaurants and other venues (contact us to apply for one today!)





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**ISL** Integrated  
Services for  
Learning

*working together locally*

## SEND Advice for Parents/Carers

*Helpful SEND advice lines  
for Parents and Carers*

Advice line	Times available [from Sept 2020]
<b><i>Educational Psychology Contact line</i></b>  <b>01992 588574</b>	<b>Weds</b> 2pm – 4:30pm
<b><i>SEND Specialist Advice and Support Service*</i></b>  <b>01442 453920</b> - term time only	<b><i>Specific Learning Difficulties:</i></b> <b>Mon &amp; Thurs</b> 09:30am – 12pm
	<b><i>Speech Language, Communication &amp; Autism needs:</i></b> <b>Tues &amp; Weds</b> 1:30pm – 4pm
	<b><i>Early Years:</i></b> <b>Weds</b> 9am – 12pm <b>Thurs</b> 1:30pm – 4pm
	<b><i>Physical and Neurological Impairment:</i></b> <b>Mon</b> 1:30pm – 4pm
<b><i>West team Attendance Duty*</i></b>  <b>01442 454778</b>	<b>Mon - Fri</b> 09:30 am – 4pm
<b><i>East team Attendance Duty*</i></b>  <b>01992 555261</b>	<b>Mon - Fri</b> 09:30 am – 4pm

\* also available to schools, settings and professionals



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## 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.



### Cyberbullying is NOT ACCEPTABLE

- 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.

### 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**.

**S**creenshot any nasty messages.

**M**y privacy settings.

**A**void talking to them any further.

**R**eport the incident on whatever site you are using.

**T**alk to someone (parent, carer, teacher, friend or the police if necessary).

### How to cope with the effects of Cyberbullying

- You must not blame yourself. No one deserves to be treated cruelly by anyone.
- It can make you feel very upset, alone and like no one 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 [nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk) or Bullying UK [bullying.co.uk](http://bullying.co.uk)

### 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/cyber-bullying/](http://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/cyber-bullying/)

**safe4me**





# WEBSITE

## INFORMATION

Visit the Student Area on our website

**www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk**

You can find lots of activities in the 'All Sorts of Things' section.

Daily Home Learning Plan can be found in your class area for pupils who are not attending school.

*Student Area is here!*



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Login to find out more!



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



Maybe send your feedback?



HOME - STUDENT AREA

### Welcome

To access this area we need you to login using the username and password provided to you by the school. Please enter this information below and click login to proceed.

If you have forgotten your username and/or password please contact the school.

Username:

Password:

**LOGIN**

[Forgotten your password?](#)

HOME - STUDENT AREA - IDEAS SHARED BY AND FOR PARENTS

### Ideas Shared by and for Parents

This page is full of ideas which have been sent to us by parents. Thank you, all!

Keep your ideas and thoughts coming; we will update this page regularly...

To get in touch, please email your child's form tutor or use the 'Home Learning Questions' tab.

Have you seen those?

#### Free Daily Resources For Children



**PE with Joe Wicks On YouTube**  
Week days at 9am but you can visit any time on youtube to view the workout.



**Wildlife With with Steve Backshall On Facebook**  
Every day at 9:30am for answering all your wildlife, biology, conservation, geography and exploration quest-ions.



**Science with Maddy Moate on YouTube**  
Weekdays 11am. Maddy & Greg chat about science and nature!



**Dance with Oli Mabuse On Facebook**  
Every day at 11:30am but children can view the class at any time.



**Maths With Carol Vorderman**  
Free access to the for maths website: [www.themathsdoctor.com](http://www.themathsdoctor.com)



**Music with Mylene Klass on YouTube**  
Twice a week. Next one Friday 27 March 10am, but can view any time.



**Storytime With David Williams**  
Free story everyday at 11am on his website: [www.worldofdavidwilliams.com](http://www.worldofdavidwilliams.com)

ALL SORTS OF THINGS...

BUMBLEBEES

DOLPHINS

ELEPHANTS

GORILLAS

HIPPOS

KOALAS

LYNX

OWLS

PANDAS

SEA TURTLES

TASMANIAN DEVILS

VAQUITAS

WOMBATS

JOIN THE SPRING WATCH!