



Learning@Lonsdale

NEWSLETTER

Monday 6th November 2023

Whole School News

The first week after half term had a spooky feel, when on Tuesday ghosts and witches roamed the school to come together in the afternoon for a Halloween Disco, which most pupils really enjoyed.

Our Primary Department have started to prepare for their Christmas play, and plans are underway to plan a Christmas Fair Day for the pupils at school on the 7th December, followed by a Carol Concert in the evening. More information will be sent home in due course.

On Friday, there was a special assembly led by Chandra Green, our Chair of Governors. Chandra shared the news that Mrs Thiele had been appointed to take the role of Headteacher from January 2024. A letter was sent out to all parents and staff.

On Friday afternoon, we welcomed parents to the school for face-to-face parent consultations with form tutors. Parents also had the opportunity to speak with college representatives, who were in attendance, too.

Poppies are still on sale at school, and donations will go to the British Legion.



Information & Dates for your Diary

7th December 2023 – In-school Christmas Fair for all pupils and Christmas Carol Concert for families and friends in the evening (more info to follow)

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.



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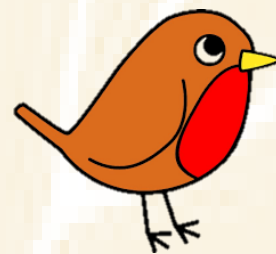


PRIMARY

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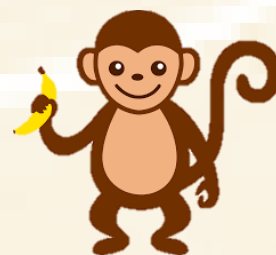


Robin Class all returned from half term happy and refreshed! They have enjoyed learning about Halloween through all their lessons this week. At the beginning of the week, we talked about how people celebrate Halloween, and we enjoyed searching for pictures in coloured sand using our hands and paintbrushes. In Maths we have been giving our numbered spiders legs, and we have been investigating size using our different-sized pumpkins. In Creative we sang 'Incy Wincy Spider' and '5 little pumpkins' and created our very own googly-eyed spiders and pumpkins.



ROBIN CLASS

It was lovely to see the Monkey Class back after half term, refreshed and ready to learn, working well with reading and ordering numbers. They have explored fireworks, listening to and making their own poem. They have started the new topic on 'Light' in Science, exploring sources of light and knowledge of dark in the sensory room. They have explored emotions well, both in PE linked to dance and in PSHE. They have started to learn about landmarks, exploring through play, London landmarks. In RE they have started the topic on 'Belonging'.



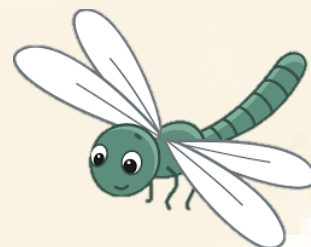
MONKEY CLASS

Alpaca Class have had a busy week this week. They enjoyed starting a new topic in Science on light. They had fun experimenting with torches and searching the school for different light sources. The class loved singing spooky songs in music. Alpacas had lots fun at the Halloween disco. In English we learnt about fiction and non-fiction and had to sort books into the right category. In PSHE we learnt about different jobs people do and how they help us.



ALPACA CLASS

Dragonfly Class had a fantastic first week back, getting started on our new topics for the half term. In Science we will be exploring 'light' and pupils shared some wonderful ideas around what they would like to learn. We had some lovely discussions about symbolism in RE after reading the story of Rama & Sita, and the pupils wrote some beautiful poems about Bonfire Night in English. In PE we teamed up with Alpaca Class for some big games, and it was lovely to see pupils' sportsmanship in cheering each other on.



DRAGONFLY CLASS

In Literacy we started to look at the difference between letters and postcards. In Numeracy we played higher or lower game to develop our understanding of greater than and less than numbers. In Science we started our new topic 'Light and Sound' and described what the parts of the ear do. In History we enjoyed acting out the timeline of our new topic - Anglo Saxons. We looked at the reasons as to why we celebrate Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night, acting out the story. In TaskMaster, we enjoyed working with Wombats and Sea Turtles to make a firework picture.



FALCON CLASS





SECONDARY

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The class had a fun start to the week learning about Halloween & choosing themed suncatchers to make. They enjoyed their first yoga session on Tuesday afternoon. In Creative they used shaving foam and paint to make some amazing pictures. All thoroughly enjoyed this activity. In Science we started our new topic, the skeletal system, and we identified internal & external parts of the body, and the main roles of the major organs. We also started our new Maths topic, measure, and we ordered objects by size.

In English we have been taking our Speaking and Listening assessments. Mrs North is very proud of our progress in our learning. In Computing we have been learning about the internet, history of networking and the protocols involved using networks and the internet. We have recapped our learning in how to send an email, the fictions of an email, a publishing design program (Canva) and PowerPoint.

We started the week last week by doing our 'half-term news' - it was lovely to hear how much fun everyone had. In Science, the class started their new topic about the body learning about the heart. In Maths, they learnt about bigger than, smaller than and equal numbers. In RE, we learnt about Diwali- the Hindu Festival of Light. We planned an assembly we are doing soon by deciding what we should say, and we made some Rangoli patterns to show. The Halloween disco was brilliant – we had some very scary characters in class! In Geography, we started to learn about the seven continents of the world.

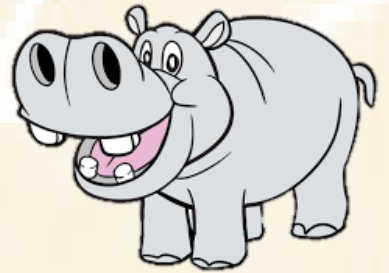
We started our week by discussing all about our half term news and the excitement of the Halloween Disco, which was a scream!

We gave the reception area a Remembrance-Day makeover, we have had lots of poppies and family history put up to reflect this. We also looked at 'What life is like in Whitby' and looked closer into the heart and the circulatory system in our bodies and their jobs.

This week, pupils have returned from half term refreshed and ready to learn! We had a class assembly on Wednesday all about All Saints Day. The pupils worked together to research about St Valentine, John the Baptist and St Nicholas. They created some resources to be shared with the rest of Secondary/Upper school, and most were happy to present their work to the audience. This was very brave. The school Halloween disco was also a great hit, and the pupils looked amazing in their costumes.



WOMBAT CLASS



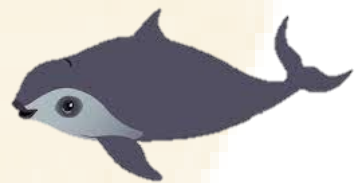
HIPPO CLASS



SEA TURTLE CLASS



TASMANIAN DEVIL CLASS



VAQUITA CLASS

UPPER SCHOOL

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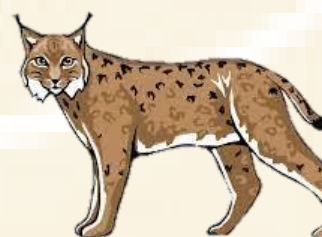


Elephants have enjoyed learning about our new topics this week. We learnt about body parts in Science, Ancient Egyptians in History and parts of a PC in Computing. In English, we have focused on capital letters and their matching lowercase letters, and in Maths, we have thought about number bonds and missing numbers. In our vocational lessons, we have continued with our sensory-music unit and have played percussion instruments in time with music.



ELEPHANT CLASS

Lynx Class were busy in Maths, working on addition and subtraction and solving word problems. They all enjoyed the Halloween Disco on Tuesday. In K&U the pupils learnt about Athens. In Creative they painted vases, and in Science they explored the digestive system.



LYNX CLASS

In English we have been learning about non-fiction reading, we have been learning about genre, audience and purpose. Some of us have taken our Speaking and Listening assessments. In Maths we have been learning about Algebra, and some of us have been completing practice exam papers. We have been creating an assembly on modern slavery. We also have been practising for the inter-schools Boccia tournament, which is happening next week.



PANDA CLASS

We had a lot of rain last week during lunchtimes. That meant that we had to spend some time indoors, where we used the library, attended film club, or some pupils enjoyed the large games, like Connect 4 or sharing stories.

When the weather was better, we ventured outside with our friends to play hide and seek or to go for a walk.



LUNCHTIME NEWS

The Governors are pleased to announce that Mrs Claudia Thiele has been appointed as the new Acting Headteacher of Lonsdale School from the start of the Spring Term. Mrs Thiele will undergo two terms of rigorous on-the-job training and assessment, which will be overseen by the Governing Board. If successfully completed, the appointment will be made permanent from September 2024. On behalf of the entire school community, Governors wish to extend their congratulations to Mrs. Thiele on her appointment. They would also like to express their deep gratitude to Ms. Ottridge for her dedicated efforts over the last 10 years and in ensuring a seamless transition before her departure at Christmas.



GOVERNORS NEWS





FORM FOCUS

GORILLA CLASS

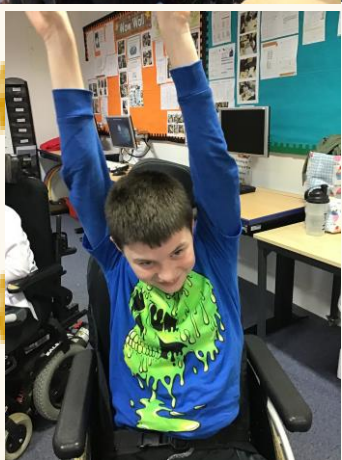
In our Creative session week this week, we made firework pictures using forks, which you can see below. They were displayed in our classroom. We learnt about the history of fireworks night and how to stay safe. In PSHCE we have been learning about different types of relationships, such as family, friends, professionals that help us and others, and we continued to explore how to stay safe and well. We also looked ahead to Remembrance Day, what it means and why poppies are used to remember. In K&U we explored Autumn. We looked at signs of Autumn outside and made pictures of colourful autumn trees.



*Gorilla Class
in focus*

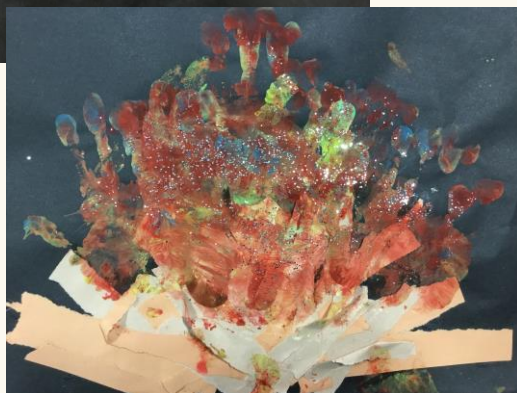
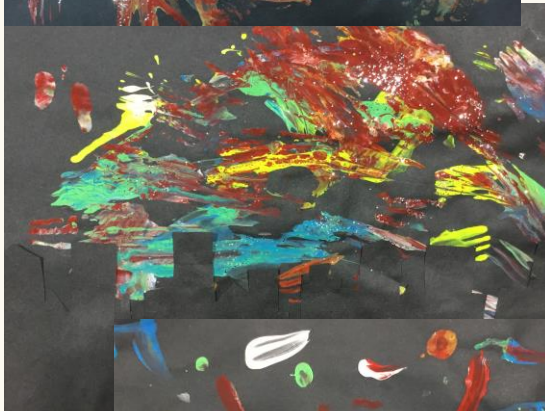
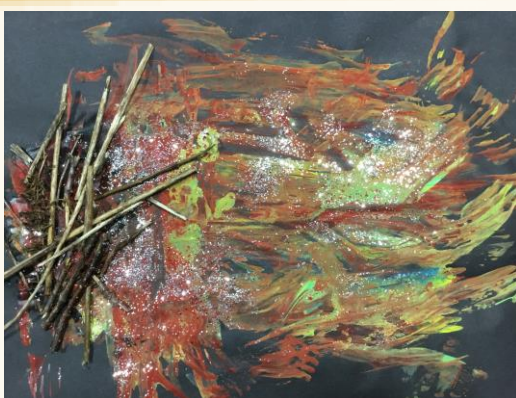


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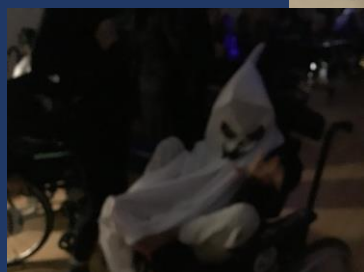


Elephant Class Fireworks



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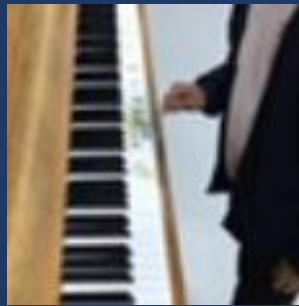
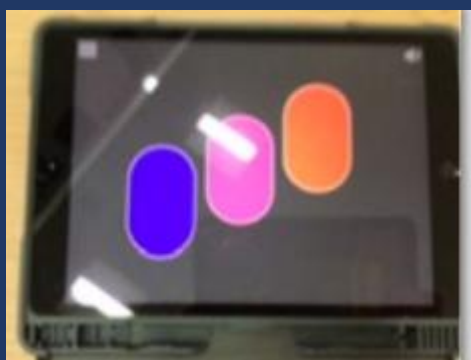
ZOOM

*in for brilliant bits
from this week at
Lonsdale*



OPEN ORCHESTRAS

The pupils played along to a classical piece of music last week. They used the piano, iPad or xylophone to play along and keep up with the beat and tempo. They also worked on speeding up the music or slowing it down.



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Please support the Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service by completing a survey

On behalf of Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, we are asking students to take part in providing their input into the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP).

Their voice can shape the future of the fire service in Hertfordshire by completing a short survey.

Parents/Guardians/Carers – please support your child with giving their views or complete it on their behalf.

Developing and maintaining our Community Risk Management Plan enables Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) to assess all foreseeable fire-and-rescue-related risks, while ensuring we are meeting our legal requirements.

The objective of the CRMP is to ensure the allocation of our resources are utilised in the most efficient manner to mitigate risk and improve community safety.

By participating in this survey, you will support Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service to understand how prepared people who live and work in Hertfordshire are to dealing with emergencies, building a picture of the barriers there are to people joining the fire and rescue service, and learn how it can better engage with the local community.

As future firefighters or users of Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, you play an important part in this decision-making process. By visiting: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/CRMP>, you can participate in this survey and find out more about Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service's Community Risk Management Plan. **The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and the deadline to complete this is 19th November 2023 (11:45pm).**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us on SafeandResilient@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

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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

Lonsdale School Poppy Sale

When: 30th October -
10th November

Time: 1:30-1:50pm

Where: Library

All poppies will be sold for a
donation in aid of the British Legion



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Under 5s@Stevenage Museum

Stories, games, and arts and crafts fun!

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

September
Thursday 7th and Saturday 9th

October
Thursday 5th and Saturday 7th

November
Thursday 9th and Saturday 11th

December
Saturday 2nd and Thursday 7th

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 9th
Exploring Space

October 7th
Skeletons and Bones



11th November
Terrible Tudors



2nd 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

Learning for Life!

Headteacher: Ms Annemari Ottridge M.Ed. NPQH NPQEL

6th November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Lonsdale School will be supporting the Stevenage Foodbank for their Christmas fundraising appeal, Toyshed. The Toyshed provides vulnerable families and children with presents at Christmas time.



The Lonsdale School community have previously donated enough toys and gifts to support 65 families at Christmas time.



If you would like to donate a gift, we will be collecting all donations for children aged 0-18 years via the admin office from Tuesday 7th November to Wednesday 6th December 2023. Of note, all gifts must be brand new and not previously used.

With kind regards,

Leah McGrath

PA to Senior Leadership Team & Office Admin

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www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk



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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-STOREY

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

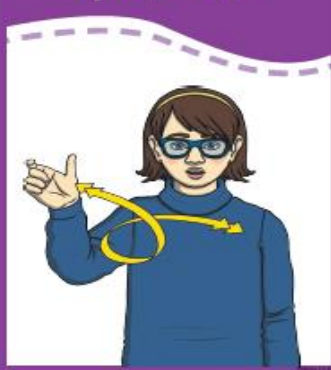


BSL Signs

night



sparklers



watch



fireworks



hot



November



food



bang



5th



bonfire



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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**

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www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering

 @hertfordshirefostering  @HCCFosterAdopt

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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

3rd 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 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

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

Screenshot any nasty messages.

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).

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 or Bullying UK 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/

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



Music with Myleene 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

ALL SORTS OF THINGS...

BUMBLEBEES

DOLPHINS

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GORILLAS

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JOIN THE SPRING WATCH!