

Whole School News

World Book Day on Thursday was undoubtably the highlight of our week last week. It was great to see so many pupils and staff join in. The whole school celebrated books and reading in an assembly, and classes set up cosy and creative reading dens around the school.

T Class were our first class to receive the new weekly attendance award. Congratulations!

This week is Science Week, and all classes are looking forward to showcasing their learning in a wholeschool Science exhibition next week.

Monday 11th March 2024

Information & Dates for **your Diary** 9 10 11 12 13 12

> End of term Thursday 28th March 2024 - Pupils will go home at 1.30pm

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Staff Inset Day Monday 15th April 2024

Pupils return on Tuesday 16th April 2024

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Half-Term Holiday 27th to 31st May 2024

End of Term Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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

Robin Class have continued their season's theme; they have enjoyed exploring 'Serenas seasons' sensory story and this week focussed on summer. They created summer trees as well as making a summer sensory bottle. They have been busy making gifts for the special women in their lives. They had fun on World Book Day sharing books in our reading corner.

Monkey Class started the week being a weather forecasters, naming the weather they saw and observing how the clouds release the rain when they get heavy. In Science, they have worked on material properties.

They enjoyed our reading den, reading a book in the den.

Alpaca Class enjoyed sharing books and audio stories in our class reading corner as part of World Book Day. In Maths, the children have been measuring length using non-standard units. They have been exploring different types of weather in K&U. They have been investigating why towers have a wide base in DT.

Dragonfly Class had a wonderful week! Our highlight, as always, was World Book Day. As part of our celebrations, we had a competition to build the cosiest 'reading den' and spent a lovely afternoon reading on cushions under a parachute! Pupils have continued to impress with their work on story endings in English, and plant structures in English.

In English, we looked at different endings to a story and decided what category it was. In Maths, we developed our knowledge of reading the right scale on jugs. In Science, we looked at products and decided on new materials to make them out of depending on their properties. In History, we looked at what jobs were needed to build the pyramids. We enjoyed practicing putting slings on in Life Skills and planting some seeds with Wombats and Sea Turtles in Forest School.





MONKEY CLASS



ALPACA CLASS



DRAGONFLY CLASS



FALCON CLASS





Wombats started their week with a trip to the church for their Easter Journey. They participated in activities teaching about the key events at Easter and enjoyed the singing. In History, they learned about the prehistoric houses found at Skara Brae and used Lego to represent the small buildings. In school we have enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, building a cosy den in the classroom!

Hippo Class worked hard in History creating a news report and pretending to be archaeologists.

In Science, they continued to discuss ways to reduce food waste. In Art, students explored the work of Henry Moore and made miniature clay sculptures inspired by his art. In Maths, we looked at fractions and we learned about halves, thirds, and quarters. We played Fraction Dominoes matching fractions to the shaded equivalent. That was fun!

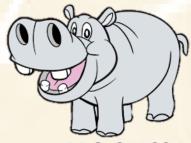
In English, students started to write the instructions to their computer game. In Geography, they looked at the different landuse in Whitby. A visitor came in to talk to the class about managing their emotions. They had some great discussions. In PSCHE, the children looked at the 5 Ways to Well-being. World Book Day was fun – pupils made a great den in the library to help us read for pleasure. The class also did some quizzes and some other activities. In PE, students had a choice of Badminton, Archery and Polybat.

Gorilla Class enjoyed describing the chocolate room in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in English. In Science, we went around the school doing a survey to find out how eco-friendly our transport choices are. On World Book Day we spoke about our favourite books Funny Bones was a clear favourite, and we did quizzes to 'Guess the Book!' Lovely week!

Another whirl wind week has whizzed by (like the alliteration?) Pupils have been practising their money skills by working out 'how rich is Fish?' and then counting coins or working out change from written problems. In English, they looked at how paragraphs are constructed and sorted statements into themed groups. World Book Day was lots of fun. We watched a live lesson, and the pupils enjoyed their reading den.



WOMBAT CLASS



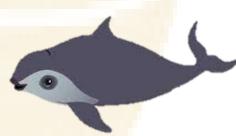
HIPPO CLASS



SEA TURTLE CLASS



GORILLA CLASS



VAQUITA CLASS

UPPER SCHOOL



News

This week in TD Class, we have been learning a lot about our subjects. In Science, we have been delving into the Archean Period and examining which gases were present in the atmosphere and which were missing. In Geography, we looked into how small changes can help reverse climate change and discussed the discoveries we made during the Covid-19 pandemic. In English, we have been proof reading text to decipher mistakes. In World Book Day, we listened to the story 'The world's worst teachers.'

We have enjoyed watching Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in our English lessons and thinking about the characters in the film. In Maths, we have been learning to use a ruler to measure objects. We have thought about materials we will need to make our 3D seasons model in Science. In RE, we made stained glass windows and looked at things found in churches. On World Book Day, we listened to some of our favourite stories.

Lynx Class had a very busy week. In Maths, we looked at fractions and we learned about halves, thirds, and quarters. We played Fraction Dominoes matching fractions to the shaded equivalent. That was fun! In Vocational we deepen our knowledge about the famous Ancient Greeks. We also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, bilding a cosy den in the classroom!

In Computing this week, we have been learning about variables within Scratch (a type of programming software) and how to differentiate between types of loops. This helps to develop problem solving skills. In PSHE, we explored what professionalism is and how to act professionally at work and school. We also explored issues where people have been discriminated against at work due to protected characteristics.

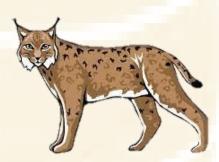
Last Friday, our Governor, Julie, visited to spend some time with pupils during lunch and to see some of our new music recording equipment in use! She had a wonderful time listening to pupils sing, play instruments, and be creative and felt that the new equipment was money well spent! Julie would like to thank all the pupils involved in her visit for a wonderful afternoon.



TASMANIAN DEVIL CLASS



ELEPHANT CLASS



LYNX CLASS



PANDA CLASS



GOVERNORS NEWS



Open Orchestra Update



This week in Open Orchestra, groups 1 and 2 joined together. The children practised playing together responding to stopand-play prompt cards. Next, they practised all the elements they have been working on and began to play taking turns to listen to each other and to play together.









To view our best photos from last week, please click the link below, where you will be taken to the website gallery to see a photo album for each week:

https://www.lonsdale.herts. sch.uk/gallery/?pid=187&gc atid=12

Enjoy!







can engage in different sporting activities.

There are a lot of exciting curriculum opportunities and events coming up.

Take a look!

Spring Term

11th - 15th March - Science Week Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day Wed 20th March - PE Community Roadshow Fri 22nd March - Lonsdale Science Fair

Summer Term

Fri 26th April - Wellbeing day: Planting & Picnic

13th - 16th May - Sports Week

Fri 17th May - Sports Day

Fri 14th June - Save the Children's

'Den Day'

17th - 21st June - Sky Arts Week

Fri 19th July - Primary Prom

Mon 22nd July - Post-16 Leavers Prom

MORE







Time: 11am - 3pm Location: Event Island

11 February: Bubble Machine Peddle Bike, Face painting & more 10 March: Lego Make & Take, Face Painting & more 14 April: Pedal Powered Scalextric, Face Painting & more 12 May: Juke Box Peddle Bike, Face Painting & more

9 June: Activity TBC 14 July: Activity TBC 8 September: Activity TBC 13 October: Activity TBC 10 November: Activity TBC

Follow us for more info and to keep up to date:

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Hertfordshire Music Service Inclusive Choir (Soundabout associate member choir)

An inclusive contemporary style choir in association with the music charity Soundabout.

HIT is a registered charity 1180955 🔓 🌀 💟

For anyone Year 5, 6 and secondary age, with a focus on giving a voice to those with SEN and complex needs.

Sessions are twice a month, online, with an end of term, in-person, get-together at Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts. Starting April 2024 with a free taster session on Friday 15 March 2024 (5.00pm - 6.00pm).

soundabout







Starts Friday 19 April 2024 (March taster session)



5.00pm - 6.00pm



Online with an end of term get-together at Mid Herts Centre for Music and Arts



£35 per term



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TALKING FAMILIES

Supporting Links

Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm online Course: ID 16th April - 21st May 2024

Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm online Course: ID 653

4th June - 9h July 2024

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoo

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 sharing

- Manage challenging behaviour with consistency
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Build your child's self esteem
- Set and maintain boundaries Respond to tantrums and
- difficult feelings in children
- Develop a strong parent/child

relationship.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, o

'Every parent should do this course! It has taught me so much about how to deal with family life.'

Booking essential

Please quote the course ID

eck eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

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TALKING ANXIETY in TEENS





Tuesdays 7.45-9.30pm Online Course: ID 655 4th June - 9th July 2024

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of 12-19 year olds, supporting

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your ilv.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety and be able to avoid escalation.
 - Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behavior strengthen relationships in t s in the family. parent

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

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TALKING ADDITIONA NEEDS

Thursdays 9.45-11.15am co

18th April - 23rd May 2024

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm course: 1D 652

4th June - 9th July 2024 Our online support sessions : Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need from 2-25. Your child does not need a diagnosis to join.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict, anger and arguments. Improve Emotional Regulation
- Explore sensory needs.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child.

Manage the different needs within your



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Thursdays 7.45-9.15pm Online Course: ID 659 18th April - 23rd May 2024

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm Online Course: ID 660

5th June - 10th July 2024

Our online support ses Groups are open to male parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of all ages, sharing information on:

- Developing a healthy dad/child relationship now and for the future.
- Improved listening and nmunication skills.
- · Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- . Being the dad you want to be. parent These of
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I can break out of the cycle and make things different for my child.'

Booking essential

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urses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund H our booking. This will be held securely and only shared

TALKING TEENS



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm online Course: ID 657

17th April - 22nd May 2024

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Wednesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm In Person Course: ID 658 5th June - 10th July 2024 The Reddings Family Centre Harcourt Rd, Bushey WD23 3PE

6. weekly sessions for parents and arers of children aged 12-19, covering:

- The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings Maintaining your relationship with
- Understanding risk taking behaviou around drugs, alcohol and gang

How to negotiate during a conflict

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in scho ol. in Hertfordshire

"Our home is no longer a battlefield. I am less stressed and my teenager speaks to me more. Thank you!"

Booking essential Please quote the course ID

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TALKING ANGER in **FAMILIES**



Wednesdays 9.45-11.30pm Online Course: ID 654 17th April - 22nd May 2024

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 0-12, supporting you to:

- Understand why children, young people and adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger and be able to avoid escalation.
- Reduce conflicts and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour and strengthen relationships in the family.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

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Parent Pathways - Free RNIB Trraining

Parent Pathways is a free and informal series of online sessions for parents and carers whose child has recently been diagnosed with vision impairment. Part of the Living Well with Sight Loss series, it is designed to give parents the space to learn about and discuss some of the important questions that they might have about raising a child who is blind or partially sighted. It is open to parents or carers of children aged from birth to 25 years old. For more information email cypf@rnib.org.uk or call 0303 123 9999. Further information is available on the RNIB website: www.rnib.org.uk/living-with-sight-loss





HPCI 'Autism in Schools' webinar

Following our participation in the 'Autism in Schools' project, we are arranging a webinar for Parent Carers to showcase what has been done so far. We have speakers from HCC, ISL, the Local Offer, as well as voluntary organisations such as ADD-vance, Carers in Herts, Mind Herts, SPACE, Autism Hertfordshire, Herts Disability Sports Foundation, Potential Kids and Families in Focus. The webinar takes place on Wednesday 13th March 2024, 10am-12.30pm. The link for registration is below:

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Kids eat for less or free this summer in Hertfordshire

Asda

Kids (aged 16 and under) eat for £1 at any time of day, seven days a week with no minimum spend.

Beefeater

Up to two kids can receive a free breakfast with one paying adult.

Brewers Fayre

Up to two kids can receive a free breakfast with one paying adult.

Bella Italia

Kids aged 2-11 can eat for £1 at Bella Italia with the purchase of any adult main from 4-6pm Monday-Thursday.

Bill's

Up to two kids can eat free all-day Monday - Friday if one adult orders any main dish.

Café Rouge

Kids eat for £1 with purchase of one adult main course. 22 July – 31 August. Excludes Saturdays.

Dobbies Garden Centre

Families can get one free kids' meal with every adult main meal purchased in the restaurant.

Dunelm Café

Kids eat free when an accompanying adult spends £4. Kids can get a mini main, two snacks and a drink.

Hungry Horse

Kid's breakfast up to £2.49 for free when you buy an adult breakfast. Available every day between 8am and 12 noon, July 22 – September 4.

Morrisons

When you purchase one adult meal over £4.99, kids (16 and under) can get a free meal from the kids's menu. One kids meal per adult.

Tesco

Parents can spend as little as 60p to claim a free kids' meal worth up to £3.25.

YO! Sushi

Kids under 10 can eat for free from 3.30pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday. One child eats free for every £10 spent on food by the accompanying adult(s).



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hertfordshire.gov.uk/littletrips





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Herts house offers adults ages 16+ with learning disabilities and Autism an overnight stay in our lovely service in Bushey, Herts.

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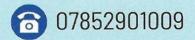
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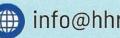
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- Personalised service
- (V) Great staff
- fun Activities
- Great Reputation Just ask!

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Herts House Respite was created by the f a local Day Service - Life Enhancement (the huge demand from the parents and those who attended. A trusted servic excellent reputation

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www.nightlightcrisis.org







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If you are between the ages of 5-18 or a parent/caregiver of a 5-18 year old, message us or call us to get help with issues that are affecting your wellbeing.

We can talk about what you are experiencing and offer you support, information and advice through one-to-one and group sessions.

You can get help straight away, no referral needed. To find out more, or to talk to one of our team:

Instant message us at www.withyouth.org

Or call us on 0208 189 8400

We are here for you

Every day from 2pm - 10pm (excluding Bank Holidays)

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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!



Information about Free School Meals in Herts can be found here: https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx





Tuesday Daytime (6 weeks) 26 March 14 May 9.30am - 11.30pm Online Via MS Teams

cycles while promoting their social and emotional development.

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email Services@familylives.org.uk

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Learning in the community for Hertfordshire residents aged 19+

Support your Child's Learning

If you're a parent, carer and anyone working with children of Primary School age and want to support child development in Phonics, Maths and Writing, then join our interactive online taster courses in March.

Helping your Child with Phonics

Thursday 7th March

Duration: 2 hours Time: 10am-12pm

Fee: £5

Venue: Online (Live

Streamed)

Helping your Child with Maths

Thursday 14th March

Duration: 2 hours

Time: 10am-12pm

Fee: £5

Venue: Online (Live

Streamed)

Helping your Child with Writing

Thursday 21st March

Duration: 2 hours Time: 10am-12pm

Fee: £5

Venue: Online (Live

Streamed)

Book your place at:

step2skills.org.uk/courses





Social media: @step2skills

















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://barnardosstevenage.eventbrite.co.uk

MORE INFORMATION

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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!





Login to find out more!



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



Maybe send your feedback?



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