

Learning for Life!



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has flown by for all of us! Christmas only seems five minutes away, and now we are already half-way through the Spring Term.

Our pupils have worked hard, with many secondary pupils preparing for their upcoming Functional Skills or GCSE exams. Pupils and staff who started at Lonsdale in January have been settling in well. Some pupils are proud to have worked with Hertfordshire County Council as part of the 'Voices of Hertfordshire', which is the collective name for children and young people in Hertfordshire who are involved in shaping services for those with special educational needs and / or disabilities.

A group of key stage 3 and 4 learners visited the STEM Discovery Centre in Stevenage, and other classes are planning visits to colleges, a local church and an Italian restaurant where you can make your own pizza.

You can read more updates about this half term's learning in our newsletter:

<https://www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Learning%40Lonsdale+Newsletters&pid=188> .

The School Council met this half term and started the whole-school fundraising mission to raise money for The Alfie Jones Foundation. A special 'Go Fund Me' page has been set up – <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lonsdale-school-are-supporting-the-alfie-jones-foundation>. Every contribution, big or small, will make a difference in helping The Alfie Jones Foundation continue their incredible work to raise awareness of sepsis. The first fundraising event, a sponsored Drumbathon, took place this morning. Thank you to all participants and sponsors!

Two weeks ago, our school was visited by Ofsted. Pupils and staff did what they always do, and they were able to show their incredible learning and relationships to the inspectors, who told us that Lonsdale was a 'kind and happy school.' We are now awaiting the inspectors' report and will share this with you once it arrives.

Everyone is now looking forward to a well-deserved break, and the pupils celebrated the end of a successful half term with a Valentine's Disco. We are looking forward to starting a wealth of after-school clubs when we return, and we are pleased that so many pupils have signed up to trial those with us.

I would like to thank you, parents and carers, for your support again this half term. And I wish everyone, also on behalf of our Governors, a relaxing and enjoyable half-term holiday.

With kind regards,

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