



Learning for Life!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half-term, I wanted to share just how proud we are of the pupils and everything they have been involved in over the past few weeks. It has been a wonderfully busy and uplifting half-term, full of learning, new experiences and plenty of smiles.

Sports Week was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the half-term. The children had the chance to try an exciting range of activities—from adapted bikes and yoga to FitKidz, Drumba, sailing, tennis and handball. Their willingness to give new things a go, support one another and celebrate each other's successes made the week truly special. It was also wonderful to see so many of you joining us for Sports Day. Your encouragement and presence helped make the event even more memorable for the pupils.

We were also delighted to welcome M&M Productions, who brought their fantastic performance of *The Jungle Book* to our school. The children were captivated from start to finish, and it was a lovely opportunity to enrich their learning through live theatre. We send our 'thank you' to Happy Days, who have yet again supported us through funding to get this opportunity into our school for our pupils.

This week, pupils enjoyed a Science-PE cross-curricular day, exploring how movement, exercise and physical activity affect our bodies. They learnt about bones, muscles and the importance of staying active—all while having great fun putting their knowledge into action.

Peru Class have been working hard in their ACE afternoons on Fridays to make the school pond a better area so that pupils can learn about tadpoles and frogs. They added some solar aerators in there to help keep the water moving and clear. This means you can now see a lot more tadpoles and frogs swimming around our pond.

Several classes have been out and about on educational visits, including trips to sporting events, Duxford, a farm, colleges and places of worship. These experiences have broadened their understanding of the world around them and sparked lots of thoughtful conversations back in school.

Our older learners have started their exam period, and it is great to see how every single pupil gives their very best to achieve the best possible outcome.

Some of our pupils have started their transition into college, and several pupils who will join us from September have commenced regular transition visits to Lonsdale. It is fantastic to see how our pupils and staff make all visitors to Lonsdale welcome and included.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes such a difference to the pupils' confidence and enjoyment of school life.

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We wish you all a wonderful half-term break filled with sunshine, rest and plenty of family time. We look forward to welcoming the pupils back, refreshed and ready for another exciting half-term of learning from Monday 1st June.

Warmest wishes,

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