



Dates for your Diary

We shall be holding our **Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September 2019**. All parents and carers are welcome to join us from 10:00am until 11:30 for coffee, tea and cake. Further information will follow nearer the time.

On Saturday 19th October we will be holding a Car Boot Sale at Lonsdale School, from 8:30am until 12:00pm. Sellers entry will be from 8:00am with a charge of £10 for cars and £12 for vans, with all proceeds going to charity. Entry will be £1 for adults, under 16's free, and refreshments will be available. Please email Sheena Harley if you would like to book a place sharley@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk

On **Tuesday 15th October**, we will be **celebrating British values and our monarchy**. We have some special guests on the day and hope that **many parents and grandparents can join us from 2pm to 3.15pm at school** to join in our celebrations! More info will follow.

A list of dates for the academic year can be found on the school website, together with copies of lunch and supper menus for this term.

Whole-School News

This week, three pupils along with staff went to the Peak District to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition.; more details will be in next week's newsletter.

Next week, will be Lonsdale's first whole-school Work-Related-Learning Week. All pupils will be learning about the world of work through lessons and workshops. Workshops will be delivered by the Police and Fire Service, Shepreth Wildlife Park, HAD, Redbeagle Recruitment and CucinA, as well as the opportunity for some careers advice from YCH. The week will finish with Macmillan Coffee Morning, photos of the week will be in next week's newsletter and on the website.

A polite reminder for all, please can you ensure your child/young person's bags and equipment have name labels on them, including new packs of pads. This will support us to ensure your child/young person has everything they need when they go home. Thank you!

Primary News

Dolphin: This week Dolphin Class have been looking at their families. They have each made a book, thank you for sending in photos. To link in with families, they have also looked at the book 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. They sorted teddies into big and small.

Pupils have enjoyed singing action and number songs, moving and playing instruments in music and PE. In PE they also rolled a dice and had to think of an action they could do for the number of spots. They have been working hard with fine-motor skills through puzzles, playdough and messy play. Some of the pupils explored mixing colours and pretended to be scientists or magicians.

The pupils have also enjoyed free-choice play, choosing to wash dolls, play in the water or water plants. Next week we are learning about 'People who help us', to link in with the whole-school work-related learning.



Bumble Bee: This week Bumble Bee Class have begun our new project, 'Community'. During this project, we will be exploring what a community is, how we can contribute and what it means to each of us. This week, we have focused on ourselves, what makes us different and unique, and being kind to others. The children had some lovely ideas about how to be kind! In phonics we have been working on our listening skills. We have been on a listening walk, played sound bingo and made sound shakers to compare and match sounds. We have also worked on our number skills in Maths, made cupcakes in cooking, enjoyed the sensory room and played parachute games in PE. Phew, a busy week! Have a lovely weekend.

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Owl: This week the children have been exploring outside places in the school grounds and learning about their address and where they live. They learned that they live in the county of Hertfordshire and all were able to name the town they lived in. In Maths the children have been looking at numbers on a number line and learning about missing numbers and what number comes before and after. Some children identified which number was the biggest out of a pair of numbers. In Letters and Sounds this week, the children were learning about the 'at'-word family.

Koala: The class enjoyed our first visit to the horse stable with some pupils learning to sit on a horse and hold the reins, other students looking at horse care. In Literacy this week, pupils planned their reports to compare the UK with Australia, and in Numeracy, there was a lot of fantastic adding. In Life Skills, pupils learned how to iron; ironing their tie-dye bags.

Secondary News

Gorilla: The class have had a busy week. At the start of each day, pupils have been going out into the courtyard to record the weather for the day as part of their Science work on seasons. In English they enjoyed the story of King Midas, and pupils have been thinking about the message of being careful what you wish for! In K&U, our work on mapping and Hertfordshire has given them the opportunity to revise simple compass directions and to work out which way they travel to and from school, and if they were to visit a friend in another town, in which direction would they need to go. In Maths, work has continued on number and shapes. The pupils have a worksheet on the properties of shapes for homework this week. This will be due back next Thursday 26th. Please look out for a letter regarding our first class trip of the term, which will be on Fri 4th October.

Hippo: This week the pupils from H Class have continued learning about myths and legends in their English lessons; they learnt about the story of Odysseus and the Cyclops, and on Tuesday they became very dramatic, acting out the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. In Science the class learnt about why we have different seasons, as well as learning a little about the phases of the moon. In K&U this week, the class found out about different types of houses and homes as well as identifying different symbols on a map. They also continue to make delicious-smelling things in their food lessons, and I'm yet to be given any samples to test!

Sea Turtle: The Sea Turtle Class have had another exciting week. The week started with some excellent movement around the hall and a game of musical statues. Most of the group then took part in a Boccia lesson, where I witnessed some excellent Boccia skills. Some students did some work on the mats in the Drama Studio. In Computing, they continued with their PowerPoints. Their English lessons this week were based on myths and legends. The group started off by looking at the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. After reading through the story, they created their own hero and monster. They then started to create a story about their characters. The stories were so exciting and interesting! In their French lesson this week, the class learnt about French greetings. We continued with the 'Seasons' in Science – this week learning about why we have different seasons, and in PSHCE we looked at different feelings and emotions. In Creative, we continued with our 'Dot' project based on the book by Peter H. Reynolds. The students made a mark on their paper and then created some excellent pieces of artwork from this.

Vanquitas: This week in English, pupils listened to the 2nd chapter of Private Peaceful and were able to retrieve information from the text to answer questions. They then created a character profile of Big Joe. In Maths, they have investigated the 4 types of triangles working out the rules of angles for them. In Science, pupils looked at the properties of materials and grouped them by natural or man-made etc. In Food Tech, some lovely oat and raisin cookies were baked, while in Creative, pupil listened to Vivaldi's Summer movement from the Four Seasons and created a piece of art in a chosen media on this theme.

Wombat: This week we have really settled into our class routine and have been enjoying completing the different sections of the Lonsdale Daily-Mile Challenge. On Tuesday we incorporated this into our Science lesson and gathered evidence that Autumn was now upon us, making fact sheets with our findings when we returned to class. In English we have enjoyed the myth of King Midas and had lots of fun choosing different objects that we would like to turn into gold! In K&U we have been learning about the leisure facilities in Stevenage and comparing them to those available in our local town. We have made some cakes in cooking, which will be on sale at next week's Macmillan Coffee Morning. We hope to see you there!

Tiger: This week in their English lessons, T Class have continued to look at myths and legends, most notably Robin Hood. In Science, the class made and tested sundials by placing them outside and then returned later to see what had happened. In Maths, we have continued using calculators, firstly to write words, then to keep working out cost and/or change. In K&U, we have continued looking at glaciation and how it has affected the landscape.

Upper School /P16 News

Elephant: This week in PSHCE, 5E were learning about those who help everyone in the community, linking in with Work-Related Learning with Mrs North lesson, where pupils learned about health and safety in the workplace recognising health and safety signs, what they mean and which jobs require protective clothing and why. In Cooking, pupils made chocolate brownies and sausage rolls for next week's coffee morning. In Numeracy/ASDAN, pupils continue to look at ordering events in their lives and matching times to these. In English, we started reading the BFG! We read the first chapter and discussed how Roald Dahl makes it seem a bit scary, and we talked about what we thought the BFG might be doing in Sophie's street in the dead of night. We made a 3D picture of what we thought the view from Sophie's window would look like using fabric to make real curtains. .



Lynx: In Maths, the class have been carrying out activities that deal with real-life negative numbers and have learnt about how adults can borrow money from the banks but have to pay it back with interest. In English this week, pupils have been improving their alphabetical order skills. For their Functional Skills tests, all must be able to do this, so they practiced using a tower of blocks with words on them and by organising the books in the library. In Drama, the class took part in a voice workshop, learning about voice projection and articulation. Pupils worked hard to gain skills in developing improvisations in two contrasting settings; a library and a gig. In Creative the class have been working hard to create a wall divider.



Panda: In Biology this week, some of 5P have been learning about how cells are specialised and how the adaptations help them to do their jobs, they also made microscope slides of onion cells and learnt how to draw a scientific diagram. They met the winner of 'I'm a Scientist, get me outta here', which is an online activity where school students connect with real scientists about real science. It's a competition between scientists, where students are the judges.

Students challenge the scientists over fast-paced online text-based live CHATs. They ask the scientists anything they want and vote for their favourite scientist to win a prize of £500 to communicate their work with the public. The most recent winner, Robert Ives, works for Glaxo and has donated his prize along with an additional donation from Glaxo to Lonsdale School to be spent on sensory Science equipment.

In ASDAN other students in 5P were busy identifying the skills and qualities looked for by employers and analysing their own skills and qualities in preparation for putting together a CV.

During Maths 5P have been learning how to calculate the surface area of cubes, cuboids and prisms, this has been a very difficult task, and students are still working on mastering these skills. In English, pupils have been working on their speeches for our Functional Skills and GCSEs this week. They began researching our chosen topics compiling facts and information, and they wrote out a plan. In their lessons, they discussed how best to structure ideas and began to think about what they would speak about and in what order.

Upper School/P16 Business: This week each class has been busy advertising Macmillan Coffee Morning, making festive stockings to sell and designing the 2020 school calendar. A reminder for all pupils: Please bring in £1 to buy a share in your business.

REP News

This week in REP, we had the Rotary Club come to visit on Monday evening. The children took part in a quiz for a chance to win some house points. The children really enjoyed the evening.

