



Lansdown Park Newsletter

Term 3 2017



Dear parent,

I am very pleased to write to you all as the new Head Teacher of Lansdown Park having secured the post at interview last term. I hope that I can continue to be of good service to the students, staff and school for some time to come and as always welcome your valuable input, support and feedback.

As you will see from this newsletter we had a great term in the lead up to Christmas. Students were excited about the range of educational and recreational activities we had on offer and they did us proud by decorating classes and making our Christmas lunch at Lansdown (as you will see!) the most festive bar none in any school in Bristol!

At Lansdown we are trying to instil a spirit of Enterprise in our students and of socially responsible behaviour. Our Macmillan coffee morning and fundraising activities gave the run up to Christmas a really special and charitable feel (as well as a great excuse to invite parents and neighbours in to the school for a slice of cake and a tour of our facilities led by some of the young people).

Over three hundred slices of assorted cakes were produced by the students themselves and, as you will read, much money was raised! Thanks to those parents and members of the community who attended and made our students feel proud of their wonderful achievements!

Once again, many thanks to you all for your continued support as we work together to see your child successfully through what can be a challenging transition in their young lives. I look forward to seeing you during the term to come.

Best wishes,

Mr. Mc Hugh (Head teacher)

Learning and Teaching

Has Something Terrible Happened at Lansdown???

Oh dear... is this the crime scene in the foyer of Lansdown Park School where a key member of staff was found dead just hours before we broke up for the Christmas Holidays!!!

OR...

Is this the launch of our CSI Theme which will run for the whole term?

Students will encounter different aspects of our CSI theme throughout their curriculum this term, from famous crime literature such as Sherlock Holmes in English to the principles of forensics in Maths and Science. Our students will also complete several challenges throughout the term, including using questioning and investigation skills to solve our own Lansdown Murder Mystery! They will also participate in a structured debate on the death penalty, recreate their own crime scene in their classrooms and finish by scripting and filming their own crime drama.

All this fantastic learning will be celebrated during our Themes Day at the end of term when students and staff will share their work and receive prizes for their efforts!





Our New Lansdown Website: our website is due to go live this week! We will text the link to all parents as soon as possible. Please note we will now be using **Facebook** and **Twitter** to keep you updated so please friend us and keep up to date with our news, pictures and feedback online.

Class Round Up - all the news from your child's tutor group this term and plans for Term 3:

NEWS FROM OUR NURTURE ROOM

The Nurture room is a safe place for students and is open to all who have difficulty coping with lessons, break and lunchtimes.

In Nurture all our classes have one group lesson per week whilst others access us through individual referrals. The lessons involve creative ways of exploring students' feelings in different situations and how they can overcome difficulties using different strategies. The goal of these sessions is to work on the emotional development of the individual.

During Term 2 we worked on friendship values and why they are important. Students created friendship hands to represent this and the hands were then used to form a display.

Students are referred by the class teacher for individual sessions which focus on their needs which can vary from social skills, anxiety, coping strategies for the classroom environment and even difficulties in acknowledging of their own progress.



Phoenix Class News

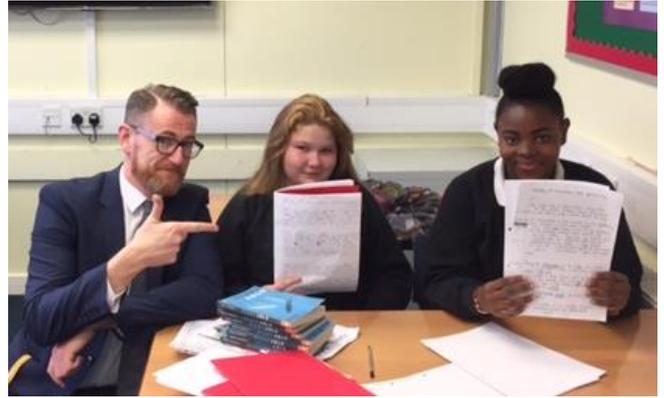


This term our new Early Intervention Base (EIB) for Key Stage 2 students is due to open its doors. Children who attend the EIB can expect to be supported in developing strategies to manage their behaviour to enable them to successfully graduate to mainstream schooling. At the same time we will be relentless in our determination to help them achieve good progress in their academic studies.

Toy Appeal - we have equipped an excellent classroom with all the resources needed for the education of these young people. We also know the importance of play as part of a child's development at this young age. For this reason we have been building up our stock of play equipment for these youngest learners who will soon be joining us - may we ask staff and parents if they have any safe, suitable indoor or outdoor playthings, in good condition that they might consider donating them to or EIB?



The authors of 3.1...



Last term 3.1 studied the novel "Stone Cold" by author Robert Swindells. The story concerns the life and adventures of a homeless teenager on the streets of London. The class read aloud from the novel each day and learned a range of skills through reading it and examining features such as formal language, story structure and direct vs reported speech. The term culminated in the group producing their own pieces of extended, imaginative writing. Next time you are in school you can see these on proud display in the 3.1 area.

Our new 3.1 Tutor!



Hello, I'm Mr Short. I am pleased to be taking on the tutor role for 3.1 in Mr. James' absence. I'm really looking forward to working with the group whom I was able to get to know towards the end of last term. We have an exciting range of lessons planned; in English our text will be Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, a story that follows two poor travelling labourers in 1930's California, and we'll be using the CSI murder mystery theme to inspire our other lessons!

3.2 News

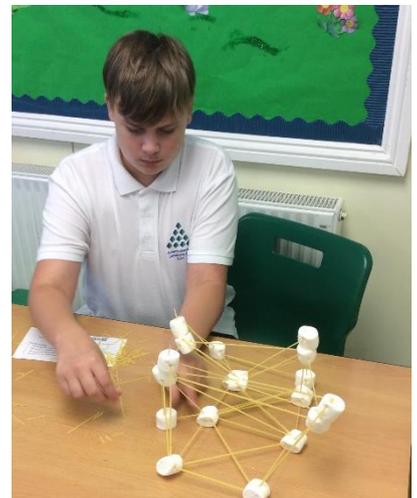


3.2 have had a busy Term 2 including, helping raise money for Macmillan Cancer Trust through the sponsored activity of a non-stop basketball shoot!

Students managed to keep shooting hoops - and mostly scoring! - for 30 minutes without a break raising money for a

worthy cause.

As part of our Term 2 theme on Bristol and the Slave Trade, 3.2 went to the M-Shed to learn about Bristol's historic role. We also



discussed the legacy of the slave trade in Bristol as we walked around sites such as Queen's Square and observed how the city once benefitted from this inhuman trade.

A favourite activity with 3.2 this term has been cooking with some delicious creations coming out of Sandy's kitchen. Some staples such as chicken noodles and pizza have been cooked and the sweeter options of flapjacks and cheesecake have definitely gone down well!

3.3 News



We had a great time in 3.3 during Term 2 with the class involved in some wonderful projects. Here are a few highlights:

1. Making our own pencil holders and cars out of pop sticks in Create lessons;
2. A Themes visit to Bristol City Centre, Mshed, Queens Park, and Millennium Square for our study of the slave trade and Bristol's involvement;
3. Some amazing story writing and poetry in English about conditions in the trenches for Remembrance Day and six aspects of figurative speech;

4. Learning how to answer algebraic equations, geometry of the Great Pyramid and converted improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa in Maths;

Plenty of work went into Computer Expert and IT to prepare for our Enterprise subject, Macmillan morning and car wash fundraiser. We also hope you enjoyed all the Food we sent home once a week! It smelled yummy cooking it! Finally, a reward trip to the Ice Rink topped off a packed term!

This Term our Theme is C.S.I. We will see a whole host of awesome activities and wonderful hands on lessons that will engage our students and lead them to figure out "Who Dunit"! We have added Science to our subject list with some cool experiments, added a new sports programme, and are about to start creating our own garden areas to grow vegies study our environment. So this Term 3 is going to be as busy as can be. We again look forward to working closely with you and your child to make this Term a rich and wonderful learning experience. Welcome back. Mr V and Jade.

The day parents and neighbours dropped in for coffee!!!



At Lansdown Park we are passionate about developing our students' awareness of social enterprise, for example, our whole student body were enterprising last term in organising various sponsored events including car washing to raise money for the cancer charity Macmillan.

Their fundraising culminated in a Macmillan coffee morning which parents and members of the local community attended. All of the cakes eaten during the morning were made by the students and they managed to raise over two hundred and sixty pounds which is a huge achievement. Well done to all Lansdown Park students!

In addition, this term a group of Lansdown students will be opening their own tuck shop for staff and students called Tasty Tuckers. This will give our students the chance to be involved in running their own company at school.

This will allow them to acquire entrepreneurial skills such as; teamwork, problem solving, taking manageable risks and being able to work under pressure. Further updates will follow!

Our New Coaches!!

Welcome to Term 3. Please be aware that our P.E. sessions will be changing this Term!!!

- Classes 3.1 and 3.3 will continue on Wednesday afternoons
- 3.3 and Phoenix classes will now have theirs on Tuesday afternoons



Throughout Term 3 and 4 we will be utilising the skills of a new coaching team named World Sport Ministries. They offer a fun, game-based approach to sport and PE! World Sport Ministries are an England- and Wales-based charity with the purpose of developing the Body, Mind and Character of young people across the U.K.

We will be working with Akeel, a sports coach already known to many of our students from schools around Bristol primary schools, and his team of dedicated coaches. These sessions will not only focus on the sporting ability of the students but on their overall attitude to keeping fit for life.



- Impacting people of all ages in the community
- Helping people develop their sporting talent as well as character and values
- Helping people stay fit and healthy
- Partner with and working with others in the community

In conjunction with World Sport Ministries, we at Lansdown Park will still be running our MOVE programme which will continue to give our students the opportunity participate in structured games in the hall, on the tarmac and out on the field.

Please be aware that our P.E. sessions will be changing this Term!!!! Classes 3.1 and 3.3 will continue on Wednesday afternoons, but 3.3 and Phoenix classes will now have theirs on Tuesday afternoons!!!! So PLEASE remember P.E. kits.

Please bring your **PE KIT EVERY WEEK!!!** PE Kit consists of a change of tee shirt (with hoody/sweater if required) and a change of shorts/ joggers.

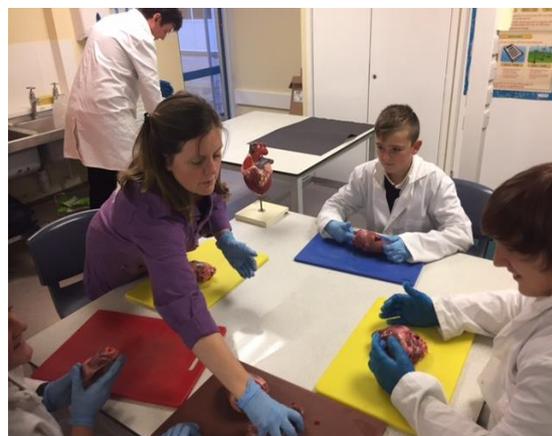
KEY MESSAGE for Parents/ Carers:

If your child does not bring in kit and take part, the tutor or SLT

will need to meet with you in school asap to discuss this.



In the Laboratory!!! Many thanks to Ms. Karim from our partner school Knowle DGE. Ms. Karim is a Science teacher at her school and runs a very successful Dissection Club. Each class at Lansdown had the opportunity to explore the anatomy of the heart amongst other interesting investigations and all agreed that it was a fantastic day!



A Very Lansdown Christmas!!!



We had a jolly time leading up to the festive season last term. The school was decorated to the rafters with trees and other handicrafts but the most strenuous efforts were reserved for the "Decorate Your Christmas Lunch" table (see 3.3's wonderful efforts here)!

HITTING THE HIGH POINTS!!! Our Ice skating Rewards Trip.



At the end of term 2, we took 8 students Ice skating at Cribbs causeway. This was a reward for all the good work these students had put in over the course of the term. On arrival not every student was keen on getting onto the ice however in the end everyone gave it a go and a fantastic time was had by all... even the staff!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates 2017

- Term 3 Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 February 2017
- Term 4 Monday 20 February to Friday 7 April 2017
- Term 5 Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May 2017
- Term 6 Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July 2017

Inset Training Dates - (school will be closed for lessons on these dates)

- Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Our Management Committee

- **Chair:** Gary Schlick (Head of Bedminster Down)
- **Responsibility for Safeguarding:** Darren Ewings (Head of Knowle DGE)
- **Local Authority Member:** Chris Aston (our School Improvement Officer)
- **Community Member:** Ray Moorcroft (businessman)
- **Parent Member:** Sue Hunt
- **Staff Representative/Responsibility for Children in Care:** James Fox
- **Head teacher of Lansdown Park:** Murrrough Mc Hugh
- **Clerk to the Management Committee:** Karen Brunton

School Uniform

Please ensure your child has an adequate supply of fresh, clean uniform each day at school. This term we will need to meet parents ASAP if their child is not conforming to uniform standards. To remind you our uniform consists of:



A compulsory Lansdown Park white polo shirt.

A compulsory Lansdown Park round neck sweatshirt.

Black Trousers - the kind you iron a crease into - available cheaply in all supermarkets (No jeggings, No leggings, No jeans, No jeans-like and No track suit bottoms allowed, except for P.E. lessons)

Plain all-black footwear only please. This means shoes or trainers with no other-coloured markings, logos etc.

Absence and Lateness



Amongst our many displays at Lansdown are some very special ones about attendance and lateness. Our attendance target is 95% like many other schools and we must constantly strive towards this figure. However absence is not the only thing that jeopardies your child's education - lateness is also a major factor...

Did you know that being late for an average of x15 mins per morning = almost 10 days lost in a year!!!

If your child is regularly absent without authorisation or is regularly late you will be required to meet us to discuss the matter or, to pay a fine or, potentially, will have to talk to our Educational Welfare Officer. Unwarranted absence from school is against the law! If they're not in they can't win!!!

OUR PROMISES TO YOUR CHILD...

We will...

- ♡ ...let you know that we **like** you and **care** about you
- 👤 ...make you **safe**
- 🧠 ...help you **learn about your needs**
- ⚖️ ...help you **meet your needs** (in **balance** with those of others!)
- 💡 ...help you think about your **ambitions**
- 🏠 ...help you work towards clear **goals** to achieve your ambitions
- 👋 we will help you to graduate from Lansdown
 - with new **hope** 😊
 - with new **skills** 🧠
 - moving in a positive **new direction**

