



## Weekly News 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012

### **Sports Results**

#### **Saturday and Sunday**

Alison Brown ran in the North of England Cross Country on Saturday and came 45<sup>th</sup>. She also ran in Border Cross Country Series at Spittal on Sunday where she came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 14-15yr category. Well done, Alison!

#### **Monday**

U16 Hockey v Bede Academy (A)

Monday's friendly match against Bede Academy was a 1 – 1 draw. It was a very even game which flowed from end to end. Longridge's goal was scored by Chloe Young after a superb cross by Hannah Gregory. The players of the match were Tamara Johnson and Michelle Ali.

#### **Wednesday**

U13 and U12 Hockey v St Mary's (H)

There was some great play at each end of the pitch and the game ended with Longridge winning 4-1.

Swimming: U11 v Compass (A)

A team of 8 pupils from J6 travelled to Haddington to compete in a swimming gala hosted by The Compass School. All the pupils had to swim individually and in four team challenges. All swam well especially in the fun relay races. The team came 4th and enjoyed the whole afternoon.

U13 Football v St Mary's, Melrose

Longridge lost 4-3, although it was a wonderful game played with great commitment, enthusiasm and motivation from both sides.

#### **Thursday**

U9, U10 and U11 Rugby v Belford (A)

U11 boys beat Belford 11-5, this was a big improvement from last time they played Belford at the area tournament and drew. Oliver Flannigan was man of the match.

U10 & U9 played three short matches with the teams changing each time. Longridge won 1, lost 1 and drew 1.

#### **Charles and Shona Rankin**

Two junior pupils are currently at ski school in Europe. Charles and Shona raced in the Welsh Alpine Championships on Friday and achieved great results! Shona came 2nd and then 1st overall mini girl. Charles got two silver medals being pipped at the post in both races by a Swiss boy by fractions of a second! At the Welsh Alpine Championships the Minis ski the same GS course as the children up to age 15, so their times can be directly related to the older children which are a real mark of how they are performing. Even though Charles didn't get gold in his age category (11 and under), Charles skied superbly well. The next races are the English Alpine Championships which are held in Italy during half term week so Charles and Shona will be there for the week.

## Boarding

The boarder's trip out on Sunday was to China Town in Newcastle. Celebrations were under way to mark the Chinese New Year. This year will be the year of the Dragon. The day ended with a Chinese banquet.



## J2 and J3 Class Assembly

Based on their topic work on the Great Fire of London, J2 and J3 performed a lovely assembly and showed a colourful display of artwork that the children have been working on during their topic lesson. Well done to J2 and J3 pupils!



## Big Birdwatch

As part of the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, J5 studied and counted the birds in our woods and on feeders outside the Stobo Building. The children then recorded their findings on the RSPB website.



## Ecuador 2013

Following on from the very successful trip to Borneo, it was decided that the next expedition will take place in 2013. The destination will be Ecuador, where students will carry out charity work and explore the Amazon Rain Forest and the animals that inhabit it. Eleven pupils from Form 5 and the Lower Sixth meet weekly during Enrichment time, to plan and organise fund raising events for this exciting venture.



## Junior Requests



The Junior children have come up with ideas for the new raised beds area. The picture shows an idea they had to brighten up the fences around the beds. They have asked if anyone has any old wellington boots that they could have. This would be much appreciated.

The Junior Department is also in need of spare swimming costumes and trunks. If pupils forget their kit they cannot swim at the moment, so this would enable them to participate in the lesson.

Thank you!

## World Book Celebration

As part of the forthcoming World Book Day, Victoria Campbell will be visiting Longridge Towers on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. She will be talking to the pupils about her career as a writer and she will be taking a creative writing workshop and answering questions they may have. Victoria's first novel is about the discovery of America by a Viking warrior, which is aimed at children between 11-14yrs. Her book will be available on the day to buy and she will personally sign them, these will cost £8.99. Cash/Cheques only and the cheques need to be payable to Victoria Finnigan.

## Refurbishment



Mr Caldwell and his team have been busy refurbishing the basement flat and is now ready for occupancy by a caretaker which will be appointed in the near future. This will mean that there will be a member of staff on the premises at all times.

## Fixture cancellations for tomorrow!

The U13 & U14 hockey matches v Eyemouth (A) on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb has been cancelled due to frozen pitches.