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Art

J6 3d paper weave, ink, glue and wire project



by Olivia Prentice



J6 Class Project



by Ethan Craze

Senior School Assemblies



During the last week we have had three very different and interesting speakers. Willie Robson from the Chain Bridge Honey Farm, whose three children attended the school, came to talk about his 55 years of working with bees. The pupils were interested to hear of how the business has weathered the ups and downs of the economy and the diseases facing bees. Willie explained that he never gets stung because his bees recognise him.

Oscar from Form 4 explained how his career as a racing cyclist has developed. He showed a video of him racing in a velodrome and then took his track bike, placed it on the rollers and did the rest of his presentation while cycling. It is good to see Oscar performing at a level where he is starting to get national attention. His message that racing clean was more important than winning with artificial aids was linked to the hope that cycling would become a 'clean' sport in the near future.

The third speaker was Clive Gray, a former Royal Marine officer, who is leading the Blyth Tall Ship project. Clive showed a section of the Robson Green series in which the ship featured. Clive then explained that in 2019 it would be 200 years since a Blyth man, William Smith, discovered Antarctica. Clive found and refurbished a ketch that is now being prepared for the long journey to the Southern Ocean in 2019. Clive's enthusiasm for this project and the dangers it involved was very clearly communicated to the pupils, some of whom were able to meet him during the day.



Year 1 News



J1 have started the new term with an exciting new topic- Castles! They have been enjoying finding out new facts, building their own forts and castles and playing in our reading castle. We just hope that the dragon doesn't find us!

A blog by Tom Bramald - School Governor and Marketing and Communications Manager in the Faculty of Science, Agriculture and Engineering at Newcastle University

How did you end up doing that?

About three years ago a friend and colleague was seconded to our Singapore campus for 12-18 months. A good number of his duties in Newcastle needed to be passed over and I was delighted that two of them came my way. The first was to Chair the liaison group between Science, Agriculture, Engineering and Biomedical Sciences with our partners INTO. (At the time I was on an Academic Teaching & Scholarship contract rather than a marketing role.)

The other was if I would be interested in replacing him as a Governor at Longridge Towers School. The School itself is about 50 miles away from my home (which is why people often ask me the question that is this post's title!). Meetings are largely in the evening, often making for a long day of working in Newcastle, heading to the School, and then home late in the evening. But becoming a Governor is one of the best things I have done.

It is incredibly rewarding volunteering to support great staff deliver a wonderful education and experience to young people. The staff of the School – teachers, grounds staff, professional support and the boarding “parents” – are an amazing group of people and the Senior Leadership Team provide succinct, considered and pertinent information to the Governors promptly and frequently.

The other Governors have a wealth of experience that is drawn upon: legal, financial, medical, land, business and commercial and more it's great to work alongside them. That the role is enjoyable is not to say that it's easy. There are times when there are things that occupy my mind greatly, and even tug at the heart strings. Risk management, finances, pastoral and well-being issues, and the overarching responsibility we have to staff, students and parents can be daunting at times. But taking on the School Governor role has afforded me many opportunities to be challenged and develop as a result. Naturally, my contributions are focused mainly on Higher Education and Marketing issues, but all Governors are able to comment and input to the myriad issues concerning the School.

Selflessly, but primarily, the role has been rewarding in a sense of giving “something back”, particularly to young people. That this experience has also given insight, experience and challenges that have made me better at my own job is a bonus I am very grateful for.

Longridge U13 A&B Football v St Mary's, Melrose

Longridge travelled to St Mary's on Wednesday for their first football fixture of the season. The 'A' team started brightly and Jack



Douglas scored a great goal to give them the lead. Despite Longridge having several good opportunities and forcing some great saves from the opposition, it was St Mary's who proved the more effective finishers taking their chances to win 4-1. It was a very similar story with the 'B' team who also had

their chances but failed to convert enough of these. St Mary's exerted long periods of pressure on the Longridge defence and did deserve the 7-2 victory. William Parmenter scored both Longridge goals. Both teams did show great promise throughout the games and are looking forward to their next fixture.

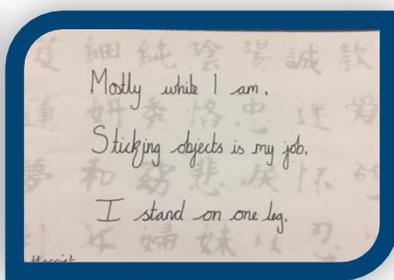
U13 Hockey v Newcastle High School for Girls

On Tuesday, the U13 girls travelled to NHSG. The girls were enthusiastic about playing their first hockey match of 2018. The game started strongly for Longridge and gained attacking play in oppositions circle. The game then developed into an end to end match. NHSG made a break and scored two minutes before half time. The second half started strongly for Longridge and they passed the ball well up, taking several shots at goal; unfortunately Longridge did not manage to finish these opportunities that were had. The game ended with 1-0 loss for Longridge. Players of the match were Ellenor Swales and Harriet Onley.

Plastic Pollution

As seen on the news recently and as part of the plastic pollution campaign, every pupil in the Senior School has been issued a washable drinking bottle. Please could pupils ensure that this or a similar bottle is carried everyday as plastic cups are no longer available.

J5 English



In English, J5 have been looking at poetry. This week they produced their own 'Guess What' Haiku's. This Japanese form of poetry, usually concentrates on nature and spiritual values. However, the class went for more day to day items. Can you guess what the object is?

Senior Activities Week October 2018

Following a successful activities week last October, the below table gives details of the trips available for October 2018. If your child is interested in a trip, please email Mr Dodd for more details: pdodd@lts.org.uk to reserve your place.

Trip	Description
Poland - Auschwitz	Visit to both concentration camps, meet an Auschwitz survivor, guided tour of Krakow and visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine <i>Please note that this trip is only suitable for Form 2 (in 2018) and above</i>
Italy - Sorrento	Visit Naples and Vesuvius – trip with Geographical interest. <i>This is for Form 5 and 6 students</i>
Cultural - London	A cultural experience in London, looking at arts, music and heritage.
German Exchange	Stay with the family of a student at our exchange partner school, Gymnasium im Schloss, Wolfenbüttel, Germany.
No trip, stay for in-school activities	Partake in a range of in school activities.
Senior Sports Tour*	Rugby and Hockey teams tour to Spain, <i>for Forms 3 and above.</i>
French Trip*	Visit battlefields and places of interest around Northern France

Pupil News

Thomas and Niamh – Form 2 and Hunter J5



Congratulations to Thomas who has been selected for the National Youth Choir of Scotland and Niamh who has recently passed Grade 2 Singing with Merit. Also to Hunter who was Mascot for Kelso Rugby Club on Saturday. He is pictured with Kelso Captain and former pupil Andy Tait and our very own Mr Skeen. Hunter brought them good luck, as Kelso won 14-12 against Aberdeen.

Week commencing 14th January

Sat	13-Jan	<u>Rugby</u> : BRFC v Haddington (H)	
Mon	15-Jan	<u>Hockey</u> : U16 v KEVI (A)	4.00 pm
			Depart: 3.15 pm
Tue	16-Jan	<u>Cross Country</u> : Senior School Championships, South Shields	12.00 pm
			Depart: 9.30 am
			Return: 4.15 pm
		<u>Hockey</u> : U15 v John Spence (A)	3.10 pm
Wed	17-Jan	<u>Football</u> : U18 v Bede Academy (H)	2.30 pm
		Parents' Evening Form 3 – Concert Room	5.15 pm
		Theatre Trip to see Miss Saigon, King's Theatre, Edinburgh	
			Depart: 5.00 pm
			Return: 11.30 pm
Thu	18-Jan	Form 5 Mock Examinations End	
Fri	19-Jan	Junior 6 Class Assembly, Atrium	9.00 am
		Junior 3 and Junior 4 Swimming (t.b.c)	
Sat	21-Jan	<u>Rugby</u> : BRFC v Morpeth (t.b.c)	

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Tues	23-Jan	Parents' Evening Form 5 – Concert Room	5.15 pm
Wed	31-Jan	Parents' Evening Form 1 – Concert Room	5.15 pm