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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Pupils and staff at Longridge Towers School celebrate recognition as one of the top performing Schools in the North East. The School is delighted that pupils' achievements in national examinations mean it is listed in the top ten Independent Schools in the North East region for the first time.

The Sunday Times Good Schools Guide calculated performance based on the percentage of exam entries at A-Level and GCSE achieving A* to B grades. The examination results reflect the strength of a broad and varied education for all pupils at Longridge and recognition of the focus on developing broader skills, strong pastoral care and creating an environment where all pupils enjoy learning.

Boarding



On Sunday the boarders travelled to Edinburgh's oldest purpose built visitor attraction- The Camera Obscura and World of Illusion. Maria and Carmen were impressed by the rooftop telescope, and the 'lose your head illusion', while Jack and Shammek enjoyed the Mirror Maze and the Giant Kaleidoscope.



From The Giant Vortex, which made everyone dizzy, through to the Bendy Lens and Thermal Camera, everyone had a great time, and has already requested a return visit soon. After that the boarders had a stroll through Edinburgh's Christmas continental market, with its many stalls and huge Ferris wheel, before heading back to the school.

Social Media

Alongside Twitter, we have now set up a Facebook page. These pages will promote the School and also will give vital information to parents in such cases as inclement weather, fixture cancellations and general messages. Please feel free to click on the link and [Like us on Facebook](#) and share with your friends.

LTSDA Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December



Just a reminder, that donations would be greatly appreciated for the adult tombola stall and the raffle for the Christmas Fair. These can be handed in to the Junior Department or the Senior School office. We wish to thank Mr Anderson, who runs the coffee stall, as he will be donating all proceeds to the LTSDA.

German Exchange visit to Longridge in March 2017

Parents of Senior School will be receiving an email from Mr Caddick asking if anyone is able to host either one or two German pupils aged 13-14 for a week in March 2018 from March 7th to March 14th. Pupils who host are not committed to having to take part in the return exchange visit planned for October 2018 but would have priority if this trip were to be fully booked. If you are able to host any young Germans or you would like more information, please contact Mr Caddick: mcaddick@lts.org.uk

Form 1 Art



by Erin Davies



by Iona Thomson



by Lottie Byass



by Harriet Onley



by Suzie Armstrong

U13 Hockey v Bede Academy

Last Wednesday the U13 hockey league team travelled to Blyth to play against Bede Academy. The games started with a straight attack from Bede and LTS defence cleared well but the Bede attackers started getting behind our defence which resulted in a goal for Bede. The rest of the first half the ball was going from end to end and LTS showed great team work in communication and tracking back to win the ball. The second half LTS started extremely positive and attacked straight away. With Bede making mistakes in the circle gave LTS changes at goal with penalty corners, after three corners; Erin hit the back board. With the score now level Longridge girls showed great determination to keep attacking and this unsettled Bede which resulted in Lottie Byass gaining a second for Longridge. The game shortly ended in a 2-1 win for Longridge. Bede names Ellenor their player of the match and Longridge chose Amelia also as player of the match.

North Northumberland Area Hockey Tournament

On Monday we hosted the Year 7 and Year 8 North Northumberland Area Hockey Tournament at Longridge on the new astro. Despite the cold the girls were excited about playing in the tournament. The schools taking part on the day were: Longridge A, Longridge B, Berwick Middle, Tweedmouth Middle and Glendale Middle. There was fantastic hockey on display by all the teams and some terrific goals scores as well as amazing goals saved! The results were in and Longridge A won both the Yr7 and the Yr8 competitions. Players of the tournament went to: Ava, Erin, Charlotte C and Immie.

Longridge has won all four year groups for the North Northumberland Area Hockey for 2017. This is year 5, 6, 7, and 8. Well done to all the girls who played.



School Drive

With the dark nights, please be careful driving to School and please adhere to the speed limit within the School grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

Speech and Drama - LAMDA



Students studying Speech and Drama at Longridge Towers School celebrated receipt of their national awards this week. Almost 100 pupils registered to take the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) examinations this year. The pupils were observed by London's 'Young Star Theatre School' owner Coralyn Canford-dumas who praised the presentational skills of all of the pupils involved. The results reflected the hard work the children undertook over a 5 month period and they were delighted to learn that almost half of them had received distinction grade. Miss Phillips who runs the Speech and drama programme at Longridge said that this was the largest exam entrance she has experienced in five years.

She said that the pupils only seem to be more passionate and dedicated each year. The School has a very active Drama department and this year pupils are now working towards their annual Speech and Drama production 'Fright Night' to be performed in early 2018!

U18 Hockey v Newcastle High School for Girls

On Monday evening, the U18 hockey team travelled to Longhirst to play Newcastle High School for Girls. Despite a quick goal from NHSG, Longridge dominated the first half. A barrage of shots from the hockey stick of Evie, were kept out by an extremely talented NHSG keeper, with Daisy and Liberty also coming close to scoring. In the second half Longridge defended well and thwarted a number of NHSG attacks. Rachel drove the ball well out of defence and all three midfielders worked extremely hard. Unfortunately NHSG scored against the run of play and the Longridge heads went down. The score of 2-0 did not reflect the game, as Longridge worked well as a team and created a number of chances; against a lesser keeper this would have been our game for the taking. The girls have had some strong performances against some tough opposition and are looking forward to their next game on Monday against Dame Allan's.

Junior Rugby v St Mary's, Melrose

J5 and J6 boys played rugby against St Mary's, Melrose this week. Having their previous match (Mowden) called off for water logged pitches, the team was desperate to get going from the start. Some strong running from Lyall and James, allowed Longridge to gain remarkable ground, scoring on a number of occasions. The J5 children contributed with brave defensive tackling, stopping a number of try scoring opportunities. At half time we were leading 4-2 and were keen to add to the lead. Despite St Mary's substituting rested players from the whistle, Ethan and Oliver B made some beautiful runs, supported by the whole team. Even with two tries dis-allowed, Longridge still managed to add to their tally, with the final score 7-3, a great away win, against some tough opposition! Man of the match, again goes to the captain Oliver D, who continued to tactically outsmart the opposition and manage his team tremendously.

Week commencing 3rd December

Sat	02-Dec	<u>Rugby</u> : BRFC v Haddington (A)		
Mon	04-Dec	U18 Hockey v DAGS (H)	3.30	pm
			Depart:	2.50 pm
			Return:	4.45 pm
Tue	05-Dec	Junior Department Nativity Play	1.30	pm
		<u>Hockey</u> : U15 v RGS (H)	3.15	pm
Wed	06-Dec	U6 & L6 Psychology Conference, Edinburgh	9.00	am
			Depart:	9.00 am
			Return:	4.30 pm

		<u>Hockey: U13 + U12 v Fettes (A)</u>	1.30	pm
			Depart: 11:45	am
			Return: 4:45	pm
		<u>Rugby: U11, U10 v Belhaven (A)</u>	2.00	pm
			Depart: 12.45	pm
			Return: 4.45	pm
		<u>Rugby: U13 v Belhaven (A)</u>	2.00	pm
			Depart: 12.05	pm
			Return: 4.15	pm
		Junior Department Nativity Play	6.00	pm
		School Choirs at "The Big Sing", Berwick	6.30	pm
Thu	07-Dec	KS2 Pantomime Trip	2.00	pm
			Depart: 12.00	pm
			Return: 6.00	pm
Fri	08-Dec	<u>Rugby: Form1 & Form 2 Area Tournament (A)</u>	10.00	am
			Depart: 9.45	am
			Return: 12.30	pm
		LTSDA Christmas Fair – Early Doors for Parents ONLY	1.00	pm
		<i>Junior Department Carols Around The Tree in the Front Entrance</i>	1.45	pm
		LTSDA Christmas Fair	2.00	pm
Sat	09-Dec	<u>Rugby: BRFC v Preston Lodge (Venue t.b.c)</u>		