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# Longridge Towers School



## Weekly News Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Beach Art



### Junior Enrichment



#### *Junior Joggers*

The enrichment group had great fun on their last session, with some children choosing to dress up and we went into the woods and played lots of games. A firm favourite was 'Killer Granny!'

#### *Gardening Enrichment*

Our budding gardeners enjoyed getting their hands dirty, planting over twenty hyacinth bulbs with a view to entering next year's Horncliffe Spring Bulb Show. J2 also planted bulbs, so we are hoping for a fantastic display of colour after Christmas - something to brighten those gloomy days of winter.



### Senior Rugby v Newcastle School for Boys



It was with great pleasure that we hosted Newcastle School for Boys on the School pitches last Saturday. With all three of the Longridge teams being represented and some 120 boys engaged in rugby, the level of competition and indeed enjoyment was at an all-time high. The morning concluded with a victory for our U13 and U15 teams, who demonstrated patience and coordination in their gameplay and a defeat for our U18 team, despite an excellent line of defence being observed and a strong sense of tenacity.

In summary, it was a great morning of sport and wonderful to see so many parents and supporters pitch side to cheer on our teams. Pictured above are the U18 team, proudly showcasing their new kit.



**U15 Team**



**U13 Team**

### **Inter-House Hockey**

The Longridge ladies were extremely excited to play their inter-house hockey fixture this year and similar to the boys, the numbers of pupils engaged in sport was at an all-time high.

*Forms 4-6* -The early morning start did not dampen the mood and speed of play on the new astro surface (a huge thank you to the LTSDA for their generous support in making this possible). It was Jerningham who dominated in all of their games and whilst the score lines were not high, they were sufficient to ensure victory in each of their matches. Not to be outperformed, Stobo replied with a 2 goals advantage over Home to ensure that they took a respectable 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

1<sup>st</sup> – Jerningham      2<sup>nd</sup> – Stobo      3<sup>rd</sup> – Home

*Forms 1-3*- The afternoon session resembled more of a Halloween horror story than a hockey fixture, but the darkness did eventually give way to the “light of talent” which shone upon the new astro pitch. This time matches were high scoring and the competition fierce. However, a winner did eventually emerge.

1<sup>st</sup> – Jerningham      2<sup>nd</sup> – Home      3<sup>rd</sup> – Stobo

### **Inter-House Football**

With the weather blowing wildly around us, the senior boys made their way out to take part in the annual inter house football event. With extremely high numbers of players being fielded from each team, it was a great opportunity to play a full 11-a-side match at all age groups.

The morning session saw the Forms 4-6 boys take to the field, with what could only be described as direct play, no nonsense approach football. During the league draws, Home and Jerningham drew their opening match with a 2-2 score line and then respectively won their second fixtures against a tenacious Stobo team. During the grand finale, Home and Jerningham re-engaged their battle for victory and ultimately, Jerningham took the first place position with a 3-0 final score.

1<sup>st</sup> – Jerningham      2<sup>nd</sup> – Home      3<sup>rd</sup> – Stobo

*Forms 1-3* - As the darkness closed in around us, we were unsure that play was even possible, but the heavens shone down and lit the playing areas, creating a wonderful, yet eerie pitch of play. It was Home who asserted their dominance during the league matches, winning all of their games and securing a final place, with Stobo collecting the runners up position and an opportunity to play them once more in the grand finale. During a heavily contested match, surprisingly Stobo took the winner’s position with some excellent teamwork.

1<sup>st</sup> – Stobo      2<sup>nd</sup> – Home      3<sup>rd</sup> – Jerningham

### **Form 1 Biology**

Form 1's study of the skeleton led into the structure and function of muscles and joints. A pig's trotter was dissected which let the pupils see its various components all working together.



## Boarding



On Sunday, the boarders bravely travelled back in time to meet some of Edinburgh's most notoriously scary characters at the Edinburgh Dungeon. First they went on a very spooky witch hunt, where poor Sophia was chosen for the interrogation chamber. Guillermo had a close encounter with a 16<sup>th</sup> century torturer, before all the party nearly fell prey with the infamous Mr Burke and Hare. They witnessed the ghostly apparition of the Green Lady, and then made their way through a maze of mirrors called the Labyrinth.

Everyone survived to tell the tale, and all are looking forward to more great adventures after half term.

### U13 Hockey v Duchess's Community High

On Tuesday, the U13 girl's hockey team had their second league match of the season against Duchess's Community High School. The game was started strongly by Longridge with a full on attack and was end to end in the first half which allowed Longridge to open the score line. Second half started well with the opposition putting pressure on the Longridge defence, but with strong clearances Longridge were able to keep the score line low. The final score was Longridge 5 Duchess's 1. Goals were scored by Iona, Immie and Jasmine. Players of the match were Erin who was chosen by Duchess's and Charlotte for her best match play. Well done to all the girls.

### U16 Hockey - National Schools Competition

On Tuesday, the U16 hockey team travelled to The Parks, Newcastle to take part in the National Schools Competition. Longridge took a while to get warmed up and their first match against Kings Priory was not their finest. However, some fabulous saves from Millie kept the score line at 1-0. The second match saw a much more alert and confident Longridge team take on the Royal Grammar School. The RGS team were very well drilled and quick in attack; however, Longridge defended brilliantly and even had a few attacks themselves. Unfortunately, we could do nothing about the superb penalty corner routines from RGS and the game ended 2-0. The final match was much more evenly matched, with both Berwick Academy and Longridge having chances to score. Daisy came extremely close with her shot just skimming wide of the post in the closing minutes, and the match ended 0-0. Player of the tournament for Longridge was Daisy, who despite being in the U15 team, stepped up confidently to play centre midfield.

### Scholarship Awards

Scholarships will be held in the school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The closing date for all scholarships is end of school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Scholarship information and entry forms are available for download on the School website at: <http://www.lts.org.uk/general/news-scholarship/>

### House Charity Day

Monday saw the annual Senior House Charity Day. Over £400 was raised for the three chosen charities which are: Winston's Wish, Cross River Gorilla Project and Equine Facilitated Human Development.



**Community Links**  
**Longridge B-P Scouts**



Last weekend, a team from 1st Longridge B-P Senior Scouts took part in the annual ‘Evade and Capture’ event based within the Twizell and Chillingham Estates and surrounding areas. Teams were entered from Northumbria, Cumbria, Cleveland, and Yorkshire. The event is held over 24hrs and comprises of teams of four Senior Scouts, who have to navigate over an area of some 40 sq. miles, consisting of open farmland, woodland, and river courses, and is meant to be strenuous and testing, both mentally and physically. The teams are pursued by several teams of very experienced leaders acting as ‘hunters’ and each member is allowed 3 lives, which, if ‘captured’, they have to surrender 1 life and are given an hours’ grace before being pursued again.

They are expected to travel light and quickly without being captured and have only minimal equipment. They have to feed themselves and the only accommodation is a ‘bivi’ bag. They have to utilise the terrain, avoid detection, and camouflage themselves. The ‘Longridge’ team consisted of Mark Vernon, Sahil Singh and Bethany Thomas, with Wooler group co-opted in to make up the team. ***Longridge B-P Scouts won the event by a huge margin.*** (At the end of the event only 10 ‘lives’ for all the teams remained and Longridge had 6 of those!!) ***A huge ‘Well Done’ to the Longridge B-P Scout Team as this is the third major regional challenge they have won this year.***

**Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Sat	21-Oct	<b>HALF TERM BEGINS</b> Berwick Literary Festival	
Sun	22-Oct	Berwick Literary Festival	
Mon	23-Oct	Catalonia Trip Returns	11.00 pm
Wed	25-Oct	German Exchange Returns	11.15 pm
Sat	28-Oct	<u>Rugby</u> : BRFC v Portobello	
Sun	29-Oct	<b>HALF TERM ENDS</b>	

**Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Mon	30-Oct	Astroturf Official Opening	11.30 am
Tue	31-Oct	Junior 4 Boggle Hole Trip Departs	9.00 am
		EYFS, KS1 Halloween Disco	1.30 pm
		<u>Hockey</u> : U13 v Dame Allan’s (H)	
			Depart: 3.00 pm
			Return: 5.00 pm
		KS2 Halloween Disco	6.00 pm
Wed	01-Nov	<u>Rugby</u> : U10/U11 v Compass (A)	2.45 pm
			Depart: 1.00 pm
			Return: 5.15 pm
		<u>Hockey</u> : U10/U11 v Compass (A)	2.45 pm
			Depart: 1.00 pm

Return: 5.15 pm  
2.30 pm

Rugby: U13 v St. Mary's (H)

Fri 03-Nov

Badminton: Forms 3, 2 & 1 v Berwickshire  
Junior 4 Boggle Hole Trip Returns

4.00 pm

Sat 04-Nov

Rugby: BRFC v Boroughmuir (H)