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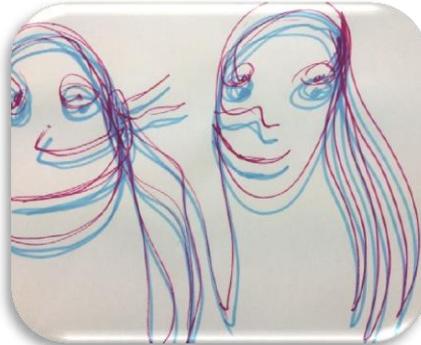
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## Weekly News Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

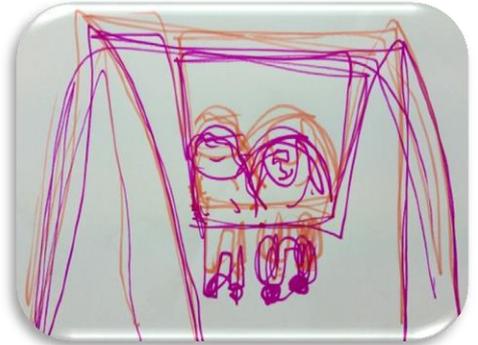
**Art**  
J6 pupils, on their return from Dalguise, drew from memory using a continuous line. Some of the memories are illustrated below - 'floating in the canoeing lake', 'me being told secrets', and 'we are on the big swing'.



by Beth Whitmore

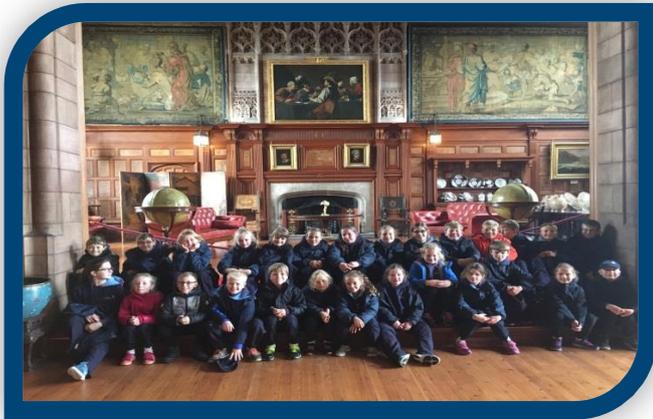


by Liv Prentice



by Sofya Gilmartin

### Stobo Outing



This week, the annual Stobo outing set off for Seahouses to start our boat journey around the Farne Islands. Sadly the weather was wet and windy, preventing our boat from leaving the harbour. The children and staff were not a bit daunted by this setback, and soon our fleet of mini-buses, full of slightly soggy, (but still excited) children were off to Bamburgh beach and Castle.

After exploring the mighty castle, and a hot, delicious lunch, we all made for the beach, armed with balls, cricket gear and much more. We all enjoyed creating sand castles and even a sand turtle, whilst many played cricket and paddled in the freezing water.

The day may not have started out as we intended, but everyone had a great time as 'we do like to be beside the seaside'.

### Friday Assembly



Our visitor this week was Mr Bob McKeand, Deputy Team Leader of the Border Search and Rescue Unit.

Bob explained that the Unit covered a large area, from the Cheviots in the south to the outskirts of Edinburgh in the north and all of Scotland to the east of this. The vehicles are based in Kelso which is relatively central for their activities. While many of their searches involve looking for lost walkers and locating casualties, BSARU also supply cover for the Border Ridings. During the recent snowy weather they were escorting patients to hospital and ensuring that essential services got through to some of the more remote locations. The pupils then asked a number of questions and were invited to think about the possibility of volunteering which is usually from the age of 18 upwards.

This was an interesting presentation and it is good to know that the BSARU is there whether we are riding in Coldstream or hiking in the Cheviots.

## German Exchange

We are intending to go on the exchange visit to Germany in the last week before our Christmas holidays to visit Berlin, Berlin's Christmas markets and the VW Autostadt, amongst other places. We intend to fly from Edinburgh to Hamburg and take the train to Wolfenbüttel.

The anticipated cost is in the region of £400 maximum, but should be lower if we can book flights soon. Please can anyone who is interested contact Mr Caddick at [mcaddick@lts.org.uk](mailto:mcaddick@lts.org.uk) or by telephone at school, for more information, as we want to book flights late next week.

We would leave on Friday 8th December and return on Thursday 14th December, the day before we break up for Christmas. It's an opportunity not to be missed for practice of German and the cultural experience of the exciting and historic city of Berlin, and of brilliant German hospitality. If you are interested in this trip please email Mr Caddick: [mcaddick@lts.org.uk](mailto:mcaddick@lts.org.uk)

## Charity Concert

Thank you to those who participated in the Summer Charity Concert at Norham St Cuthbert's Church last Friday. Longridge pupils from both Junior and Senior Departments and Longridge staff performed superbly alongside fabulous performances from the Norham Junior Singers and Norham First School to raise money for Cash for Kids, Children in Need and the North Northumberland Hospice raising a grand total of £812.63. In addition to a variety of choral pieces, the audience were entertained by wonderful solo performances by Roy Siu on violin, William Allis on cornet and the singing of Ellie Sergeant.

Many thanks to the local businesses who so generously donated raffle prizes for the event: JB Foods, Simpson's Malt, Bamburgh Castle, Alnwick Gardens, Asda, Morrisons and Tesco, Norman Hargreaves Electrical, Serenity Farne Island Cruises, James Ford and Son Bakers, The Maltings, Active Northumberland, The Black Bull Lowick and Barter Books.



## Boarding

On Sunday, the boarders travelled to Kirkley Hall Adventure Centre for a day of team building activities.

After putting on safety harnesses and head protection, the boarders faced the first challenge called the 'crate stack' which required great balance and teamwork. Carmen and Maria came out on top with a course record of 14 crates stacked. Next was the leap of faith activity which saw the boarders climb a very tall ladder onto a narrow platform and then with nerves of steel they had to jump off, while being supported by a safety rope which brought them slowly to the ground. Then onto the climbing and abseiling wall, which Shameek and Beomgi had no problem completing, before they all headed to the most popular event of the day the zip wire. The boarders were attached to the zip wire then they hurtled hundreds of feet through the air at high speed down through a forest before landing safely on the landing pad.

To end the day the boarders had a two team challenge on a very difficult and demanding assault course, Carmen and her team were victorious which concluded another great day out.

This week we had a double birthday celebration of cakes and candles for George and Sophia.





Tensions were high on Tuesday afternoon as the finalists from each Junior Department class from Year 1- Year 6 gathered in the Atrium for the final of our first 'Off By Heart' Poetry Competition. Our judging panel consisting of Dr Dalrymple, Mrs Gettins and Miss Phillips were eagerly anticipating the job in hand and were not to be disappointed by stunning performances.

The audience were treated to a feast of poetry and when the judges retired to consider their findings, numerous pupils volunteered to join in the celebration and perform their poems once more. After their deliberations, the judges gave individual feedback to each competitor and then it was time to announce the results as follows:

Winner of the Year 1 and 2 competition: Jessica McCowan

Winner of the Year 3 and 4 competition: Livvy Barr

Winner of the Year 5 and 6 competition: Lyall Roberts

Overall Winner of the 'Off by Heart' Trophy: Lyall Roberts

Following the competition, Dr Dalrymple said, 'Pupils from the Junior Department impressed with their readings of poetry learned off by heart. Some readings were dramatic, some nuanced; some were controlled, some passionate; all were word perfect and showed sensitivity in responding to the language of poetry. Pupils have learned poems that will stay with them throughout their lives; all have taken poetry to their hearts.'

### **Senior School House Drama – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

The penultimate Inter House competition of the year sees the houses perform the plays that they have been rehearsing all term. Jerningham are currently in the lead with Stobo second and Home bringing up the rear but it could all change on the night! Curtain up is at 7.00pm in the Chapel Theatre on Thursday evening, and all parents, friends and family are welcome to come and support.

### **Staff v Parents Cricket and Rounders - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Both the rounders and cricket parents' teams are looking for players in the eagerly awaited matches against the school staff. The cricket begins at 6.00pm followed by the rounders. If you would like to play, please can you email: Mr Dodd ([pdodd@lts.org.uk](mailto:pdodd@lts.org.uk)) and your name will be passed on to the parents' captains. Experience and ability is not always necessary for players! There will be drinks and a barbecue on the evening for all to enjoy.

### **Senior School – Boys Single Wicket Cricket Event**

The Sports Dept. are thrilled to announce that entries are now open for the Senior School Single Wicket Cricket Event, which is set to take place during the school day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

There are 16 positions available for this event and pupils in higher form groups will be given priority. The deadline for registration is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June, where these can be made at the PE office with either Mr Wilkinson or Mr Skeen.

On the day of the event, pupils should attend registration as normal and then make their way down to the sports hall to change and prepare for the event which will commence at 10:00am.

### **End of Exam Trips**



For their end of exam activity day, a group of Form 2 and 3 students ascended The Schil, a peak in the Cheviot Hills. Led by Martin Vernon (ably assisted by Mr McParland, Finn (Mr McP's dog), Mr & Mrs Johnson and Mr Dodd), the group left the minibus and set off up the high Pennine way route from the end of the Halterburn Valley. It was overcast and blustery but lovely walking conditions. We were treated by vast views over Northumberland and the Borders. All the students reached the top and had a well-deserved lunch. The route down took us on the low Pennine Way route, which was almost all downhill or level, which was welcome after the climb up! A great day was had by all despite the tired and aching legs!

## Bamburgh Beach and Chillingham Castle Trip

Last Friday, fifty students travelled to Chillingham Castle where Mr Maddock terrified them with a ghost tour. They were locked in the dungeon, visited the torture chamber and experienced the haunted rooms. The group then travelled to Bamburgh beach for a relaxing afternoon in the sunshine, playing beach games and eating Mr Kendall's BBQ food.



## Surgeons' Hall Trip



On Thursday, a group of fifteen students travelled to Surgeons' Hall in Edinburgh, to take part in a surgical skills workshop. The pupils enjoyed the practical session, getting dressed for surgery as well as viewing all the human specimens.

## Pupil News

### Murray – Form 4



Murray won the U16 trophy for the best shot at the Lammermuir Moorland Group Clay Shoot on Sunday.

### Community Links

The fully professional pantomime returns this Christmas to The Maltings, with Cinderella and they are looking for talented local kid's aged 9 - 15 to join the cast!

**CHILDREN'S AUDITIONS** Saturday 23 June Ages 9 - 12: 9:45am for a 10am start  
Ages 13 - 15: 12:45pm for a 1pm start

## Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> June

Sat	23-Jun	LTSDA 'Old Skool Disco' – Sports Hall	7.30 pm
Mon	25-Jun	Sixth Form Induction Commences	
		External Exams End	
		U6 EPQ Presentation – Concert Room	5.00 pm
Tue	26-Jun	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day	10.30 am
		KS2 Sports Day	1.00 pm
		Senior Pupils' Informal Concert	1.00 pm
		Scholars' Concert	7.00 pm
Wed	27-Jun	ABRSM Music Exams	
		F5 Team Building Trip, Cragside	9.00 am

Depart: 8.45 am

Return: 4.30 pm

**Parents Cricket/Rounders**

**6.00 pm**

Thu 28-Jun Junior 6 After Flodden Workshop, Berwick Museum

9.00 am

Depart: 9.00 am

Return: 12.00 pm

Junior 6 After Flodden Workshop, Berwick Museum

1.00 pm

Depart: 1.00 pm

Return: 4.00 pm

Golf Tournament, Haggerston

Depart: 1.00 pm

Return: 4.30 pm

**Inter-House Drama Productions**

7.00 pm

Fri 29-Jun Junior Fun Swimming Session

Depart: 9.00 am

Return: 12.00 pm

Senior Sports Day

1.00 pm

Stobo Camp-out (Junior Department)

5.00 pm

Sat 30-Jun DoE Bronze Expedition qualifying departs

8.00 am

Haddington Show

**Leavers' Dinner**

**7.00 pm**

**Dates for your Diaries:**

5<sup>th</sup> July

Founders' Day at 12.30pm in the Sports Hall