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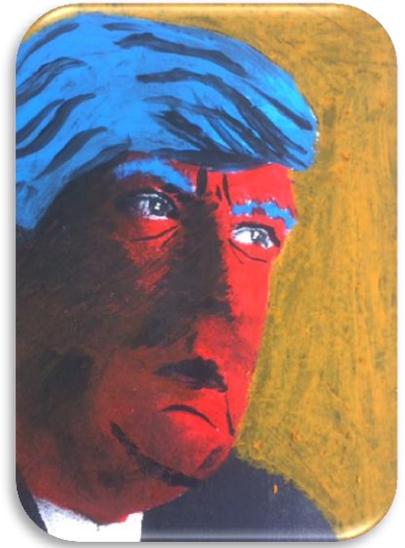
Art



by Leo Betts



by Patrick Kelly



by Tara Brown



by Daniel Warner

Boarding

On Saturday night the boarders travelled to the Malting theatre in Berwick to watch a local drama production of the pantomime Robin Hood. With an experienced strong cast, young and old, dazzling costumes, amazing sets, audience interaction and lots of sing along songs the boarders had a very entertaining evening. On Sunday we had some very snowy weather, so we chose to stay local and had an afternoon of retail therapy in Berwick's many shops and cafes. This week we celebrated Aidan's 15th birthday in boarding style with a card, cake and candle.



Science

On Tuesday 23rd January, four pupils travelled down to Newcastle University to take part in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Schools Quiz. It consisted of 3 rounds: observation, lecture questions and a quiz. We were also entertained by a lecture-demonstration entitled 'Colourful Chemistry', which was very enlightening. It was a great day, ending in us coming 5th! Thank you to Mr Whitcombe for taking us.



Senior School Production



Rehearsals are going very well for this year's Senior School production of Willy Russell's *Our Day Out*, and we look forward to a great show. The performances take place on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th March 2018 at 7.30pm in The Maltings Theatre, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tickets can be booked via The Maltings' website: www.maltingsberwick.co.uk. As a taster, here is a very brief synopsis:

'Some underprivileged schoolchildren are taken on a day's outing by their teachers. The children boisterously rampage through a roadside café, a zoo, Conway Castle and a beach. A joyous celebration of the joys and agonies of growing up, but also a sharp pointer to the depressing present and empty future faced by these youngsters, for a day out is as much as these children can expect.'

Over the following weeks, the cast will be required to make a considerable commitment to the rehearsal schedule in order to achieve the high performance standard which audiences have come to expect from Longridge Towers School productions. Cast members must attend all of the scheduled Enrichment Sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4.00 – 4.45pm.

Pupils involved will need to be available for Sunday all day rehearsals on Sunday 4th March (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.) and Sunday 11th March (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.). It is also anticipated that technical and dress rehearsals will take place on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March 2018, and further details will follow regarding these.

Junior Burns Night Assembly

In the Stobo assembly on Thursday we all learnt many wonderful facts about Burns night and why we celebrate it. We now know that Robert Burns was never actually famous when he was alive and that his talent was only discovered after his death. He was a father of twelve children and died of an unknown cause at the young age of 37. Our own Fraser Armstrong played an amazing tune on the bagpipes called 'The Barnyards' to show how the haggis is brought into the celebration. We then learnt many more fantastic facts and were blessed with Ethan Craze's superbly clear rendition of 'The Selkirk Grace'. Although Burns grew up on his father's farm, his extreme love for animals was the loving inspiration for many of his poems like 'To a mouse'. At the end of the assembly the haggis was cut open and we learnt about what it is made of. Not the most appealing of ingredients but it hasn't put me off!!!

- By Lily Lowe J6M



U16 Netball v Berwick Academy



On Monday afternoon, the U16 Netball team hosted Berwick Academy. Longridge started really well, with Nina and Daisy linking well with Goal Shooter Olivia. Olivia scored almost every shot she took and we went into the second quarter 7-2 ahead. During the second and third quarters, a lack of match fitness took its toll and despite some strong defending from Goal Keeper Millie, Berwick managed to catch up. The final quarter saw Longridge link well again in attack and some lovely goals were scored by Taryn and Olivia; unfortunately the girls couldn't quite claw back the damage done in the middle quarters and the game ended 18-26. Players of the match were Olivia and Millie.

U18 Hockey v Dunbar Grammar School

Having not had a game since well before Christmas, the U18 hockey team travelled to Dunbar on Wednesday evening looking to shake some cobwebs off their sticks! They started enthusiastically, with the majority of possession in the first half. Evie Rutherford converted a penalty corner to give Longridge the lead at half time. Dunbar started the stronger team in the second half, and capitalised on a lapse of concentration in the marking to score the equaliser. Longridge were not going to give up without a fight, and the Dunbar goal only spurred them on more. Some beautiful link passes between Daisy and Evie ensured the ball stayed up in the Dunbar defensive circle. Some excellent saves by the Dunbar keeper kept Longridge at bay for a while, before Evie found a way past to score the winner. Despite the horrendous weather conditions, the girls played well, they worked as a team and most definitely got rid of those cobwebs. We look forward to our next game, against KEVI in the league, in a few weeks time.



British Council Exhibition



Mr Lee and Mrs Burns are currently in Hong Kong where they will be attending the British Council Exhibition for Schools and Universities this weekend. Mr Lee is seen here with Gordon's parents.

Week commencing 29th January

Mon	29-Jan	Collapsed Curriculum Day	
Tue	30-Jan	<u>Badminton</u> : KS 3 Area Tournament, Alnwick (A)	12.00 pm
		Depart:	10.45 am
		Return:	4.00 pm
		<u>Rugby</u> : U15 v Clifton Hall (A)	2.30 pm
		Depart:	12.30 pm
		Return	5.15 pm
		<u>Hockey</u> : U15 v KEVI (H)	4.00 pm

Wed	31-Jan	Form 4 Geography Field Trip Departs	9.00 am
		Junior 4 Class Assembly, Atrium	9.00 am
		<u>Swimming</u> : U12 v Compass (A)	1.45 pm
			Depart: 12.30 pm
			Return: 4.45 pm
		Junior 2: Trip to Police Station, Berwick	
		<u>Football</u> : Junior 3 & 4 Training Session with Scremerston F.S.	
		<u>Hockey</u> : U13 v Kings Priory (A, The Parks)	4.00 pm
			Depart: 2.00 pm
			Return: 6.30 pm
		Parents' Evening Form 1- Concert Room	5.15 pm
Thu	01-Feb	GRADES	
Fri	02-Feb	Reverend Kelsey Leading School Assemblies	
		<u>Netball</u> : U11, U10 v Tweedmouth (H)	1.00 pm
		Junior 3 and Junior 4 Swimming	
		Form 4 Geography Field Trip Returns	4.00 pm

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Fri	09-Feb	Speech and Drama Fright Night – Chapel	
			Juniors 6 -7pm
			Seniors 7.15pm