



@LongridgeTowers

Longridge Towers School



Weekly News Friday 28th April 2017

Art

Pictured below is the preparatory work by Euan Macfarlane for his AS exam final pieces.



New Astroturf

In conjunction with parents, the School has invested in a total refurbishment of the tennis courts, and over the Easter holiday the all-weather sports surface was completed six months ahead of schedule. It is a most welcome addition to the School's extensive facilities and will be used by every pupil in the School. Below are photos of the transformation.



LTSDA Sponsored Walk - Monday 1st May

As you may be aware, the LTSDA are holding a whole school sponsored walk to help raise money for sports equipment to be used on the new Astroturf. At the end of the sponsored walk, those children who have parents present may leave and go home after signing out with Mrs Jobson at Reception. All other pupils will be supervised in school and attend enrichment as normal until the end of the school day at 4.45pm when the School buses leave.

It's back! Lifespan sponsored Colour Run 2017, Saturday 27th May, Longridge Towers School

With TWO races to choose from at each event:

1K Run starting 10am

5K Run starting 10am

Or volunteer as a paint marshal & enjoy throwing paint.

Our family fun day has something for everyone.



With sports prizes presented to the fastest three runners from every race, either run for fun or run to win your sponsorship will raise much needed funds for Lifespan.

COST TO REGISTER: £12 PER ADULT/ £8 PER CHILD.

Pre event registration necessary and includes your fundraising pack, entry to the race of your choice, parking permit and Lifespan Colour Run 2017 Medal.

Facebook Event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/400275817021465/>

To Book Email: fundraising@lifespanteam.org.uk

Poland Trip

A group of seventeen pupils and three staff travelled to Poland during the Easter holidays for a visit to the Auschwitz concentration camps and the Wieliczka Salt Mines. On arrival, the group had a guided tour of Krakow, visiting the Jewish quarter, a synagogue and Oscar Schindler's Factory. This was tiring as they left at 3am in the morning! The second day they visited both the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps, and learned the horrors of the holocaust first hand. During the afternoon, they had a very enlightening meeting with a survivor of Auschwitz. On the final day, the group visited the spectacular salt mine, entering by 54 flights of stairs! The scale of the mine was stunning. All of the group had an excellent time and learned a great deal about the history of the holocaust.



Science



The topic of respiration is supported by many different experiments. In this case students breathed out in bicarbonate indicator solution. It turns from a weak Ribena red to urine yellow. This is because it is a Ph indicator and the air breathed out contains high concentrations of carbon dioxide which is an acidic gas.

Inspired!

On Thursday, J6, Forms 1, 2 and 3 visited The Maltings to listen to "Inspired!". This was a project giving young people the opportunity to create and perform their own songs. Callum O'Reilly and Bob Jeffrey were participants and they both performed their own songs with backing from the other members of Inspired and their tutors. The resulting concert was hugely varied and at times had the whole audience on their feet clapping and dancing along. Congratulations to Callum and Bob, I can speak for everyone present that they were truly "Inspired!"

New Drum Teacher

The school has a new drum teacher who has offered to give pupils with a genuine interest in learning to play two trial lessons free of charge. Please contact Dr Hardy if you are interested. mhardy@lts.org.uk

Theatre Trip

Last night we went to see the Woman in Black performance at Newcastle. The play was about two men acting out the horrific events of Arthur's past. Arthur is sent to Marsh House to help sort out the will of the recently deceased old woman that lived there. Arthur stays at her house to find some information about her past and finds out about her sister who was forced to give up her child to Alice, the old woman. Janet, Alice's sister, went to claim her child back but before she could the young child drowned in the marsh. The play was really scary and amazingly acted out. We all really enjoyed the evening, even if our screaming during the play suggested we were a bit too scared! By Nina McCreath, Form 3.

Longridge B-P Scout Group



The Scout group were on parade in Hexham, for the Saint George's Day Parade, Church Service and awards presentation. All the Seniors, Scouts and Wolf Cubs were smartly dressed and represented the group brilliantly.

Beth was asked to carry the main Union Flag and led the whole Parade. She was also awarded the highest senior scout award, the Saint George's Award. Well done, Beth!



The group also had a very important visitor recently. The newly appointed Chief Commissioner, Jay Dodson, came to visit the scout group. He was most impressed with the progress of the group and the grounds and facilities that the group is allowed to use. He also presented Pioneer Badge Awards to Martin and Roy.

BT Sport Borders Rugby Academy

Pictured right are Alexander, Murray and Ben have played two U15 games for Borders v East Lothian over the last week, winning this week's fixture against East Lothian Falcons Greens.



East Lothian Schools 7's Series

Berwick Schools 7's squads are currently participating in the first East Lothian Schools 7's Series, with U13's currently in 2nd position (Angus, Charlie and Archie representing Longridge). The U14's (Alexander, Ben, Callum, Murray and Rory representing Longridge) are currently top of their table. U15's and U16's are currently in 3rd and 5th place. All teams are looking forward to match two on Saturday 29th April and the final on Saturday 6th May. Berwick U14 team had a second day of 7's in the Greenyards Shield, at Melrose. They won their pool games against Lismore, Peebles and Duns, followed by a win against North Berwick in the quarter-final. They unfortunately missed out on the final in the last play of the semi-final against a strong Gala team.

Berwick U13 Rugby

Angus McGregor, William Dakers and Charlie Brewis were part of the winning team at Pinkie, Musselburgh last Saturday where Berwick U13's won the East Coast 7's Tournament.

Berwick Rugby Club Youth Dinner



At the annual Berwick Rugby Club Youth Dinner last night four Longridge pupils received awards. Archie won the 'Player of the Season 2017' award within his age category. Daniel won the Josh Smith U16 Rugby Endeavour Trophy for his contribution to the club, for playing for teams two years above his age group, and for assisting with rugby coaching at mini rugby U8s. Chris (not pictured) was U16 'Player of the Year' and Rory was 'U14 Player of the Year'. Well done to them all! Guest speakers at the dinner were Scotland's video analyst Matty Hastie and former Scotland International and Scotland forward coach Nathan Hines. **Community Links**

Berwick Operatic Society presents Oliver! 3rd - 7th May at The Maltings, Berwick

Three pupils are in taking part Oliver this year. Freya - Form 1 is playing 'Bet' and Levin - J6 is playing 'Oliver', Bob Jeffrey is in the Chorus. Good luck to them all!

Lyra Vocal Ensemble

St Cuthbert's Church, Norham. Saturday 20th May 7pm

Back again after a two year absence, this vocal ensemble of award-winning soloists based in St Petersburg will be performing a wide range of music, from Russian Orthodox sacred music to Russian folk songs — and some Rachmaninov and Verdi. Tickets £7 (U16 free) available on the door — includes a glass of wine or a soft drink.



**BERWICK BOUNDS - ROUTE TIMINGS
SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2017**

Please Note these times are approximate and depend weather conditions on the day.

9.30am – Best Turned Out Judging, Grass In front of Barracks.

10am – Riders assemble in Parade Car Park and Proceed to Barracks.

10.30am – Riders leave the Barracks and proceed to the Guild Hall.

11.00am – Ride leaves Town via Church Street.

12.30-1pm – Gallop will take place **before** the rest break and can be viewed from the Bridge over the River, This is strictly weather permitting.

1pm Approx - Trotting Races will be in the field adjacent to Gainslaw Hill Farm.

3.00pm - Ride Returns to the Town via Castle Terrace back to the Guild Hall

3.30pm - After Ride Lunch and Prize Giving – **ALL WELCOME**

www.berwickridersassociation.com or www.facebook.com/bratld
Email - berwickbounds@yahoo.co.uk

Week commencing 30th April

Mon	01-May	LTSDA Sponsored Walk	1.00 pm
Tue	02-Apr	Junior 2 Trip to Edinburgh Botanic Gardens	9.00 am
			Depart: 9.00 am
			Return: 3.15 pm
Wed	03-May	<u>Swimming</u> : U11-U13 Gala, Mowden	2.30 pm
			Depart: 12.15 pm
			Return: 6.00 pm
Fri	05-May	Senior Aquathon, Eyemouth Pool	11.15 pm
		Stobo Aquathon, Eyemouth Pool	1.00 pm
Sat	06-May	Open Morning	10.00 am

Forward Planning

Mon	15-May	Form 5 GCSE Examinations Begin	
		Lower 6 th Form Exam Leave Begins	
Tue	16-May	Stobo Production 'Aladdin' Chapel Theatre	1.30 pm
Thu	18-May	Stobo Production 'Aladdin' Chapel Theatre	6.00 pm