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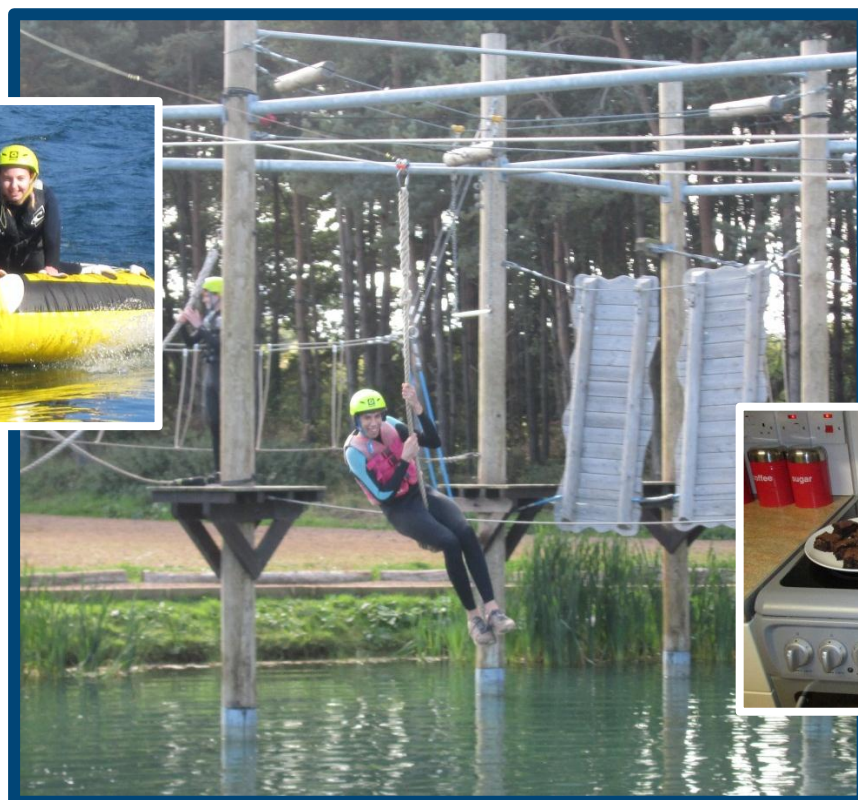
Weekly News Friday 28th September 2018

Boarding

On Saturday, the boarders had their weekly trip into Berwick to purchase some essential shopping and visit the coffee shops. With time to spare they headed to a local play park for a quick spin on the slides and swings. Then on Sunday the boarders travelled to Foxlake at Dunbar. Foxlake is a unique low rope course challenge over water, and unlike any other ropes course, has no safety harness, just the water looming below. After completing the course the boarders had to climb the tower, and slide down the zip wire, and plunge into the water. Gracia and Paula looked very comfortable on the high ropes, while Wonwoo and Simon spent most of their time in the water. After they had completed the rope course it was time to be pulled across the lake at high speed on an inflatable called “The Ringo”. Aidan and Sahil had trouble holding on and were thrown into the water, but were able to climb back on. After everyone had dried out in the sunshine, we headed back to the minibus for a really sleepy journey home.

This week we had our own great Boarding Bake Off, with Iciar producing some fantastic chocolate brownies, for everyone to share.

If you are interested in overnight or weekly boarding, please contact Gavin Hattle, or Ali Ireland, on 01289 308183.



U13 Hockey v NHSG

On Monday, the U13 girl's hockey team had their first league match at Longhirst against Newcastle High School for Girls. The girls were nervous as this was their first time playing as a new team. Iona was positive as Captain, and encouraged the team to "go for it". Longridge started off strongly with a straight attack on the NHSG team. The game was exciting and play was end to end. We never gave up and learnt a good deal about playing on a full sized pitch. Despite a 2-0 defeat, NHSG chose Erin as player of the match. Well done to all the girls who played.

U15 Hockey v Bede Academy

On Tuesday night the Under 15 League team played in their first match of the season. They were excited to play Bede Academy and made a tentative start. Holly Drew made some confident and skilful runs down the left wing and the team started to push into more attacking positions. It was end to end action by both teams and Longridge worked hard to keep a clean scoreboard at half time. The second half saw a more confident Bede team desperate for a goal but a fantastic defensive effort kept the final score to 0:0. Player of the match had to be Iciar Anguiano, who showed great pace and strength in defence. Mrs Shaw feels she could take some of this credit as Iciar had to leave her stick in Spain and plays with one of her old sticks! A real team effort and we move onto our next match against Dame Allan next week.

U18 Hockey v NHSG 'A' team

On Monday evening the U18 team travelled to Longhirst to play their first league match of the season. This was always going to be a tough test up against NHSG's U18 'A' team as this team won the league last year very convincingly! Longridge were taken aback by the quick and powerful start made by NHSG, and despite some super saves by Millie we conceded a couple of goals in the first few minutes. After this, Longridge settled into their own game and produced some promising play. Solid tackling from the defenders kept many NHSG attacks at bay. Strong running from Liberty and Taryn in midfield helped to create opportunities for Longridge in the circle; with Liberty scoring from a well worked penalty corner in the second half. The final score was a creditable 2:1 defeat.

As Mr Wilkinson says, we don't lose matches, we learn from them! The U18 team have most certainly learned something from this match. The resilience and fighting spirit demonstrated within the team when the game got tough must be commended and is promising looking forward. If only we had 10 more minutes on the clock! The players of the match were Millie for producing outstanding saves, and Liberty for strong running and creating space for others.

Under 15 Rugby

Longridge under 15's travelled to Duns on Wednesday for a competitive match against Berwickshire/Eyemouth. Longridge started slowly, conceding a try after 4 minutes, but this seemed to spur Longridge into life as they dominated the remainder of the opening third. Unfortunately pressure couldn't be turned into points until the last minute, with Hamish McVie scoring in the corner. The second third was all Longridge as they built up a 29-7 lead with tries from Angus McGregor (2), Rory Blackie and Ollie Inkson. Berwickshire/Eyemouth made multiple substitutions for the last third; this gave them a much needed boost as they ran in 4 converted tries to lead 35-29. Longridge regrouped with a flowing attack from deep inside their own half, and as the clock reached zero, an opposition defender scrambled the ball into touch just as McVie looked like winning the game for Longridge. Final score Berwickshire/Eyemouth 35 Longridge 29.



U13 Rugby

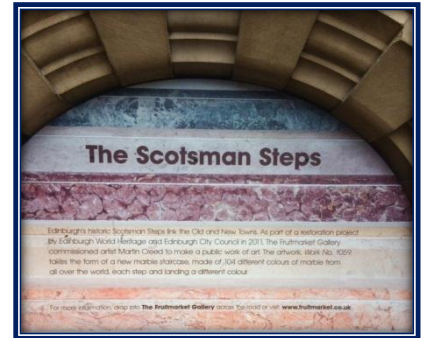
On what was a rather warm but windy afternoon, the U13 LTS rugby team journeyed to Duns to play against a combined team from Berwickshire & Eyemouth High School. The team were confident after their initial victory at Clifton Hall School and had made full use of their training opportunities in both lesson time and indeed during their enrichment activity.

After no more than 5 minutes the LTS team were already securing points. Their motivation increased and the level of performance continued to improve. By half time, LTS commanded a powerful lead and the number of individual runners, supported by numerous

team mates, produced a level of rugby which the boys should be proud of. The final score stood as LTS 47 – Berwickshire / Eyemouth High School 0, but more importantly, their teamwork and standard of play was the real victory in this fixture. Congratulations to all players.

Art – A Level students in Edinburgh

On Wednesday, Sixth Form pupils studying Art A Level, went to the City Art Centre, the Fruitmarket Gallery and the National Gallery of Scotland. They also sought out art and design on the streets and in shops. Highlights of the day were the Monarch of the Glen, the colours in Lush and the stunning marble Scotsman Steps on Market Street.



Robotics in Medicine Conference.

On Thursday the 20th of September, Phoebe and Liberty attended a Robotics Conference at the Life Centre in Newcastle. It was a conference for those interested in pursuing a career in medicine and health care related fields.

At the start of the day we had the opportunity to look at the robotics exhibition, which explored the development over the past century from the da Vinci robot to Paro (a robotic seal). Afterwards we heard talks from the government adviser for medical robotics, a lawyer specialising in robotics and an engineer creating these robots. We also had the opportunity to discuss our beliefs on the future for robotics and concluded the day by presenting findings on the future of robotics in medicine to the group. These findings are being sent to the Royal College of Surgeons and the Institute of Engineering and Technology. This day gave us a quality look into the future of medicine using robotics.

Pictured is a very life like droid which was on display.



Junior Assembly

After starting to read War Horse in class, Gray brought into school a Russian tank shell, three canon shells, a rifle stock, a training ammunition crate and a book about WW1 to share with his classmates and other children in assembly. Gray has a great interest in everything to do with World Wars and we were really grateful to him for sharing these fabulous artefacts with us.

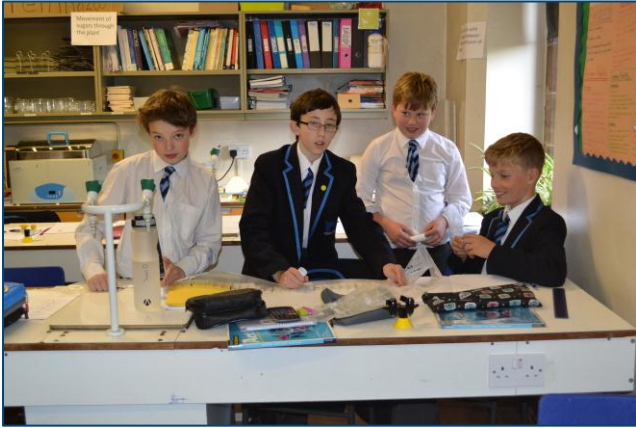


Bags2School

The LTSDA are collecting all unwanted clothing etc for Bags2School, as explained in last week's newsletter. The horsebox is now on site ready to receive your bags.

Form 1 Science

Science students from Form I have started to study body systems. The cardiovascular system is being fully investigated. In this experiment they are recording their lung volumes.



EYFS



EYFS have been making the most of the sunshine and have loved playing outside. The children thoroughly enjoy playing in our mud kitchen which the senior school children and Mr Westthorpe made for us last term during their enrichment.

They also practised balancing on the scaffold planks, and decided to go on a car trip. The children took turns being the driver and decided where they were going.

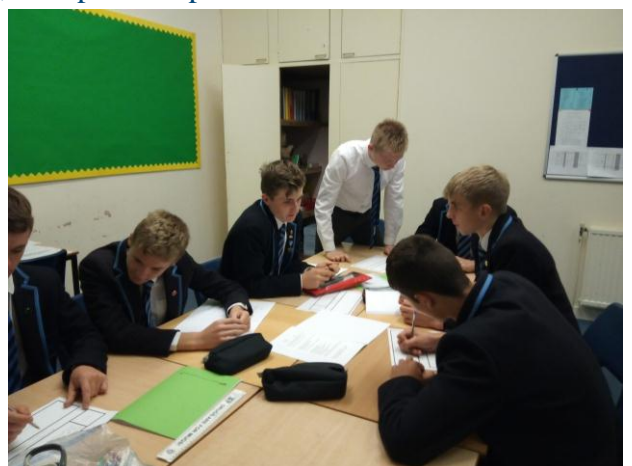
PSHE

Form 5 have started their PSHE curriculum this year by looking at the topic of Voting. A number of questions were generated by the pupils, including 'Why is the legal age (to vote) in England different to Scotland', 'Where does information on political parties come from?' and a further number of questions regarding the process of voting, and who is eligible to be a candidate. Alas, I suspect the person who asked 'Who do I vote for?' will not necessarily find the answer in PSHE!

The pupils in each class have registered to vote, and working in groups, have produced candidates and manifestos. Considerable discussion took place amongst the pupils as to what they should put into their party manifestos, covering the topics of the Economy, Health, Education, Tax, Europe, Defence, Business and Environment.

The election vote will take place in each class later in the term, after an opportunity for the registered voters to question each candidate on their manifesto promises.

Results to be announced at a later date - watch this space!



J3 – Rocks and Fossils

On Wednesday J3 had a fantastic, breezy morning at Cocklawburn Beach. The children loved exploring the different types of rocks and could demonstrate sound scientific knowledge, showing a good understanding of the terms sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. Mr Dodd was able to point out a number of different fossils and the class became palaeontologists and embarked on a very exciting fossil hunt. J3 love our Rocks and Fossils topic and it's so wonderful to see them engaged and desperate to learn more!



Connor meets the Challenge

Connor has just joined us in year 4. He has become the lucky owner of a bag of mischief after his name was pulled out of the hat in this year's Summer Reading Challenge prize draw. Connor has, for the last four years, taken part in the reading challenge at Amble library where he spends lots of his holidays with his grandparents. Every year Northumberland County Council's libraries take part in the national Summer Reading Challenge which is co-ordinated by the Reading Agency. The Challenge, now in its 20th year, is designed to help children develop a love of reading, boost their confidence and teach them new skills. This year's challenge, 'Mischief Makers' featured Dennis the Menace, Gnasher and the Bash Street Kids and was inspired by 'The Beano' comic which celebrates its' 80th Birthday this year. Well done Connor!



WEEK COMMENCING 28th SEPTEMBER

Sat	29-Sep	<u>Hockey</u> : U13 Girls v Eyemouth (H)	9.30am
		OPEN MORNING	10.00am
		<u>Rugby</u> : U15/U18 v Knox/Haddington (H)	10.30am
Mon	01-Oct	<u>Hockey</u> : U18 & U15 V DAGS (H, Longhirst)	4.00pm
			Depart: 2.45pm
			Return: 7.00pm
		Form 1 and New Form 2 Parent Evening - Social and PSHE/ SRE	6.00pm
Tue	02-Oct	<u>Cross Country</u> : Forms 1-4, Gateshead Stadium	9.00am
			Depart: 8.50am
			Return: 4.00pm
		Form 5 Futurewise Profiling	10.00am
Wed	03-Oct	<u>Hockey</u> : U13 v Fettes (A)	2.00pm
			Depart: 12.00noon
			Return: 5.30pm
		<u>Rugby</u> : U16 County Cup 1st Round at Bede Academy	2.00pm
			Depart: 12.05pm
			Return: 4.30pm
Thu	04-Oct	<u>Rugby</u> : U13 - Northumberland County Cup, Alnwick	1.00pm
			Depart: 12.20pm
			Return: 4.10pm
		Phonics Workshop	6.30pm
Fri	05-Oct	Junior Informal Concert	9.00am
		<u>Cross Country</u> : Juniors 1, 2 & 3, Mowden Hall	1.30pm
			Depart: 11.30am
			Return: 4.45pm
		<u>Theatre Trip</u> : The Time Machine (The Maltings)	7.00pm
Sat	06-Oct	<u>Rugby</u> : LTS/Berwick v Ross High School	