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Nativity

The children in Early Years, J1 and J2 performed 'A King is Born' for this year's Nativity play. Everyone performed so well - they sang beautifully, remembered their lines and acted their parts to perfection. A special mention must also go to the children from J3 - J6 who volunteered to sing for us at the start - their singing was superb. We are incredibly proud of them all.



The collections held at the end of the two Nativity performances raised a staggering £760 - a fitting tribute to Lynda Bruce. This money is going to the Berwick Chemotherapy unit to help all those undergoing treatment. Further photographs can be seen on the School website: <http://www.lts.org.uk/photos/jnr-nav-2017/>

Early Years Foundation Stage



EYFS has been developing our outdoor area. We have been very lucky with generous donations of construction materials from logs to car tyres, scaffolding planks and drainpipes - thank you very much. The children have enjoyed building obstacle courses and imaginative buildings. This has made a significant impact in developing their co-operation and communication skills, they have all worked together superbly! All of the children were highly engaged and thoroughly enjoyed their learning.

School Drive

Unfortunately, a few parents have raised concerns regarding the School drive. Please always give way to cars coming up the School drive from the main road, and have patience whilst cars are waiting. We appreciate that the beginning and end of the day are the busiest periods and therefore we ask for your co-operation in this matter, thank you.

Art

Mona Lisa as you have never seen her before!



by Carmen



by Carenza



by Daniel

LTSDA Christmas Fair



Thank you to the Junior Department who opened the Christmas Fair this afternoon. Their fantastic singing echoed throughout the School and we are sure there was a hankie or two out!

We would also like to thank the many stall holders (too many to mention) for coming today. There was a lovely selection of goods for sale, and well done to the three Senior School house charity stalls who were raising money for their chosen charities.

Lastly, this would not happen without the support of you, the parents and the LTSDA committee who organise the event. The fair raises valuable funds for the School for the benefit of all pupils.



U14 Rugby v Berwickshire/Eyemouth HS

A solid defensive display from Longridge with hardly a tackle missed all game. In the first half, Longridge spent most of the game in the oppositions half, which resulted in a try. The second half procession by the opposition was broken by Rory Blackie who galloped down the wing like a gazelle to score. Angus made several charges carrying many of the opposition with him! A good team effort resulted in a win for Longridge with the final score being 12-5.

U13 Rugby v Belhaven Against one of the strongest Belhaven sides ever, who were unbeaten all season and had won several seven's tournaments, it was no surprise Longridge had a tough game on Tuesday. The speed of the ball passed down the line was amazing, with deft pick-ups off boots at full speed and simple drawing the man to create overlaps in an exhibition of running rugby in the first period Longridge were well under the cosh. The second half was much better as Longridge made several charges and Max was only just stopped by a crash tackle. Heads stayed up and tackles were made from many of the Form 1 players particularly William R and Gabriel. Angus made strong carries which was rewarded when Alexander crashed over from all of three metres following Longridge pressure. On this occasion it was not to be a win.

U10 & U11 Rugby v Belhaven Hill

As Christmas approaches, the U11 and U10 rugby squad played in their final match of the year. On a winning streak, the boys were filled with confidence when travelling away to Belhaven. Within the first two minutes LTS were one up after a great well worked team try. The play switched back and forth, with both teams playing hard Rugby. James by far was the stand out player, managing to break through the game line putting the home side on the back foot on a number of occasions. LTS lead into half time 2-1. In the second half Belhaven came out fighting, with some good linking play they came close to scoring. But with a fantastic interception by Lyall, he ran the length of the pitch to score. In the final minutes, LTS defended their hearts out, putting body after body quite literally on the line. The final score was 4-3 to LTS and the boys certainly celebrated this incredibly close game! Man of the match went to James, who received a rousing applause from his team mates.

German Exchange Hosts

If anyone could offer to host either one or two young German pupils aged about 13-14 for the German Exchange school visit to Longridge in March 2018 please could you let Mr Caddick know by email at mcaddick@lts.org.uk . The Germans all speak very good English and would be delighted to spend some time with our families next year.

Senior Science



Form 1 are coming to the end of the cells chapter and are looking at the movement of molecules in general and the movement of molecules in and out of cells. In this experiment a few potassium permanganate crystals are dropped in a beaker of still water. Over time the crystals dissolve and crucially diffuse, leading to a striking purple colour being seen throughout.

U16 Rugby v Berwickshire High

Longridge dominated possession and territory for large periods of the game causing Berwickshire problems in attack with our excellent off-loading game. Unfortunately two lapses in concentration allowed Berwickshire to score two quick tries. We battled hard to get back into the game and two tries from Tom Walker left the game finely poised at half-time. A brilliant length of the field team try finished off by Murray McGregor appeared to have won the game until a late mistake allowed Berwickshire to sneak the win 19-17. It was an excellent performance by the team and despite the defeat the boys should all be proud of their effort.

Boarding

On Saturday, the boarders visited the historic and picturesque market town of Kelso in the Scottish borders for a browse around the shops and cafes.

On Sunday, they took advantage of the mild winter weather and travelled to the world famous Beamish Open Air Museum. Beamish tells the story of life in a coal mining town in the North East of England in 1913. They spent time with a very scary dentist, visited a bank, a masonic hall and a school. Everywhere was decorated in old fashioned handmade Christmas decorations, and there was even an ice rink. They listened to a very amusing live colliery brass band performing festive music and visited a working farm, with huge working horses, and some very noisy geese. A ride on a tram, followed by an open top bus tour ended another fabulous day out for the boarders.



Pupil Achievements

Angus and Sean – Form 2

Congratulations to Angus and Sean who have selected for North Northumberland U13 Northumberland DPP (Rugby).

Jesse – Sixth Form

Jesse (pictured right) is representing Northumberland U18's in the Northern Division Festivals. He has played twice, against Durham and Cheshire, and there is a further match on the 17 December against Cumbria. Good luck, Jesse!



Grace – Form 1



Grace has recently been moved into the adult classes for Kung Fu and was put forward for her grading. On Tuesday, Grace found out that she has passed her grading and has now moved from her purple belt to a green sash. Well done, Grace!

Week commencing 10th December

Sat	09-Dec	<u>Rugby</u> : BRFC v Preston Lodge (Venue t.b.c)	
Mon	11-Dec	Junior Department Christmas Assembly, Norham	9.20 am
			Depart: 9:00 am
			Return: 10:30 am
		Junior Department Christmas Party	1.00 pm
Tue	12-Dec	Key Stage 2 – Christmas Disco	6.00 pm
Wed	13-Dec	Christmas Lunch	12.00 pm
		Inter-House Quiz	2.10 pm
		Berwick Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert with LTS Guests	7.30 pm
		St Andrew's Wallace Green and Lowick Church of Scotland, Berwick	
Thu	14-Dec	Carol Service	2.00 pm
		TERM ENDS	3.30 pm
		Buses Depart	3.30 pm
Fri	15-Dec	Boarders Depart	
		Sixth Form Snow Ball	7.00 pm

Term Dates for Lent 2018

Boarders Return:	Wednesday, 3rd January
Term Begins:	Thursday, 4th January
Half Term:	Saturday, 10th February - Sunday, 18th February
Term Ends:	Tuesday, 27th March
Boarders Depart:	Wednesday, 28th March

Term Dates for Summer 2018

Boarders Return:	Monday, 16th April
Term Begins:	Tuesday, 17th April
Half Term:	Saturday, 26th May - Sunday, 3rd June
Term Ends:	Thursday, 5th July
Boarders Depart:	Friday, 6th July