

LONGCROFT NEWS

Thursday 21st December 2017

As Christmas approaches and 2017 comes to an end, we would like to thank parents for their ongoing support, members of staff for their commitment and students for their hard work.

We hope you have a peaceful and happy fortnight with family and friends, and look forward to seeing students when they return to school on Monday 8th January 2018.

Post Ofsted Update

As you will be aware, following our recent inspection, Ofsted asked us to carry out a review of our Pupil Premium funding - this is additional funding for children eligible for free school meals, looked after children and those from families with parents in the Armed Forces.

The review process began this week and will be completed in January 2018. We will update you with details of this once it has been fully completed.

End of Term Library Roundup

A big thank you to all those students who entered the Library Christmas Challenge 2017. What a fabulous display your Christmas card designs, Christmas verses, and short stories have made. Vivo points will be going out to lots of Year 7 and 8 students for their superb efforts.

Certificates, books, and Christmas sweets were awarded to Poppy Broxham (8N) for her card design and verse, and Ciaran Larter (8O) for his skilfully illustrated unusual story 'The Sleepless Christmas'.

In Year 7 Bryony Young (7N) won the short story competition for her well-structured and imaginative 'The Christmas Diary'.

Thank you, as always, for the encouragement you give to your children, and also the support of our wonderful English Department.

A Happy Christmas from the Library!

Carol Concert

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Longcroft Carol Concert on Monday 18th December at St Mary's Church. This was a wonderful evening that helped to get everyone in attendance into the festive spirit of the season.

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who supported the non-uniform day on the last day of term – £740 has been raised for Save the Children.

Longcroft Referendum Results

On the Year 11 Options Evening, our Government and Politics teachers ran four referenda for parents and students to take part in. This was an interactive way to help illustrate a core part of our democracy, which resulted in the following:

- **Referendum 1** – Should the UK remain in the EU? Yes = 68% ; No = 32%
- **Referendum 2** – Should the UK include an English Parliament as well as Scottish and Welsh Parliaments? Yes = 78% ; No = 22%
- **Referendum 3** – Should the USA go to war against North Korea? Yes = 5% ; No = 95%
- **Referendum 4** – Should the government increase taxation levels for the rich to provide more money for public services? Yes = 89% ; No = 11%

Also, the “Guess the MP” competition resulted in a tie between Oliver Gresswell, Emily Price, Elsa Richardson and Adam Dickinson - well done to all four competitors!

Friends of Longcroft School (FOLS) – Prize Draw Results

The winners of the October, November and December FOLS Prize Draws are:

- **October:** H. Brignell = £20; D. Hagerty = £10; K. Holmes = £10
- **November:** C. Haigh = £20; L. Boldy = £10; A. King = £10
- **December:** S. Smith = £20; R. Roberts = £10; J. Blake = £10

The winner of the **Bumper Christmas Draw** is W. Hildreth, who takes away £55!

Thank you to all those who play the Prize Draw and to FOLS for all the work they do for Longcroft.

Keeping Well Over Christmas

Please [click here](#) for some useful information put together by Mrs Robinson, Longcroft’s Health Advisor, which will help students to stay healthy and well over Christmas and winter in general.

Important Dates

Mon 8th Jan 2018 – First Day of Term

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