

LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 27th October 2017

We hope you all have a happy and safe half term and look forward to seeing students when they return to school on Monday 6th November.

Year 7 Production Evening

Well done to all those who took part in the Year 7 Production Evening – Disney Dazzle. Despite only joining Longcroft a few short weeks ago, the performances by all students were first rate, with the theatre full of parents and family members supporting the event.

Mr O'Donnell has already received messages from parents complimenting the show, which is a wonderful reflection of the hard work carried out by all the students and members of staff involved.

If anyone wants to share their photos of the event or be kept up to date with future productions,, [click here to follow Longcroft School-Performing Arts on Facebook.](#)

Well done!

How to Contact Us

If you want to contact any of the members of staff, please email **school@longcroft.eriding.net** and put the name of the person you want to contact in the subject bar.

Alternatively, you can call **01482 862171** - reception will either put you through to the person you want to speak to or pass a message on to them.

Bike Safety

When students return to school after half term the clocks will have changed, with mornings and afternoons gradually growing darker. If your child comes to school by bicycle, please ensure that they have the appropriate visibility items, such as lights, luminous armbands, etc. so they can be seen on the road.

We would also be grateful if you could remind them that once they cycle to the school gates, they must then dismount their bikes and push them to the bike shed, rather than riding along the school drives. This is for safety reasons due to the high number of vehicle movements on site at the start and end of the school day.

Thank you for your support with this.

Reminder - Library Short Story Competition

This month the Longcroft Libraries are marking Halloween with a series of displays of fiction and non-fiction works, designed to encourage students to sample some scary books.

As part of this we are running a short story competition on the theme of Halloween. Students are invited to write a horror or ghost story of between 250 and 1,500 words. Entries should be left at the Lower or Upper School Library by November 6th 2017. Prizes and certificates will be awarded, and stories will be shared and displayed.

Please encourage your children to explore this imaginative theme, and develop their reading and writing skills.

Introducing MyEd – Communicating with Parents

We are pleased to announce the introduction of a new way in which Longcroft will communicate and share information with our parent community. This new system is called **MyEd** and will replace SIMS Learning Gateway on Monday 30th October 2017.

MyEd is a free parent app that gives you a range of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school. This will give you direct access to your child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and more. In coming weeks, more information will be added to the app to make it your one-stop place for Longcroft information.

The **MyEd** app is available now for both Apple iOS and Android devices. If you do not have either of these systems and so cannot download the app, you will still receive text messages and emails, meaning you won't miss out. The advantage of the app is that it pulls all the information we send you into one place.

You can download the app for FREE, either from the Apple App Store or Google Play by searching for **MyEd**, or scan a unique QR code to access the download page – [click here to find the QR on our website](#). Alternatively, look out for it on an information postcard that will be sent home with students next week.

We want parents and carers to feel as much a part of Longcroft as possible and make the best use of the increase in smart phone technology. You can download **MyEd** before the official launch and if you have any issues regarding it please email myed@longcroft.eriding.net.

Important Dates

Mon 30th Oct to Fri 3rd Nov 2017 – Half Term

Wed 15th Nov 2017 – Year 11 Options Info Evening – 6:30pm

Wed 13th Dec 2017 – Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening

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