

# **LONGCROFT NEWS**

## **Friday 8th December 2017**

### **South Pacific – A Great Success**

Well done to everyone involved with the whole school production of South Pacific. With amazing performances from all the actors, singers and musicians, it was clearly a highlight of the school year.

For some of the students, it was their first time taking on lead roles and they all did an amazing job of bring the characters to life.

Everything from the sets and lighting, to orchestra and back stage support, helped to make the production a resounding success, which packed the theatre full of enthusiastic audience members who had nothing but praise for a magnificent night of musical theatre.

At a time when arts funding is increasingly restricted, it is important that as a school we continue to include events of this kind, as the experience, confidence and enjoyment students gain from being part of a production, can be very important to their personal and professional development.

Thank you to the whole Performing Arts Team for putting so much time and effort into this production.

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

Design and Technology students have created unique decorations for Longcroft's entry in the Christmas Tree Festival, held this weekend at Beverley Minster.

Year 9 GCSE Food Studies students made iced gingerbread baubles, whilst GCSE Textiles student made felt flamingos!

The tree is part of around 100 others decorated by Beverley organisations – visit Beverley Minster this weekend to take a look.

### **Connecting with the World**

On 28th and 29th November, members of Mrs Lee's Skype Club took part in a world Skype-a-thon, making contact with Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sandakan and Malaysia.

The students took part in Mystery Skype, a game where they have to guess the location from where someone is contacting them by asking questions that generate yes/no answers.

This sort of project helps students understand different cultures – for example Malaysia treated them to some national dancing in costume – whilst also helping to appreciate the things we all have in common.

Following this successful event, similar Skype sessions with schools from a wider range of countries are planned.

Thank you to Mrs Lee for organising this wonderful experience for our students – it illustrates how technology can be used to bring the world into a classroom and for students to make links with people from other countries they would not otherwise have access to.

### **Badminton Roundup**

On Wednesday, three Longcroft badminton teams took part in the East Riding finals, coming away with some excellent results:

#### **Key Stage 3 Girls**

- 1 - Wolfreton
- 2 - Longcroft
- 3 - Bridlington
- 4 - South Hunsley

#### **Key Stage Girls**

- 1 - South Hunsley
- 2 - Longcroft
- 3 - Beverley High
- 4 - Wolfreton

#### **Key Stage Boys**

- 1 - Longcroft
- 2 - Wolfreton
- 3 - Beverley Grammar
- 4 - South Hunsley

The Key Stage 4 boys - Owen Walker, Oliver Stapleton, Joe Grady and Zac Toes - will now take part in the Humber finals in February.

### **Parent Names**

If any parents contact the school via MyEd, please can you make sure you include your name and the name of your son/daughter. This will help to ensure that your message is dealt with as quickly and appropriately as possible.

### **Cycling Safety**

We have had reports from neighbours that several students are cycling without lights, despite the increasingly dark mornings and afternoons. In addition, some students are cycling dangerously and not paying enough attention to cars and buses.

If your child travels to school by bicycle, please speak to them about this, as we are concerned that such behaviour could lead to a serious accident.

Before they leave home in a morning, please also make sure they have appropriate visibility equipment, such as lights, luminous armbands, etc.

Thank you for your support with this.

### **Important Dates**

Wed 13th Dec 2017 – Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening

Mon 18th Dec 2017 – Carol Concert, 7pm at St Mary's Church (Beverley)

Thu 21st Dec 2017 – Last Day of Term

Mon 8th Jan 2018 – First Day of Term

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