

LONGCROFT NEWS

Thursday 21st June 2018

Remembering Mrs Dent

The evening of Friday 22nd June sees us celebrate the life and career of Mrs Dent. Current and former staff and students, who knew and worked with Mrs Dent, will be joined in our Theatre by members of her family to share thoughts and memories. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome to do so. The evening starts at 5.30pm and will run until 9:00pm, with a range of tributes from staff and students between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

Melvin Burgess Visit

Melvin Burgess, the Carnegie Medal winning author, visited Longcroft School on Tuesday 19th June to talk to students about being a writer, how important it is to work at something you enjoy in life, and sticking to your dreams.

The acclaimed and often controversial children's fiction author became famous in 1996 with the publication of 'Junk', one of the best known young adult books of the decade. To date Burgess has written over 30 books; his latest novel 'The Lost Witch' is due out in August. However, success did not come straightaway. In fact, it took him 15 years to get a book published.

Burgess read extracts from some of his novels, including: 'Billy Elliot', 'The Hit', and 'Kill all Enemies', signed copies of his books for students, and answered their questions. It was fabulous to see so many students engaged. He really was inspiring.



A big thank you to Melvin Burgess.

School Sports Partnership Awards

On Tuesday evening, Longcroft hosted the School Sports Partnership awards night - a celebration of the sporting achievements for 77 primary and secondary schools from across the East Riding. Students were nominated in six categories and Longcroft is delighted that the following were recognised:

- Outstanding performance in PE - winner Will Sutcliffe, runners up Evie Cappleman and Lucy Walker.
- Outstanding performance in sport - runner up Sam Hancock.
- Support in a voluntary leadership role - runner up Oliver Wood.
- Outstanding commitment to extracurricular clubs – second place Phoebe Meeke.
- Outstanding school team - runner up Key Stage 4 boys badminton team.

We were also thrilled that Gabbie Caruso (Year 7) won the Humber Medal Design Competition for our local area. If she wins the next round, her medal will be manufactured to present to winners at the Humber Games Finals.

The special guest speaker was Mollie Hughes (pictured). At the age of 26, Mollie is the youngest woman in the world and first English woman to climb successfully Mount Everest from the North and South sides. She spoke about conquering fears and being resilient. Some incredible video clips accompanied her talk and she was an inspiration to all in attendance.



Well done to all the Longcroft winners and thank you to Mrs Fitzpatrick for all her hard work with the School Sports Partnership.

Hay Fever Advice

As the weather gets warmer and the pollen count rises, students who suffer from Hay Fever need to take sensible precautions to help combat the symptoms. Whilst antihistamines (drops, tablets and nasal sprays) can help, please note that we do not stock any within first aid – our advice is that students make sure they bring a small supply with them in case they are required during the school day.

The forecast for the coming week predicts very warm weather and some students who have not previously had Hay Fever may experience some symptoms, the most common being itchy and watery eyes. Mrs Robinson, Longcroft's Health Advisor, recommends a cold compress to help alleviate symptoms.

You can find more advice at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/>.

Important Dates

- Exams are still underway – good luck to all students taking part!
- Wednesday 27th June – Year 11 Prom Night
- Thursday 28th June – Recital Evening, 7pm
- Friday 20th July – Last Day of Term

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