

LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 25th May 2018

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As you may be aware, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new EU law that comes into force today (25th May 2018). The GDPR sets out requirements as to how organisations need to handle personal data. The school explains how we use and protect such data in our Privacy Notices. These notices can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).

New Build Planning Consultation

On 5th June, Henry Boot Construction will be holding a Planning Consultation event at Longcroft, regarding proposed plans for an extension to the Upper School building. For more information, [click here to view their flyer](#).

Dove House Collection

Thank you to all the students who contributed to a collection for Dove House as part of a non-uniform day. This was held in memory of Mrs Dent and the full amount raised will be announced after half term.

Form 8.N Champions League Attendance Winners

An attendance competition was held between forms over an 8 week period, which culminated in 8.N being crowned our inaugural Champions League Attendance winners.

Any student in the form who achieved 95.5% attendance over the course of the competition was rewarded with a delivery from Domino's pizza! Well done to all those who achieved this.

A World Cup competition begins the first week back after May Half-Term, with prizes again for the winning form for any student who achieves the 95.5% target over the course of the competition. The winners will be announced at the end of term.

Handball Tournament

Longcroft attended its first Handball tournament this week, with sixteen Year 10 students making the journey to Howden School.

Up against some strong opponents, the boys' team took a little while to settle into their new surroundings, but a rousing half time team talk from Alex Paraschiv soon gave them the lift they needed. By the third game, the team looked unstoppable with quick breaks from Tom Snape and Charlie Nicholson, physical defence from Nathan Cullen, Harvey Murkin and Jacob Herschell-Smith and intelligent attacking play from Jack Cutting, Will Drew and Alex Paraschiv. A special mention goes to Charlie Nicholson, who insisted on playing and

scoring, even with no use of his right hand! Two losses and one win was a good outcome for their first competitive fixture.

The girls' team went out strong from the start with solid attacking play and disciplined defence. Playing against an already warmed up Howden team, Longcroft made a few passing errors in the first game before comfortably winning their next two. Their discipline and structured set plays allowed them to break up the other schools' defence, allowing space for Nancy Knopp, Georgia Cuthbert and Fran Burch to display some powerful and accurate shots to give them the win they deserved. Nominated goalkeeper Ellicia Cappleman stopped the majority of the shots on target and Molly Clark, Lola Bignall and Lucy Traill made some excellent interceptions and supported the attacking play well.

All those involved look forward to playing the next fixture!

Football Report

Thursday evening found Longcroft under 13s girls' football team play Beverly High, on what you would call a sunny yet windy night.

With this being their first game since before Christmas, the team knew it was bound to be a challenge, with things starting in a very slow manner with Bev High winning the bouncing balls from lack of fight from the Longcroft girls. After the first 15 minutes, Longcroft got into the swing of things with flying crosses coming in from Chloe and Lily Wilson. Katie Hardy and Kelsey Scott-Leak had many opportunities to slot goals past the keeper, but were denied by some superb goalkeeping from the Bev High player. The first goal came from Kelsey Scott-Leak who calmly struck the ball into the bottom corner. Strong defensive performances from Katie Hood, Katie Skilbeck and Olivia Dale prevented Bev High's striker from numerous attempts on target.

However, a defensive error saw the ball played over to an unmarked player, for her to get a goal past keeper Casey Scott-Leak. The Longcroft girls picked up the tempo with Lou Todd coming on and playing glorious balls through to the attacking players. The game saw Katie Hardy score the second goal and two more came from Kelsey Scott-Leak to make it a hat trick and 4-0. By this point, the team looked unstoppable and continued to dominant possession on the field, with a final goal coming from Olivia Dale after she was moved forward out of her defensive duties.

Great passing and moving came from every player on the pitch, showing the quality of the side. A massive effort from all involved and very well deserved victory!

Library News

Library Competition: Well done to all those students who entered the Library Writing Competition 'What's in a Name?'. We had some fabulous entries. The overall winner is Ben Horner (7.0), who wrote about his brother's name, researching its meaning, describing why it was chosen, and its links to family ancestors. It was an exceptionally engaging, enthusiastic and reflective piece of writing. Prizes, certificates and stamps will also be awarded at assemblies after half-term to Ellie Sempers, Aoife Holloway, Katie Parkinson, Orla Holloway, Amelia Brown, Elora Mark, Alannah Wood, Kira Denham, Grace Taylor Lister, Olivia Farrar, Kieron Gordon, Bryony Young, Callum Lax, and Jaime Leigh-Martin. Well done.

Drop Everything and Reflect (DEAR): On Tuesday, students watched a short film compiled by Mr C. Thurlow and Ms Carvill, marking the tragic Manchester Arena bombings. DEAR is one of Longcroft's literacy strategies; designed to encourage students to reflect and converse on significant topics - it is a time when staff listen and students talk. In the Upper School Library, one of our brave students spoke about her experience of being at the Ariana Grande Concert in 2017, hearing the explosion and then attending the benefit concert two weeks later. It was heartening to hear.

Carnegie Awards: The shortlist for the 2018 CILIP Carnegie Awards has just been announced. Copies of all the shortlisted books are at the Upper and Lower School Libraries. Please encourage your children to read and review them.

Author Visit: On Tuesday June 19th, the famous children's author Melvin Burgess, a winner of the Carnegie Award and Guardian Children's Fiction Award, will visit us. Melvin will be talking to students about the inspiration for his own writing and enthusing them about the joys of reading. There will also be an opportunity for students to get signed editions of his books. These include: Junk, The Cry of the Wolf, Billy Elliot, The Hit, Bloodtide, Sara's Face, and many more. A letter about the visit will be going out to parents/carers with further details. Melvin will be our June Author of the Month in the both Libraries.

Keep reading!

Absence due to Illness

Please [click here](#) to a guide for parents, regarding student medical appointments and illness. We hope you find it of use.

Important Dates

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018 – Half Term

Exams are already underway – good luck to all students taking part!

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