

# **LONGCROFT NEWS**

## **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

### **Longcroft Partners' Showcase 2018**

On Monday 20th November, students from Longcroft, alongside pupils from Swinemoor, St Mary's, Lockington, Molescroft, Leconfield and Market Weighton, took to the stage of Hull City Hall as part of our annual Partners' Showcase.

Supported by an audience of family and friends, the primary children performed a range of short productions. Swinemoor used dance to depict Hull's experiences in World War 2, Lockington performed a school celebration, Molescroft took inspiration from Hull Fair, St Mary's went on a journey to find love and friendship, and Leconfield used song to communicate emotions.

Secondary aged students from Markey Weighton showcased their dance club and choir, whilst Longcroft's Sixth Form dancers performed and the Gospel Choir raised the roof.

The evening ended with all pupils and students singing the S Club 7 hit "Reach", which brought the Showcase to a triumphant finale.

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to the Performing Arts Team for all their work to make this annual event another resounding success.

### **Post Ofsted Parent's Meeting**

Thank you to the 65 parents that joined the Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team, Governors and LA representative on Tuesday 21 November to discuss the issues arising from the last Ofsted report.

The Headteacher gave a presentation where he discussed issues around Progress 8 and the impact of attendance on progress. He also talked about the new Senior Leadership Team structure and the roles and responsibilities they each have in improving outcomes for our young people.

There was then an opportunity for parents to ask questions. The topics discussed included:

- How will the school ensure results continue to improve in the future? Some parents raised concerns about peaks and troughs in our results over recent years.
- What impact has the inspection outcome had on the staff?

- Behaviour in some lessons and some behaviours at break and lunch time.
- Are all young people being appropriately challenged and stretched?
- Are all young people being given time to reflect on feedback and improve their work?
- Is the school doing enough to support young people who have complex needs including social/emotional needs?

The Headteacher gave a response to these questions and described the quality assurance processes that have been put in place to ensure we improve standards across the school. What matters is what happens over the coming months. The intention is hold further Parents' Forum meetings over the next 12 months. Parents will be able to then see whether we are making good progress and if their concerns, as described above, are being addressed.

## **Library News**

Following the success of the Library Halloween Short Story Competition a number of students have asked if we can run a Christmas challenge. Students are invited to do one of the following:

- Write a short story of 300-1,500 words on the theme of Christmas
- Design a Christmas card with a Christmas poem inside.

Entries must be left at the US or LS Library by Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>; winners will be announced in the final week of term. Prizes of books, certificates, and Christmas treats will be awarded.

Next week the school libraries will be mounting displays of non-fiction books; at the US we'll be focusing on sport. Please encourage your children to explore these new works; learn more about their hobbies, and develop their reading skills.

Attached is a copy of Year 7 student Brooke Nicholson's winning short story from the Halloween Competition. In Year 7 certificates of merit were also awarded to Ben Horner, Keira Roberts, and Molly Kemp. Elora Mark won for Year 9, and Lauren Cooke for Year 11. Well done to all!

## **Year 7 and 8 Netball**

The Year 7 and 8's continued their winning streak with more victories over the last two weeks.

The first fixture featured both teams against WoldgateS. After a fairly even start, the Year 7's pulled away and won their game 10-1. The Year 8's had a harder game, but won 6-4.

A week later, Longcroft hosted Driffield and Snaith Schools. Although the Year 7's had a low scoring game, they came away with a convincing 2-0 win against both schools. The team are progressing at a rapid pace with new players coming to training every week.

Year 8 stormed to victory with an 8-0 win in both their games. With some team members missing, the girls did exceptionally well to win both games this convincingly, especially with players playing out of position.

Special mentions go to Mia Cunningham and Amelia Sadler in their new positions, Evie Cappleman and Evie Ostler for their endless amounts of energy and Maddie Clappison, who kindly played up a year for the Year 8's!

### **Important Dates**

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017** – Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening

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

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017** – Last Day of Term

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018** – First Day of Term

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