

# LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 2018

Week Commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 2018 is Timetable Week A

## Longcroft Receives School Travel Award

On 20<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Hirons and a small group of students represented Longcroft at the Modeshift Sustainable Transport Awards.

The event took place at the York Radisson Park Inn Hotel and celebrated the achievements of schools in terms of highlighting the health and environmental benefits of sustainable transport.

In recent months, Mrs Hirons has worked with ERYC Road Safety Officer David Butt (both pictured with the award) and his colleagues, to



promote this issue in school, ranging from cycle fitness and nutrition, to bike maintenance and the Be Bright Be Seen campaign.

**We are delighted to announce that Longcroft received the award for East Riding of Yorkshire Secondary School of the Year!** This is a wonderful achievement and is testament to all the hard work Mrs Hirons and her colleagues, the council officers and the students involved have carried out.



**Well done to the whole team on this fantastic accolade.**

## Non-Uniform Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December will be a non-uniform day. We will support a former student, Leanne Greenfield (pictured), who is working with the Wellbodi Partnership in Sierra Leone.



Leanne is raising funds to support a little girl, Mariama, who needs urgent treatment for condition which, without the treatment, could lead to brain damage and a shortened lifespan.

In November 2017, Mariama was brought to the Ola During Children's Hospital where she was diagnosed with Hydrocephaly and Macrocephaly, two major interrelated conditions which cannot be treated in Sierra Leone. Soon after being admitted, Mariama was abandoned by her parents, leaving her in the sole care of the hospital and its staff.

We will take this opportunity to support our former student in her efforts to make a significant difference and to remember that Christmas is a time for giving and thinking of others. Students are asked to contribute £1 for wearing non-uniform on this occasion.

## Badminton Update

Longcroft hosted a wonderful evening of badminton on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The tournament saw three of the four Longcroft teams reach the next round, which will be held at Wolfreton School in January.

Both Key Stage 4 girls and boys won their competitions, with some exceptional badminton being played by the groups. Key Stage 3 girls narrowly missed out on qualifying with a third place finish, but the Key Stage 4 boys put up a valiant effort with only three players and still finished in second place. Special mentions go to James Knott, Mia Cunningham and Emily Clubley, who all stepped in at the last minute and contributed to these successes.

The players were as follows:

**Key Stage 4 Boys** - Owen Walker, Oliver Stapleton, Alex Taylor and James Knott

**Key Stage 4 Girls** - Lucy Walker, Jodie Gallagher, Abi Ankrett and Charlotte Hall

**Key Stage 3 Girls** - Emily Clubley, Mia Cunningham, Alice Clark, Gabby Caruso

**Key Stage 3 Boys** - Max Bayes, Owen Waterson and Nick Taylor

## Reminder – Early Closure Parental Permission

A message has been sent to all parents, explaining that school will close early to students on the last day of term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. This will allow time for a staff development session. Students will be permitted to leave the school site at 1:30pm and buses have been arranged to depart at 1:45pm for those who require them. However, we will arrange supervision for students who need to stay on site until the end of the usual school day at 3:10pm.

**Thank you to everyone who has responded to date – for those who have yet to do so, we would be very grateful if you could respond as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance.**

## Glad Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate the festive season at Longcroft's annual Carol Concert.

Taking place at St Mary's Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, students welcomed in the Yuletide with a range of festive songs and music, alongside seasonal readings, which all culminated in a true Christmas feeling of comfort and joy. The evening was shared with a church full of family, friends, school governors and members of staff, who all joined in with the carols and wished each other the very best for this special time of the year.



Well done to all the students involved for putting on such a wonderful event and thank you to the members of staff involved.

**Photo published courtesy of HU17.net. [Click here for more coverage of the concert.](#)**

## Friends of Longcroft School (FOLS) Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the FOLS meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December – it was a great turnout. We are pleased to announce that the charity is to continue into the new year!

FOLS will next meet on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 7pm in the Board Room, which is located at the Upper School inside the foyer (opposite the canteen). It is not too late to join in, as a new executive committee needs to be formed, so please come along and consider volunteering to be the chair, treasurer or secretary, or to support those who get elected into these positions.

The Cash Draw will be re-established in the new year. More details will be published in Longcroft News to let you know when this is available on Parent Pay – it's a great way to get fundraising for the school underway again. Please "like" FOLS on Facebook, so they can keep you informed - type in FOLS or @friendsoflongcroftschoo. For more information you can email [FOLS@longcroft.eriding.net](mailto:FOLS@longcroft.eriding.net).

**Thank you to everyone who is continuing to support the charity and we look forward to helping promote their fundraising efforts and hard work in the future.**

