

LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 4th May 2018

Positive Discipline Update

We are pleased to report that the new Positive Discipline strategy is having a great impact throughout the school.

Since this new system came into action after the Easter Holiday, 163 students have each received over 100 positive stamps in their planners from teaching and support staff.

This week, for the first time, the two students from each form with the highest number of stamps were congratulated with a special stamp from a member of the Senior Leadership Team and a reward.

Thank you to all parents for supporting this new initiative, which is seeing improvements in behaviour, whilst at the same time officially acknowledging the majority of students for their positive attitudes to learning and wider contributions they make to life at Longcroft.

Parents can see how well students are doing by checking stamps in planners.

Tour de Yorkshire

Well done to those students who took part in the event to start the Tour de Yorkshire in Beverley town centre, on Thursday 3rd May.

Acting as race starters, greeters and mascots, those who were involved were fantastic ambassadors for the school and should be very proud of the contributions they made. Well done to Charlie Cutting, Isobel Robinson, Jodie Gallagher, Brett Rooney, William Drew, George Waite, Gerrard Holloway, Cory Keenan and Jack Cutting.

Also at the event were members of Mrs Hirons' Class – Harrison, Jacob, Jack, Jake, Lucas and Daniel. In the weeks leading to the event, they prepped their interview and video skills, so as to record the event and produce a news report. They still have some work to do on this project and we will report more once it is complete. Well done to the team for working so well together.

In addition, talented young poet Katie Parkinson (Year 9) took inspiration from the event and penned a set of verses that embody the speed, power and determination of the cyclists who took part in this gruelling competition. Thank you to Katie for producing such a wonderful piece of work - **to read her poem, scroll down to bottom of this newsletter.**

Orienteering with Longcroft Leaders

Thank you to the 13 Longcroft Leaders, who supported the primary school orienteering competition on Tuesday.

An amazing 104 primary pupils came to compete on the Longcroft site, with some of our own Year 7 students taking part in a more challenging course. Well done to all involved – the Longcroft Leaders are fantastic representatives for the school and it is great to see them engaging with pupils from our local primary schools.

Physics Talk Sparks Interest

On Wednesday 25th April, Professor Brad Gibson visited Longcroft from University of Hull.

Professor Gibson gave a highly engaging talk on Astrophysics and Mathematics and discussed all the technology that this field has contributed to our daily lives.

Students from Year 8 to Year 13 thoroughly enjoyed their experience and some have signed up for the University's internship programme to work in Astrophysics during the summer holiday

Science Curriculum Leader Mr Worthington said *"it's excellent to see our young people engage with the world of Physics and see the real careers and opportunities out there beyond their time here at Longcroft"*.

Any students from Years 10 to 12 who are interested in working on Astrophysics projects with University of Hull during the summer holiday, can get in touch with Mr Worthington to discuss opportunities.

Mrs Holland, Head of Longcroft's Sixth Form, said: *"The talk is part of a wider initiative we have in the Sixth Form, to bring the world of business and careers into school. The students really benefitted from the fact that Professor Gibson gave them many ideas about how Physics qualifications fit into the wider world. As a History Teacher, I was amazed at how many doors can be opened with a Physics degree! We look forward to more talks like this coming soon - watch this space!"*

Library News

This month we celebrate the work of Elizabeth Laird at the Lower School Library; at the Upper School Library Robert Louis Stevenson is our featured author. Laird is an award-winning British writer of fiction and travel, who has lived and worked in a number of countries. Many of her books are set abroad and tackle serious issues, including topical current events. In contrast, Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novels, including Treasure Island and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, present a world far removed from our own, with elements of mystery, horror, suspense and science fiction. Do encourage your children to explore these fabulous writers.

Our Library Competition "What's in a name?" is open until May 15th. It is a great chance for students to explore the meaning of their name, and write an account of their findings or a poem based on the title. Students will find posters and leaflets in the Libraries and English Department. Prizes, certificates and stamps will be awarded. We will also share entries as part of a display

GCSE Revision Guides are still available at the Upper School Library and purchasable through ParentPay or in cash; some are also available for loan. The guides really do help students.

Term Dates 2018-19

The term dates for the 2018-19 school year are now available on the Longcroft website. Alternatively, [click here](#) to go directly to them.

Important Dates

Monday 7th May 2018 – Bank Holiday – school closed

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

Monday 4th June – Start of the Summer Exams

The Race by Katie Parkinson

First, the cold handlebar
 rubber drinks up heat
beneath a steadfast
 grip –

sweat-glazed and flinching
as road signs and
 people

*rush through,
 rush through.*

Next, the spokes of a
 blazing wheel,
in crossbar championship,
 hurtle ahead and

over themselves, dancing
 amongst blazing rubber,
dizzy and flying and tumbling
 past a blurring sea and it's
brilliant
 green.

*watch them go,
 watch them race.*

Here, the proud peak of
 A helmet strikes onwards
above a forehead's sheen,

 and it sees the sky
fly past, a bow tilted
 to the rushing of the wind.

*Climbing higher,
 climbing higher.*

Now,
the air is flooded with
 pulsing heat,
the sun smothering
 busy streets,
still

we go, we go.

Upwards, an eye tilts
 above a panting mouth
and watches,
 for a flashing moment, as

the sky opens up
 and cries,
still.

*We go, we go.
 We race.*