

LONGCROFT NEWS

Friday 31st March 2017

Longcroft Celebrates Shakespeare Week

Longcroft celebrated William Shakespeare Week (20-26th March) with a series of Library displays and some challenging quizzes, designed to test our students' knowledge of the Bard; the world's foremost dramatist.

Congratulations to all those who participated, and particularly 9T who were the first to complete their quiz correctly. Well done!

Students welcome Shara, the reading dog, to Longcroft School Library

A group of Year 7 students greeted Shara, the Library reading dog, enthusiastically when she visited Longcroft Upper School Library this week. Students took it in turns to read out loud as the Siberian Husky listened attentively.

Research shows that reading for pleasure boosts children's academic achievement, and also improves confidence. However, for some students this can be a little daunting. At Longcroft we are committed to meeting the needs of all our pupils, and Shara, our new Library reading dog, is part of that pledge.

The idea behind the initiative is that having a dog to read to encourages students, and is something they really look forward to. They bond with the animal, and this relaxes them, and makes them less anxious about reading. Also, their reading dog becomes a talking point with their peers, which helps develop communication skills and raise self-esteem.

Shara, who is two years old, belongs to Mr Thurlow (creative media and learning manager) and will be visiting the US Library for a few sessions every week.

You are invited to the Longcroft Upper School Performing Arts Evening

Following on from the successes of previous years, we will be holding an Upper School 'Performing Arts Evening' on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April. Both nights start at 7pm, but please be aware that not all pieces will be performed on both evenings, so please check with your son/daughter which night they are involved in!

The event is an opportunity to celebrate the work of students across the full range of the Arts including clubs, coursework and examination work.

Tickets for each performance are available from Monday 20th March and can be purchased through your Parent Pay account. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £3 for concessions. The Friends of Longcroft School will be selling refreshments on both evenings to raise funds for the school.

We very much hope that you will support the event and enjoy the exciting and innovative work of our students. Thank you to Mrs Harris and the Performing Arts Team for putting these two special evenings together.

Important Dates

Friday 7th April – Last Day of Term

Monday 10th to Friday 21st April – Easter Holiday

Monday 23rd April – First Day of Term

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

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