

# SCHOOL MATTERS



THE  
LONG EATON  
SCHOOL

## TERM DATES 2018 - 2019

Mon 3 September	Fri 26 October
Mon 5 November	Fri 21 December*
Mon 7 January	Fri 15 February
Mon 25 February	Fri 12 April
Mon 29 April	Fri 24 May
Mon 3 June	Mon 22 July*

**Bank Holiday:** Monday 6 May

### INSET Days:

Friday 21 December\*

Friday 21 June

Monday 22 July\*

## SIMS PARENT LITE APP

The School has recently introduced the SIMS Parent Lite App, which enables us to comply with the new GDPR legislation, allowing parents to see the information we hold on them and their children. The App enables parents to update the school with any changes, including change of contact numbers and emails. The App also links to our calendar, so parents can see term dates, inset days, parents evenings etc, along with attendance, behavior and achievement (although these are available on our School Comms App, which we use to communicate with parents).

Parents will have received an emailed invitation code. If you have not received it, please contact the main office. Please also let us know if you would rather receive a paper data checking sheet.

## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We know that students have a variety of different hobbies and interests outside of school and many show a huge amount of dedication and commitment to these activities. We regularly celebrate school achievements through vivo rewards, termly Headteachers Awards Assemblies and our Presentation Evening, but we would also like to celebrate students' achievements outside of school.

We are asking parents/carers to send us information about any notable out of school achievements along with a picture (optional) that we can share with the school community through social media (Twitter) and our website. You can send information to the email address below at any time of year when your child has achieved something that you would like us to celebrate with them. The email address you can use is; [CAOS@longeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:CAOS@longeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

We are increasingly concerned about the safety of students who come to school along Thoresby Road, at the start and end of the school day as they enter and leave the site. Despite a number of requests for parents to avoid driving into school to drop off and pick up, there is still a significant number of cars coming on to the site unnecessarily at these times, causing congestion whilst several hundred students are cycling or walking through the main gates. If you bring your child to school by car, please ensure that you find somewhere off the school site where it is possible to drop them off and turn around safely.

We would also appreciate the support of parents in emphasising to students the need to obey the Highway Code when cycling to and from school, and to encourage strongly that cycle helmets are worn at all times. Thank you.

## MUSIC VISIT

On Friday 12 October a group of GCSE and A Level Music students went to see the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra perform at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham. Also performing was a solo saxophonist called Jess Gillam, who recently played at the Last Night of the Proms in London.

We arrived at the Concert Hall in time for a pre-concert talk. This included an interview with Jess and was really fascinating for everyone as Jess is still at Music College, but is also establishing a career as an internationally renowned professional performer. She is only a few years older than some of our sixth formers!

The concert started with a piece by Bartók who is a twentieth century composer. His piece was written to “plunge us into the heart of an unforgiving city, where a gang of do-badders pounce on hapless victims enticed into their seedy lair. But they get more than they bargain for when the mysterious figure of the title strides into their world, his shimmering robes a portent of this 20<sup>th</sup>-century classic’s edgy magic.”. We could really hear how the music told the story. It was almost like pictures were being painted through the music.

The second piece was a saxophone concerto, for which Jess Gillam was the soloist. Jess was also the soloist for the third piece. The saxophone concerto was filled with lush, romantic harmonies typical of this era. The Debussy Rhapsody was an impressionist piece which painted a picture with a Spanish flavour. Most of the students on the trip said this was their favourite piece. They really enjoyed watching Jess perform and said that they were amazed at how she moved around like the music had completely taken over her.

After the interval we heard the Orchestra play Tchaikovsky’s Symphony number 5. This was an epic work which lasted for over half an hour! The four movements were so contrasting and dramatic. For many of the students this was their first time hearing a full symphony. Some of the Year 9s thought it was quite long but the 6<sup>th</sup> Formers and Year 11s absolutely loved it.

Overall we had a fantastic time and were completely in awe of the amazing performances we heard. The concert was so good it was broadcast live on BBC radio 3! The students are really looking forward to our next trip to see Afro Celt Sound System in Warwick in November.



**Ben Gernon** conductor

**Jess Gillam** alto saxophone

**Bartók** The Miraculous Mandarin (Suite)

**Glazunov** Saxophone Concerto

**Debussy** Rhapsody for Orchestra and Saxophone

**Tchaikovsky** Symphony No. 5

## KEEP A CHILD WARM



This year The Long Eaton School are proudly supporting a local charity, Operation Orphan, in their annual Keep a Child Warm Project.

Keep a Child Warm is one of Operation Orphan's four key support strands and helps thousands of orphans and vulnerable children, particularly across Eastern Europe. Where children live in extreme poverty, carers are forced to make an unthinkable choice, deciding if they should buy food or keep their children warm. This means that children very often will wear clothing which is not suitable for the harsh climate, where the temperatures remain below zero throughout the winter months and hypothermia is a real threat.

Every year Operation Orphan collect coats and other warm clothing which is then distributed to children living in orphanages, childrens' homes and being cared for by extended families in Moldova, Serbia, Romania, Transylvania and Ukraine. In recent years, thousands of children have been kitted out with warm clothing which their carers simply cannot afford to buy.

### **Please can you help?**

**We are collecting:**

**Winter Coats**

**Warm hats, scarves & thick gloves**

**Thick jumpers and fleeces**

The items we are collecting are for children over the age of 3 and up to teenage/medium adult. All items should be in good clean condition. Collection boxes will be available throughout the school after half term. This project is being fully supported by the School Council. For further information please visit [www.operation-orphan.org](http://www.operation-orphan.org)

## SPORTS MATTERS

### **L3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL IN SPORT**

Weekend of 7 December will see 7 students from Year 13 and Year 12 off to spend a busy and activity filled weekend at Lea Green, along with Mr Raynor, Mr Nicholls and Mrs Limb. This trip is essential for the students to pass Unit 18.

They will have a packed weekend, taking part in a team building low ropes course, having to trust their team mates to get them around the course in a series of activities. Canoeing will be the next event – 2 per boat taking part in a series of challenges. Archery and orienteering finish off the weekend.

They will have shown they understand health and safety procedures for the activities, good communication skills, use and care of the equipment, emergency procedures and team working and leadership skills.

All the evidence will have to be written up and images of them taking part included in the final piece of work.

### **HOUSE FOOTBALL AND BENCHBALL**

The Year 7 students were off timetable to take part in the annual Football and Benchball competitions. The event was a great success with great participation from all students representing their house. All students enjoyed the event which was a great success.

### **FOOTBALL**

The football season is well underway with all year groups playing in the local league fixtures and also entered into the English Schools' Cup and the County Cup competition. Some year groups have already made it through to the second round of the English Schools' Cup which is an amazing achievement in this tough competition.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

21 November is the date of this year's Schools Cross Country Championships which is being held on West Park. We have nearly 50 students taking part this year, which is excellent to see. The students will be competing on different courses according to their age. The top 6 from each race may have the chance to compete at county level. We wish them all the best.

# TLES ECO NEWS

Welcome to TLES Eco News  
– the TLES Eco Team will be  
proudly sharing news  
throughout the year.



## ***TWEET TWEET***



Follow us on  
Facebook - see TLES  
Community Page !

A massive thank you to our new Eco Committee  
you are doing an amazing job. Next meeting  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct

## **Drowning in Plastic .....**

Students had the opportunity to watch Liz Bonnin and her documentary "Drowning in Plastic". The documentary highlighted the astonishing amount of plastic waste that is being deposited in rivers across the world which then in turn end up our seas. Students could not believe the amount of waste that is causing damage to bird and sea life. As a result of watching this program, we will be encouraging students to identify items that we wouldn't expect to contain plastic. We will also be carrying out further activities relating to the subject. If you are interested in watching the documentary, please see the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0bmbn47>

**Forthcoming Events – Severn Trent Water Assembly, Project Orphan, Rotary Shoe Box Appeal, Christmas Stall at Long Eaton Light Switch on.**

**Group membership for TLES Eco Club is 36  
students #amazingkeepitup**

## **WE DID IT !!!!!**

**A HUGE well done to all our lovely Eco Warriors and especially the school's Eco Committee, after a few hours of intense questioning and a tour of the school, we were awarded our 9<sup>th</sup> Green Flag. Not only does this mean that we are once again an official Eco School for another 3 years, but we are also now in the Eco School's Hall of Fame.**

**The Eco-School's Programme is pupil-led, involving hands-on learning that gets the whole school and the wider community involved in exciting environmental projects, something we strongly believe in at The Long Eaton School.**

## **World Food Day**

**One of the topics studied at Eco Club this term has been linked with world food day and the eradication of hunger through the Zero Hunger Project. The challenge is to achieve Zero Hunger and better nutrition by 2030. But Governments can't do it alone - everyone has a role to play. Here are a few reasons why:**

- Zero hunger could save the lives of 3.1 million children a year
- Well-nourished mothers have healthier babies with stronger immune systems
- Ending child undernutrition could increase a developing country's GDP by 16.5 percent
- Proper nutrition early in life could mean 46 percent more in lifetime earnings
- Eliminating iron deficiency in a population could boost workplace productivity by 20 percent
- Ending nutrition-related child mortality could increase a workforce by 9.4 percent
- Zero hunger can help build a safer, more prosperous world for everyone

**The Volunteers of The Long Eaton School would like to thank everyone who attended the Risley House of Fashion, fashion show. A great time was had by all and the Prosecco Bar was a hit!!**

Mrs Reeve would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Barratt and Mrs Platkiw for looking after Friday Eco Club for the past few weeks x