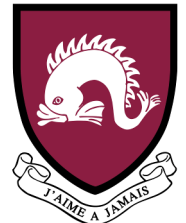




Northbourne News



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Message from the Headmaster

What a fantastic term, the children's achievements are staggering. We have had French breakfasts and an Art Week, an Eco week, Chinese New Year, World Book Day, cross country, rugby and netball matches, boarding trips, an Easter Egg Hunt and a Mothers' Day Service. Of course we have seen all the children working hard in class, making constant progress week after week. The Year 8 pupils have all secured places to senior schools and four of them were awarded scholarships; academic, sport and two drama awards. Boarding is more popular than ever and they have been on some great trips this term. I'd like to thank the children for their drive and energy, to the staff for their immense dedication and care for all the children and to you the parents, grandparents and friends of Northbourne Park for your limitless support. I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Pre-Prep

Our Mothers' Day Service was a lovely end to the term today. The children performed their messages wonderfully! Earlier in the day we held our annual Easter Bonnet Parade around the garden, as you can see there were some imaginative creations.

Some of the Art produced during our Art Week is on display at Dover Library in the Market Square. If you get a chance over the holiday, please do go and have a look. We hope you all enjoy the Easter break!



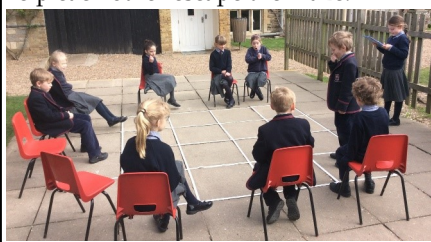
Dr Dolittle

Pupils at the Prep School put on an incredible performance of Dr Dolittle on Wednesday and Thursday evening. Their enthusiasm and talent shone through and yet again it was a showcase of how high our children aim and how much fun they put into the productions. It was a real team effort including the cast, the back stage crew and the staff who worked alongside them lead by Miss Honour and Miss Richardson.



Maze challenge

Year 3s have been thinking 'outside the box' this week using logical thinking, communication skills and teamwork to help each other escape the maze.



Boarding News

Over the long weekend, the Boarders enjoyed themselves with some shopping and a movie at the cinema on Saturday. There were many attempts to eat lots of popcorn and other sweet treats whilst enjoying our movies! We made the most of the weather on Sunday enjoying some free time on Top Pitch, playing rounders, cricket, football and dancing to music in the sunshine! The boarders have been very organised this week with the senior production, and are ready for a rest. We wish you a lovely restful holiday and a Happy Easter from Boarding!



Netball

The inter-house netball competition was the culmination of a long & competitive season of netball with every girl having the opportunity to represent NPS in their respective age groups. Congratulations to Nelson house for winning the competition! More recently, we have seen our U9 girls pull together really well in the triangular at St. Lawrence College, displaying marked improvements in teamwork and in their passing skills. The U11 girls also participated in their own triangular, winning one and losing one. They played with a competitive spirit and didn't give up easily; well done! All the U13 girls played in a fixture at Duke of York's RMS. The U13A team narrowly lost an eventful match that included the netball bursting in a player's hands! The U13 B won 11-7 and the C team won 9-2. These matches were played with a good sense of camaraderie and with excellent technical attacking tactics. Congratulations on a productive term of netball.



Summer uniform

After the Easter break, it is summer uniform for all the children. Girls dresses, short white ankle socks and blue v-neck jumpers and for the boys corduroy trousers (grey shorts in the Pre-Prep), polo shirts and V-neck jumpers.

Summer Swimming Lessons

During the summer school holidays we are offering two weeks of swim school. It's a popular course so please check these dates before you book your summer holiday!! Or [book online](#) now through [Wisepay](#) to guarantee your place.

Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August

Monday 5th – Friday 9th August



Easter Egg Hunt

It was fantastic to see the whole school out for the Easter Egg Hunt last Friday with the older pupils looking after the younger ones. A great community spirit from everyone and a big thank you to the Easter Rabbit.



Dates for the Diary

MARCH

Fri 29

16.30 End of Term

Accompanied travel to London and Paris for boarders

APRIL

WEEK 1

Thurs 25 Summer Term begins

Sat 27

08.30 Beginning of term church service in the chapel

10.00 Music Club Strings

Sun 28

10.00 Year 8/5e Pilgrimage to Canterbury