Northbourne Park News



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Message from the Headmaster

Firstly I'd like to thank all the Spanish families for the warm reception last weekend in Madrid. It was also a good opportunity for me to visit the Lycée in Madrid and discuss with the Head further ways we can develop the link between our two schools. Again I want to congratulate all the children on their sport this week and their success in their matches. Self confidence in our sport has grown enormously over the past couple of years.

I have sent out a school update to you all on the Coronavirus, please do take the time to read it.
Wishing you all a good weekend.

Saturday STEM

As part of their Saturday STEM session, the Year 7 and 6ieme pupils worked on building a Morse code electrical circuit. They then had to send messages to another team.

The STEM sessions this year are proving to be a real hit with the children and an opportunity for them to tackle hands-on challenges in a whole variety of topics.





Pre-Prep

At the Pre-Prep this week Badger Class had a chocolate tasting session as part of their topic "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", this topic has not been restricted to school! As you can see, Ethan Brown has decorated his house with the characters. Rabbit Class have been making Digeridoos and Hedgehog Class have been using our library, and the internet, to research Owls. Meanwhile in Squirrel Class the children have been busy making dragons.

On Wednesday this week, it is the turn of Rabbit Class to host Coffee Morning.

If any of you have old kitchen or household items you no longer use we would be very grateful of them for the children's role play. Items we would particularly like are saucepans, crockery, old phones, lamps, keyboards and magazine racks.













Alumni visit

On Tuesday we had a visit from Professor Kantathi Suphamongkhon, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, an alumni of the

school from 1966. Professor Kantathi was given a tour of the school and had lunch with the Year 8 pupils. Afterwards he chatted with them about his work and his memories of life at Northbourne Park back in the 60s.



Lift Off

Year 5 have been studying the Solar System in Science lessons and created some amazing models such as Maisie's pictured below. They are now looking at NASA's Artemis program to return to the moon by 2024.



Outdoor Education

Intermediates had a great time last Saturday learning about fire lighting and building shelters.



Monday: Half Term Holiday Club Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thusday: Friday: F

Boarding

Last weekend the boarders enjoyed Bowling in Ashford, Chinese New Year celebrations, a Sunday afternoon movie, free time on Top Pitch as well as completing Saturday school activities and games! After our busy weekend we were ready for a new week! On Monday evening, the boys went and completed a football tournament in the Gym while the girls tested out their decorating skills with Jazzy Oreo Popsicles! We have enjoyed our week making sock monkeys, doing circuits in the gym, and relaxing in front of our favourite shows. We are looking forward to the long weekend, watch this space to see what we get up to!



Rugby Heroes

Well done to the Under 11 rugby team this week for their performance in the Colts Rugby Festival. 5 wins out of 5 demonstrates their commitment and drive.

We had some tired boys on Thursday morning but they were very happy with their success.



Dates for the Diary

JANUARY

WEEK 4

Fri 31 16.30 No Prep. Long weekend begins.

Accompanied travel to London and Paris for boarders

FEBRUARY

WEEK 5

Mon 3 Eco Conservation Week in the Prep School

Tues 4 Girls Netball: U9 A & B vs St Faith's (H)

Wed 5 08.30 Rabbit Class Coffee Morning

15.30-16.30 Prep uniform shop open

Boys Rugby: Colts Milner Cup @ JKS

1st Team vs Duke of York's Royal Military School (RMS)

Girls Netball: U11A vs Wellesley House (A)

U12 A & B vs St Lawrence (H) TBC

Sat 8 Boys rugby: Colts vs Wellesley House (A), 1st Team vs Wellesley House (H)

Girls Netball: U11 A, B & C vs JKS (H) TBC, U13 A, B, C & D vs JKS (A)

Sun 9 10.00 Holy Communion