



Northbourne Park News



Friday 8th November 2019

Issue 7

Message from the Headmaster

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. The children have settled back in very well and working hard.

Please do check the calendar for the upcoming events this half term including Bonfire Night, Christingle, Advent Service and of course the Christmas Fair and Carol Service.

As ever we need your help with the Friends, there is a meeting next Friday at the Pre-Prep at 3.30 pm, please come and join us.

For tomorrow evening's Bonfire event please bring a torch as areas of the grounds are in darkness and it will help returning safely to your car.

Nutcracker

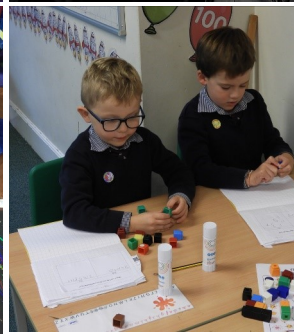
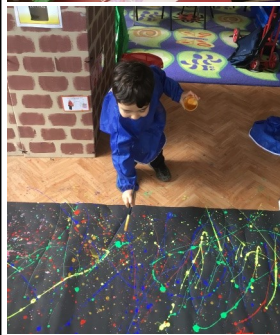
We had a very creative time in Pinterest Club this week making nutcracker ornaments from lollipop sticks.



Pre-Prep

There has been a "Dough Disco" this week in the Nursery for our Squirrel class who enjoyed creating shapes and objects from Play Dough. Rabbit class learnt all about Diwali, Festival of Light, and have created some beautiful artwork. In Maths this week Hedgehog class have been working on measuring and halving and doubling. Badger Class made beautiful Autumn jars in Forest school at the Prep school.

On Wednesday it will be Squirrel class hosting Coffee Morning and in the afternoon, we have our sponsored Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need. On Friday, the children can bring in a £1 donation to purchase biscuits that they have decorated during the week. All proceeds will go to Children in Need.



An introduction to opera

Year 7 & 8 enjoyed an outing to the opera at the Marlowe Theatre on Thursday to see the Glyndebourne touring production of L'elisir d'amore by Donizetti. For many of the children, this was their first taste of opera and they thoroughly enjoyed the high-quality singing and acting by the whole company. They had fun learning about opera with pre-visit activities in school and could watch out for characters and events in the story that were already familiar to them. Miss Honour and Miss Goodall were very proud of the children and the compliments they received from members of the public. What a wonderful afternoon!



Teeth

Year 4 have been learning the names and functions of different types of teeth. They really enjoyed examining real teeth from a variety of animals and considering why animal teeth vary so much.



Breaktimes

Where else do you get girls from China, England and France forming lifelong friendships, perfecting diablo tricks and enjoying the Autumn sunshine.



Boarding

This week we welcome the Boarders back to school after a restful half term holiday ready for an exciting six weeks ahead! This week we have begun new boarding clubs, taking on the festive spirit with Christmas crafts and cookery, and some challenging their basketball skills in the gym while others settle down for a board game challenge instead. We are excited for Bonfire Night and hopefully to see a few of our old friends. There was a very warm welcome for the Spanish children returning to Madrid at half term from their families waiting at the airport complete with a Northbourne Park School banner.



Spelling Bee

This year's Spelling Bee competition was a great success as the four Houses contested for the Spelling Bee trophy. Finalists for the juniors, intermediates and the seniors battled in English and French to translate and spell correctly a set of words and phrases. Congratulations to them all for doing so well, and also to their Housemates who cheered them on.



Dates for the Diary

NOVEMBER

WEEK 10

Sat 9 U11 A & B hockey vs Junior Kings (H)
Colts A and B football vs Kent College Junior (A)
17.15 Bonfire Party

WEEK 11

Mon 11 10.30 Armistice Service in the chapel
18.30 Year 4 Parents' Evening

Wed 13 08.30 Squirrel Class Coffee Morning
Football:
U9A vs St Lawrence (H), Colts A and B vs St Lawrence (A)
1st XI & 2nd IX vs Dover College (A)
Hockey:
U9 A vs Dover College (H), U11A vs Wellesley House (A)
15.30-16.30 Prep uniform shop open

Thurs 14 18.00-19.00 Choir Rehearsal

Fri 15 Children in Need Day
Junior Knole cross country @ Sevenoaks
15.30 Friends' Meeting at the Pre-Prep
16.30 No Prep. Long weekend begins