

Northbourne Park News



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Message from the Headmaster

A very warm welcome back to everyone, I hope you all had a good break over the Christmas period. We have made an excellent start this term with all the children settling well and already busy with such a range of activities.

Despite the chilly temperatures, all the children are enjoying being outdoors with outdoor education and sport in full flow.

This is a shorter term but still a busy one with mock exams, sports fixtures, an informal concert, a visit from Bishop Rose, Chinese New Year and Art Week at the Pre-Prep besides other events. Please do check the calendar. Have a great weekend.

Let there be light

To introduce their topic on 'Light', Year 3 made the most of the sunshine this week to investigate shadows. The children discussed how they could change or measure their shadows and were able to explain why opaque objects form shadows.



Pre-Prep News

On Tuesday we welcomed Ian from KIC Theatre to the Pre-Prep. He took drama workshops with each class based around the topics this term. Squirrel and Rabbit Classes share a Space topic and Hedgehog Class are learning all about Africa. Badger Class are having an in depth look around the United Kingdom.

Next week we will be visiting the Wonderdome which is a Mobile Planetarium. Set up in the Prep School Sports Hall, each class will go by minibus and enjoy the 360° immersive experience.



Bishop Rose

We are delighted that Bishop Rose will be coming to Northbourne Park on Sunday 23rd January for our Holy Communion service at 10 am.

We would very much like to invite families to join us for the service in the school chapel so we will give you all further information next Friday in relation to Covid protocols we will need to follow.



A message from Jackie Jones

Happy New Year everyone!
I just wanted to say a huge thank you for my retirement gift. I will use the money to buy a lifetime membership to the National Trust. I am very much hoping that with all the extra time on my hands I will be able to visit some of their sites around the country whilst catching up with friends and family a bit more often.
I wish you all, staff, parents and children, a very successful start to the new term.
With kindest regards,
Jackie

St Paul's KAASO

It is great to hear that schools are opening up again in Uganda and our partner school, St Paul's KAASO has welcomed its pupils back. To help them, we are supporting an initiative to provide new bunk beds for the children who stay at the school. The goal is to raise enough for 240 beds (120 bunk beds). So far, we're at 115 beds, so nearly half way! We will send you more information next week but here is the link to the fundraising site: <https://unityisstrength.org.uk/bunk-bed-fundraiser>

D.T. clocks

Year 7 pupils enjoyed their D.T. project on creating personalised clocks.



Boarding

Welcome Back Boarders! It has been great to finally have everyone back in boarding again. This week has been a busy one getting settled back into school and exchanging stories from the holidays. Over the weekend, our boarders enjoyed playing in the forest, doing arts and crafts, and cooking over fires. For Mystery Monday, the girls got to know our new Gap Assistant Ella, from Australia. They had a lot of fun asking her all sorts of questions about herself and her country, as well as introducing themselves and telling her about some of the things that makes them who they are. The boys played Indoor Hockey for their Mystery Monday and had a lot of fun doing so! A good start to the week. On Tuesday, it was the fan favourite activity of Tuck and Electricals. On Wednesday, the Girls had Dorm Changes so lots of excitement moving around, ending with a popcorn movie, while the boys competed in a paper airplane competition being rated on Distance and Style. On Thursday, our senior boarders began rehearsing for their play, and then worked hard in prep before playing games in the gym, ending the evening off with Tuck and Electricals. We look forward to a great Term ahead!



STEAM and Outdoor Education

Last Saturday's STEAM and Outdoor Education sessions saw the children creating, building, problem solving all manner of challenges. A great way to start 2022.



Diary Dates

WEEK 3

Mon	17	
Tues	18	
Wed	19	U9A TAG rugby vs Dover College (H) U11A rugby vs Dover College (H)
Thurs	20	Pre-Prep Space Dome in the Sports Hall
Fri	21	8.20 French Breakfast for Rabbit & Badger Class
Sat	22	Saturday School Yr. 4-8 10:00 Governors Away Day U11A vs Junior Kings School (H), 1st Team vs JKS (H)
Sun	23	10.00 Holy Communion with Bishop Rose