

Northbourne Park News



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Issue 15

Message from the Headmaster

It was a pleasure to welcome Bishop Rose to the school last Sunday and to hear her sermon on following your dreams.

I want to congratulate all of the children who played sports matches this week against other schools with some superb wins already this term. Clearly we like our rugby and netball.

Please do check the school's Facebook or Twitter page, where you will see the PrePrep's brand new bike track that was installed this week, we are all itching to have a go.

Next weekend I will be in Madrid to catch up with past families and to meet the new children wishing to join the Northbourne Park family in the next academic year.

It is a busy time for quite a few of the older pupils who are visiting senior schools for academic, sport and art scholarships. They are always brilliant ambassadors of Northbourne Park and I wish them well in these assessments.

Pre-Prep News

At the Pre-Prep this week the children celebrated Chinese New Year. There was a variety of themed events for the children to take part in as well as a delicious Chinese lunch.

Squirrel Class have been creating an out of this world, flick art, Space display in keeping with their Space topic.

On Monday afternoon next week Badger Class have a class treat. Please ensure the children bring in their own clothes to change into.



Super Scientists

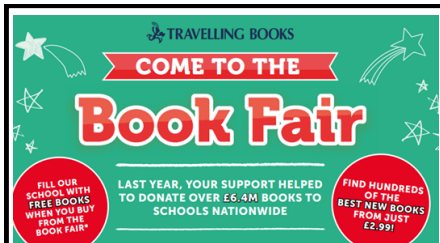
Year 6 have been using indicator papers to test the pH of some liquids. Here they are using blue litmus paper and universal indicator paper to identify acids. Year 8 have been learning about the factors affecting photosynthesis. They investigated how changing light intensity affected the rate of photosynthesis. It was difficult to count the bubbles of oxygen gas being produced but it was fun to try!



Bishop Rose

*Don't go where the path leads
Go where there is no path
And leave a trail.*

Inspiring words from the sermon of Bishop Rose on Sunday, encouraging us all to follow our dreams and never give up. It was a real pleasure to welcome the Bishop to our school and she is keen to come back soon.



The Book Fair will arrive at the Prep School next week!

Prep School children will be taken by their teachers to visit the Book Fair during the day. Normally, Boarders are given an allowance of £10 to spend on books, which is then deducted from their parents' school account. Our plan is to provide that same method of payment for all children in the Prep School this time. Therefore, if you do not wish your child to buy books up to the value of £10, please inform your child's Tutor by the end of Monday 31st January.

Equally parents who would like to allow for more than the £10 budget, please also contact your child's Tutor, giving them the maximum amount your child can spend.

Boarding

It has been a busy week for the boarders with some great success in their sports matches and many commendations given out in the Friday Assembly for their hard work. One of the best bits of boarding is the range of clubs on offer through the week. Despite the cold weather, you'll always see boarders out on the all-weather pitch but there is also time for Book Club, Crafts, Fitness Club and Dance. It makes for a brilliant community atmosphere.



Drama sessions

In Saturday's Senior drama session, the groups did a fantastic job exploring character and setting, creating tableaux and then putting everything together for videoed performances of the story, with sound effects. Well done!



Diary Dates

WEEK 5

Mon 31 Mock French & Spanish Oral & listening

FEBRUARY

Tues 1

Yr 5 & 6 Spanish trip to BFI
U9 Netball A and B vs St Faith's (H)

Wed 2

U11 Rugby Milner Cup @ JKS
1st and 2nd Team Rugby vs Dover College (H)
U9 Netball A and B 5 a side vs Dover College (H)
U11 Netball A vs Wellesley (H)
U13 Netball A and B vs St. Lawrence (A - 2:30pm)

Thurs 3

Prep School Book Fair open
U9A Tag Rugby Triangular vs Lorenden and St. Lawrence (H)

Fri 4

Prep School Book Fair
Lamda Exam

Sat 5

Saturday School Yr. 4-8
U11 Rugby A and B vs Wellesley House (H)
1st Team Rugby vs Wellesley House (A)
U11 Netball A and B vs JKS (H)
U13 Netball A and B vs JKS (A)

Sun 6

10.00 Holy Communion Philip Lewis