

Northbourne Park News



Friday 11th February 2022

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Message from the Headmaster

A challenging term in some respects but the tenacity of the Northbourne Park team has won over yet again. Last weekend I travelled to Madrid for the first time in 2 years to meet with new families joining us in September. It was also a real pleasure to catch up with past families and alumni, do check out the posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Pre-Prep have had a fantastic Art Week, creating some vivid paintings and whirlygigs besides many other pieces of work, we look forward to the art exhibition after half term. Thank you to you all for your continued support, to the staff for their unwavering perseverance and to the children for simply being brilliant. Enjoy the half term break.

Prep School Book Fair

It was great to see the Book Fair return to the Prep School and fuel our pupils' passion for books and reading. There were record sales recorded - the highest in ten years! - which means we will enjoy a healthy commission of around £600 to buy brand new books for our school. Well done and thank you everyone!

Pre-Prep News

It has been Art Week at the Pre-Prep. All of the children produced amazing work. Our guest, Lynn, took half day workshops with each class creating specific pieces. The arty theme was also brought into classes such as French and Science. Hedgehog class built houses for the Three Little Pigs out of different materials and in French the children have been learning about Mardi Gras and decorating masks for the parade after half term.



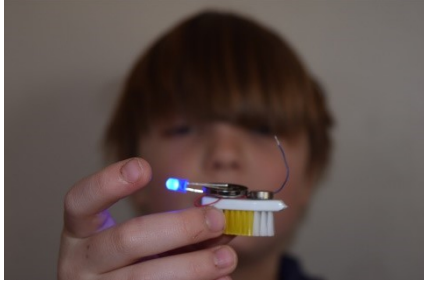
Pottery

The children have been busy in Pottery Club this first half term, with some excellent glazed and fired results.



STEAM

On Saturday, Years 5 & 6 were set the challenge of building mini robots from toothbrushes, mobile phone motors and led lights. It was then time for mini robot wars.



Boarding

A great finish to the first half of the Spring Term! On Friday we kicked off the weekend with a Rounders Tournament. On Saturday our boarders had a busy afternoon competing in Netball and Rugby matches followed by a movie night on Saturday evening in houses. On Sunday, we did a big dorm tidy and clean up, prep and music practice. In the afternoon our seniors competed in a football tournament, while our younger boarders played Netball and Cricket in the gym. For Mystery Monday, the girls made each other Valentines day cards and both Houses were treated to a pizza party from Dominoes! On Tuesday we all played together on the Astro under the floodlights, followed a night of packing on Wednesday - making sure we were all set and ready to go home for the holiday! On Thursday we had another good run around on the Astro in the evening, ending the week off with some Milk & Biscuits. Have a lovely Half Term Break Everyone! A special thank you to Mr Riley, who came in to run the Football Tournament Activity with our seniors, greatly appreciated!



Outdoor Education

The children were busy last Saturday out in the woods with a range of activities including cooking and whittling.



Holiday Club February Half Term

Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February

art, craft, cooking, country walks and more



8.30 am – 4.00 pm

Location: Pre-Prep

Children aged 3 years and up

£25 per day

To book a place, contact the Bursar's office:
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Diary Dates

WEEK 7

Mon 14 School holidays, Holiday Club running
Sun 6 Boarders return

WEEK 8

Mon 21 Year 8 CE Mocks Week
18:30 Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tues 22 Netball: U9A and B vs St. Faith's (A)
Wed 23 Rugby: U11A vs Dover College (A), 1st vs Duke of York's (A)
Netball: U11A&B vs St. Faith's(A), U13A&B vs Dover College(H)
Thurs 24 Pre-Prep Art Exhibition
Netball: U9A and B vs St. Lawrence (H)
Fri 25 Pre-Prep Art Exhibition
Sat 26 Saturday School Yr 4-8
Rugby: U10A & 2nd vs Wellesley House (A)
Netball: U11A&B vs JKS (A), U13A&B vs Wellesley House (H)
Sun 27 10.00 Holy Communion