

# Northbourne Park News



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## Message from the Headmaster

It was a super moment this week to be able to take the whole school photograph after a lapse of two years. To record that whole community spirit means a lot to each and every one of us at the school.

It was also a pleasure to welcome back the children from our partner school in Roubaix, France. They spent the day with our Year 7 and 8 pupils experiencing life in an English school.

I have to congratulate all of the children who recently took a LAMDA exam with merits and distinctions right across the school. Have a great weekend.

## Dragons!

Year 7 pupils have completed a very creative sculpture project, creating dragons.



## Cricket

The children are looking the part in their cricket outfits and have made a super start to the season. Congratulations go to Victoria Storrie, the first female captain of the 1st XI in the history of the school.



## Pre-Prep News

During drama workshops on Thursday, Squirrel and Rabbit classes became Mini Beast detectives, Hedgehog Class dramatized growth and they particularly enjoyed acting out someone without bones! Badger Class transformed into Thomas Farriner's family escaping the fire and passing buckets of water to dampen the flames.

Class certificates were awarded in our celebration assembly on Tuesday as well as prizes from the Celebration Box. Children are awarded raffle tickets throughout the week for great work, behaviour, manners and kindness, the tickets are picked out at random during the assembly and children win prizes.

Congratulations also go to our children who passed their LAMDA exams, all with merits and distinctions.

Next week Badger Class are visiting Herstmonceux Science Observatory Centre and the Book Fair opens from Thursday, after school in the Hall.



## Roubaix visit

Last Friday our French partners from the Collège Jeanne d'Arc came and spent the day with the Year 7 and the Year 8 classes. All the children had a day off timetable and our pupils were wonderful hosts to their buddies. A treasure hunt, some food tasting, getting to know each other in French, cricket and roasted marshmallows kept everyone very busy and happy, and whilst the young tadpoles were not very keen on Marmite, they all fell in love with our school. Merci les year 7 and year 8.



## Boarding

Our boarders had a great weekend out. On Saturday, we headed off to Canterbury! We played Laser Tag, mini golf, and Bowling in the morning before walking over to enjoy a picnic lunch in the park. After lunch, we all got to enjoy a bit of shopping and explore around the Canterbury town centre. When we got back to school, we enjoyed the final few moments of sunshine up on top pitch before settling in for a movie night all together. On Sunday we got to sleep in and enjoy a later breakfast before heading off to prep and music practice. In the afternoon we headed over to Clip n Climb where we had a great time doing team building activities, scaling the walls, and challenging ourselves on the slide before ending the evening off with a McDonald's dinner as a treat! On Monday we relaxed, tidied the dorms and houses, played outside and just enjoyed the extra day off for the Bank Holiday! On Wednesday we all played games on Top Pitch, and our senior boarders put in some extra time with their exam revision. On Thursday, our seniors worked hard in their play rehearsal for Calamity Jane, which we all are very excited to see, ending off the week on a great note!



## Afterschool Clubs

There is a great range of afterschool clubs on offer this term and the children are enjoying pottery, golf, croquet, cricket, lego, gardening, fencing, science, tennis and more. A brilliant way to end the day.



## Northbourne Park School Quiz Night

Thursday 12th May  
7pm in the Pre-Prep Hall  
Teams of 6

Email: [preprep@northbournepark.com](mailto:preprep@northbournepark.com)  
to reserve your team table  
Places are limited

Please bring your own nibbles  
and liquid refreshments!

## Teddy Trust Collection

Thank you for the teddy bear donations for the children in Ukraine. There's still time to drop a teddy bear off either at the Pre-Prep or Prep School.



## Diary Dates

<b>MAY</b>	<b>WEEK 4</b> Common Entrance Speaking Exams
Mon 9	Common Entrance Mental Maths Exam Yr. 6 Geography Trip
Tues 10	Common Entrance French Listening Exam Badger Class Trip to Herstmonceux
Wed 11	Common Entrance Spanish Listening Exam Girls U11B and C Mixed Kwik Cricket vs St. Lawrence (A) Boys U11A vs Wellesley House (A) Boys U11B and C Mixed Kwik Cricket vs St. Lawrence (A) 1st XI vs Wellesley House (H)
Thurs 12	Yr. 3 History Trip to Roman Museum Canterbury Pre-Prep Book Fair 19.00 Pre-Prep Quiz Night
Fri 13	Squirrel Class Coffee Morning Pre-Prep Book Fair Yr. 7 History Trip to Canterbury Cathedral 16.30 No Prep, Long weekend begins