

Northbourne Park News



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Message from the Headmaster

This week we welcomed two Ukrainian children into the school, in the Pre-Prep and the Prep School. I was very moved by the warm welcome from the children and staff who went above and beyond to make our new pupils feel at home, a perfect example of the community family spirit in our school.

Thank you to those parents who joined us for Quiz Night on Thursday, the first time we have been able to hold this event in three years. Needless to say it was a fun evening with a lot of laughter.

Congratulations to the Year 8 pupils who began their Common Entrance exams this week with the French and Spanish oral exams, they took it all in their stride.

I wish you all a great weekend.

Annabel Steadman

We are delighted to announce that Annabel Steadman is our guest speaker this year on Speech Day. Annabel is an ex-pupil of Northbourne Park School and is now following a highly successful career as an author. In addition, Annabel will be visiting the Prep School in June to talk to the children about writing.



Pre-Prep News

Badger Class visited Herstmonceux Science Observatory Centre on Tuesday. There was so much for the children to try out and test both inside and outside.

Squirrel Class have been hunting for minibeasts in the garden along with phonics and number work this week.

Next week our Book Fair continues until Tuesday with all of the books 3 for 2. Badger Class will host Coffee Morning on Friday. Thursday sees our annual Scarecrow competition and Plant Sale. We look forward to seeing the children's creations. Don't forget some money to buy plants too.



Amazing Science

There is an impressive amount of Science happening in our school at the moment. Pupils in the Science Club had a great time this week making Bath Bombs. Year 8 have really enjoyed learning about acids, alkalis and indicators. They watched the indicators change colour as they conducted neutralisation reactions. Year 7 have been learning about reproduction. Year 6 have produced some excellent work on the heart. Year 5 have just finished seed dispersal and are moving onto the human lifecycle. Year 3 (magnetism) and 4 (electricity) had some engaging practical lessons this week. We certainly have budding scientists!



Boarding

A busy week! Our boarders have been working hard in their rehearsals for the senior production of Calamity Jane, and are doing really well. On Friday, we enjoyed a bit of tuck and electricals to end the week off, as well as celebrate two birthdays! On Saturday, it was a day well spent outdoors, doing arts and crafts, building shelters, and playing cricket in the afternoon. We enjoyed a bit of friendly competition between the four houses on top pitch with a cricket tournament in boarding before returning to houses to unwind with a movie night. On Sunday our boarders put in the hours with their prep and music practice, before enjoying some fresh air and pancakes for a treat! For Mystery Monday, the Girls House played a twist on the game of musical statues where when the music stopped they had to quickly complete the pose that was called out. They also played a fun game of tag all together while the Boys House played a great game of Football on the astro! On Tuesday the Girls House challenged the Boys House to a Fruit Winder Relay Challenge for the House Cup. We had a lot of laughs with our boarders as they tried to eat the fruit winder without the use of their hands. The girls won in the end, but the competition was great! We cannot wait to see what the boys challenge the girls with next. On Wednesday we had Tuck and Electricals, and our boarders enjoyed catching up with friends and family. Thursday we all rehearsed for Calamity Jane and enjoyed some time outside. I think we are all looking forward to the long weekend and some fun activities ahead!



Year 3 trip to the Roman Museum, Canterbury

Year 3 children had a very educational day at the Roman Museum. They designed and created Roman mosaics using similar materials that the Romans would have used and also completed an Explorer's Guide – a treasure hunt for information in the museum to find the answers to some questions. They also saw a preserved Roman road and part of a town house from Roman Canterbury that was buried underneath the town, first discovered during the Blitz when parts of Canterbury were destroyed.



Canterbury Cathedral

On Friday, Year 7 spent the morning learning about the routines of a medieval monk, touring the ruins of the infirmary and herbarium, walking the cobbled flagstones of the Great cloister and respecting the quiet solitude of the Cathedral's crypt and nave. We were awestruck by the vast magnificence of the cathedral's internal architecture. It truly deserves its UNESCO World Heritage site status.



Diary Dates

MAY		WEEK 5
Mon	16	Yr. 3 Parents Evening Pre-Prep Book Fair
Tues	17	Pre-Prep Book Fair U9A, B and C Mixed Kwik Cricket vs St. Faith's (H)
Wed	18	U9A and B Mixed Kwik Cricket vs Dover College (H) Boys U11A vs St. Lawrence (A) U11B and C Mixed Kwik Cricket vs St. Lawrence (H) Boys 1st XI vs Dover College (A) Girls U13 A and B Incredi Cricket vs Dover College (A)
Thurs	19	Yr. 5 Geography Trip 16.15 Badger Class Tea, Prep School Pre-Prep Scarecrow Competition and Plant Sale
Fri	20	Yr. 7 & 8 to Roubaix Badger Class Coffee Morning
Sat	21	Yr. 4 - Yr. 8 Saturday school Boys U11A vs St. Edmund's (A) Girls U13A Incredi Cricket vs Wellesley House (A)