

Northbourne Park News



Friday 24th September 2021

Issue 3

Message from the Headmaster

We are all enjoying being able to run the various activities again that make our school so great. From older pupils visiting the Pre-Prep children to sports fixtures, field trips to assemblies, this term is in full flow.

This Saturday will be the first STEAM session of the term for the Prep School children, always a popular round of activities, do remember that boiler suit.

In 2 weeks time, we have our first Open Morning, please do encourage any families you know who might be interested in seeing what our school offers and listen out for the radio advert on KM FM.

On Saturday I will be in Paris to meet new families due to join us next year. We have a busy day scheduled, I am really pleased with the level of interest in joining Northbourne Park. It is a magical part of our school to see the children immersed in various languages and an invaluable skill as they grow older. It never ceases to amaze me how confident our children become with their languages. I wish you all a restful weekend.

Pre-Prep

Badger Class were excited to meet their buddies from 5eme on Tuesday. Every week children from 5eme come to the Pre-Prep to join with Badger class and teach them French. Whilst raising confidence in the Badger class children, for their transition to the Prep School, 5eme are improving their English.

Next week is our Science Week! The Great Egg Drop and "Silly Science" workshops are among the highlights of the week. If you have any spare egg boxes, small boxes or bubble wrap, please bring them in for our experiments.

We will be holding a Coffee Morning and cake sale in aid of Macmillan and Breast Cancer Now next Friday, 1st October. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated (NO NUTS PLEASE), along with your company and support from 8.20am in The Orchard at the Pre-Prep. We look forward to seeing you all.



Field Trip

Year 8 took part in their field trip to Coombe Hole, Dover on Monday. The pupils all impressed Mrs Hayes and Mrs McGeoch with their hard work and concentration, as they assessed the biodiversity of plants growing in different light conditions. Their project write-up will form part of their overall Common Entrance assessment.



Boarding

We bowled our way into the week. On Saturday, we all went out for a day of shopping in Deal! With the sun on our side we also managed a nice walk along the pier and an ice cream by the sea. We also did arts and crafts, played football, and relaxed before heading out for our evening activity – Ten Pin Bowling! We had some great strikes and gutter balls, and we all had a lot of fun. On Sunday, we did prep, music practice, and had a more relaxed day. We also did a big dorm tidy with a prize for the cleanest/ most tidy dorm! For Mystery Monday, the boys played football, and the girls had a pizza party and movie night in celebration of one of our girl's birthdays. On Wednesday, we enjoyed some free time on Top Pitch, playing fetch with Chuck, dancing, football, and lots of chats and giggles. We also took a walk to see the moon as it was a beautiful big full moon, and golden in colour. Our boarders have also been practising hard for Northbourne's Got Talent, it was a pleasure to watch them showcase all of their wonderful talents in the Finals on Thursday.



Cheer

Congratulations to Nancy in Year 6. As part of a team named Halo, she came third in the world Future Cheer competition in Bournemouth in July. They beat teams from around the world, including the US where the sport is very big. Cheer is increasingly popular in the UK, essentially competitive floor gymnastics and acrobatics.



Senior Pupils

We are really impressed with the pupils in our 5ieme class who come from France and Spain. They have settled in so well and making great contributions to the life of the school.



Breaktimes

It's great to see the variety of games at breaktime including giant chess. Time for a tournament?



Diary Dates

WEEK 3

Sat 25 Football: 1st and 2nd XI vs Junior King's (H)
Hockey: U11A and B Junior King's (H)

Sun 26 10.00 Holy Communion

WEEK 4

Wed 29 Football: U9A vs Wellesley House (H)
U11A and B vs Junior King's (H)
U13 6 a side Shapira Cup @ Junior King's
Hockey: U9A and B vs Dover College (A)
U11A vs Dover College (H)
U13A and B vs Duke of York's (A)

OCTOBER

Fri 1 08.20 Squirrel Class Coffee Morning
16.30 No Prep. Long weekend begins