



# Northbourne Park News



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Issue 4

## Message from the Headmaster

We have had some fabulous events going on over the past week from the Burton Race to visiting the Ploughing Match, Northbourne's Got Talent to European Day of Languages. Coupled with busy lessons and sports activities, our school is certainly a hive of action, learning and teamwork.

Our visit to Paris on Saturday to meet new families was a success and it was a joy to see past pupils, some of them still wearing their Northbourne Park hoodies!

Next Saturday we have our Open Morning when we are looking forward to greeting prospective families.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

## Hockey

The girls' hockey season has got off to a flying start with the U9s hosting an afternoon of fun hockey drills with St Lawrence College; U11 A & B teams playing out of their socks against Wellesley Hadon Deane and the U13 A, B & C teams encountering strong opposition from Junior King's & Duke of York's with some positive scorelines and lots of players showing bags of potential. Well done to all hockey players!



## Pre-Prep News

Science Week at the Pre-Prep has been a wonderful experience for all of the children. On Tuesday Professor Nitrate wowed us with his Silly Science workshop and on Wednesday Rabbit, Hedgehog and Badger classes visited The EK Ploughing Match. At the start of next week we will have our Great Egg Drop and on Friday, Badger Class will be visiting Herstmonceux Science Observatory Centre.



## STOP PRESS

We are delighted to announce the arrival of four, soon to be more, baby chicks at the Pre-Prep. Badger Class collected the eggs and settled them into the incubator in the classroom. The children have been keeping a watchful eye over the last couple of weeks. This week noises were heard coming from the incubator and on Wednesday night the first chick hatched! Welcome Daphne, Dillon, Jasmine and Beau.



## Boarding

What a wonderful week – On Friday we did some Wacky Races in the gym, working in teams to be the first to cross the finish line. On Saturday, we relaxed in houses and enjoyed a movie night after a busy Olympiad. On Sunday, we enjoyed a morning of Church, Prep, and Music practice, before heading over to Clip n Climb in the evening where we had great fun climbing and being treated to a slushie and a snack. For Mystery Monday – the Girls House did a Music Quiz in the gym, and the Boy's House had a dance off. On Tuesday, it was tuck and electricals, as well as noodle night! Wednesday, we all played on the astro together under the floodlights and enjoyed the evening. On Thursday, it was Tuck & Electricals again, as well as packing for those getting ready to travel home for the weekend. Bring on the weekend!



## Science

The children in 5e class were busy this week in the Science Lab studying cells under the microscope.



## Paris

Thank you to past pupils who visited the NPS stand in Paris last Saturday. Great to catch up.



## Languages

On Monday we saw Prep School children dress up for European Day of Languages.



## Burton Race

There is currently a debate as to how old the Burton Race is (see the school's Facebook post) but either way we had a great event last week. Great team spirit and participation from all of the Prep School children. Congratulations to Marlborough as this year's winners.



## Diary Dates

### WEEK 4

Fri 30 16.30 No Prep. Long weekend begins  
Accompanied travel weekend  
18.30 Cheese and Wine for parents, staff and governors

### WEEK 5

Mon 3 Review Week  
18.00 Year 3 Parents' Evening  
Wed 5 Girls' hockey: U9A and B vs Wellesley House (H)  
U11A and B vs St. Lawrence (A)  
U13A and B vs Dover College (H)  
Thurs 6 08.00 Prep School Coffee Morning  
Girls' hockey: U9A and B v St. Faith's @ 2pm (H)  
15.00 Informal Concert  
Fri 7 08.30 Badger Class Coffee Morning  
Sat 8 09.30-12.30 Open Morning  
Sun 9 10.00 Holy Communion