

Northbourne Park News



Friday 1st October 2021

Issue 4

Message from the Headmaster

This has been an action packed week with Science experiments galore at the Pre-Prep, sports fixtures, a celebration of speaking different languages, a talent show and cell construction. The diversity and creativity in the children's learning never ceases to impress me.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Dee Wilson who has worked in the Nursery over the past two years and been a great member of the team. Dee is moving on to pastures new and we wish her all the best for the future. We welcome Amy Morris who will be joining the Pre-Prep staff.

We have a good number of visits booked for Open Day next Saturday, we have a good level of interest in the school at the moment.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Northbourne's Got Talent

Last week we held the annual Northbourne's Got Talent show at the Prep School. The event is always a lot of fun and gives the children that opportunity to gain confidence in performing in public. We had singing, dance, magic tricks, diablo spinning, drama and much more. A huge congratulations to all of the children who took part.



Pre-Prep News

Science Week at the Pre-Prep has been amazing! The Great Egg Drop on Tuesday saw the children creating capsules for eggs, these were then launched from an upstairs window and then unwrapped to see if the egg was intact. Only one egg out of eight did not survive the flight!

Professor Nitrate visited on Wednesday to demonstrate some "Silly Science" experiments. The children were enthralled with the scientific demonstrations and enjoyed taking part.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our McMillan Coffee Morning. Badger Class will host Coffee Morning next Friday.



COP26

Some pupils have been helping Mrs Hayes to create an environmental banner from upcycled materials. It is being sent to Glasgow to be on display during the COP26 climate summit of world leaders in November. Many banners will be sewn together by 'Stitches for Survival' to form a 1.5 mile long 'scarf', to represent the 1.5°C temperature rise we need to keep below.



Boarding

Last weekend was a mix of time to relax and various activities. On Saturday we had STEAM and Outdoor Education followed by sports practice and matches in the afternoon. In the evening it was movie night so time to relax. On Sunday we had church in the morning and a lovely walk in the local area. After that it was time for a big tidy in the Houses and we finished off the weekend with tuck and electricals.



Library

If you ever have books at home that you no longer want to keep, we are always grateful for any donations to either the Pre-Prep or Prep School libraries. Reading is a core skill for all of our children and it is vital we instil a love for books for life.



Studying cells

Year 7 have produced some very creative 3D models of cells. To demonstrate their understanding of recent Science lessons, the children were challenged to make a 'cell model' for their prep. Unsurprisingly, there were quite a few 'cells' made of cake and sugary treats.



East Kent Cyclo Cross



On Sunday 24th October we are hosting an East Kent Cyclo Cross event. The organisers are offering free entry for any of our children aged 7 or over who would like to try out this exciting sport. All you need is a bicycle in working order and a helmet. For further details, contact the Head at srees@northbournepark.com

Diary Dates

WEEK 4 Pre-Prep Science Week

OCTOBER

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

WEEK 5 Review Week

Mon 4 18.00 Year 3 Parents' Evening
Wed 6 U11A and B Football vs St Edmund's (A)
U11A and B Hockey vs Wellesley House (A)
U13A Hockey vs Dover College (H)
Thurs 7 16.30 Year 5 & 6 Transition Meeting
Fri 8 08.20 Badger Class Coffee Morning
Sat 9 09.30-12.30 Open Morning
U11A and B Football vs Wellesley House (A)
U13A and B Hockey vs Wellesley House (H)
Sun 10 10.00 Harvest Festival