

Northbourne Park News



Friday 8th October 2021

Issue 5

Message from the Headmaster

We have had an immense week of singing, top test results in the 5ieme class, sports fixtures, MacMillan Coffee Morning, lantern making, Spelling Bee, clubs, swimming, language learning and great use of our outdoor space.

On Saturday we have our first Open Morning of the year and we are delighted by the number of families that are coming to see us, it is always a pleasure to share the great activities going on in our school. Next week will be busy with the first set of reports for the Prep School children and parents evenings in the Pre-Prep. Have a great weekend.

HOLIDAY CLUB



Looking for something for the children to do over half term? We are running 2 holiday clubs over the October Half Term break, an arts and crafts club at the Pre-Prep and a sports club at the Prep School. Full details and how to book either club can be found on the school website.

Pre-Prep News

Our MacMillan/Breast Cancer Now Coffee Morning raised a huge £350 at the end of last week. It was lovely to see everyone. Thank you for your support and donations.

The children have been busy preparing for our Harvest Service. They have been to the Church to practise, for many of the children it has been their first visit. There will be two performances of the Harvest Service on Friday to accommodate everyone comfortably. If you have not already done so, please let us know which performance you will be attending.

We have Parent Meetings after school next week and Hedgehog Class will host Coffee Morning on Friday.



Black History Month

October is Black History Month and Year 6 have begun to appreciate the achievements of members of the Black communities of the past who have helped shape the world in which we live. They studied the experiences of members of the Windrush Generation and also the hugely significant contribution made by Wales' first black Headmistress, Betty Campbell (1934-2017). Like her hero, Martin Luther King, she too had a dream that all children would have equal opportunities and she strove hard to achieve this. Her statue stands resolutely in Central Square, Cardiff.



Boarding

We kicked off the weekend with an Uno Card Playing Championship and a few rounds of Just Dance. On Saturday we were up and ready and headed to Canterbury for a fun day out. We started with a Treasure Trail and hunted for clues all over Canterbury. The rain came down on us all but that did not seem to faze anyone as the raincoats and hoods just went up. We found shelter in Costa and all had a lovely hot chocolate to warm up before heading out to enjoy a bit of shopping and browsing to see what Canterbury had to offer. Once our bags were all full, we boarded the bus back to school to get all nice and warm again. Sunday was a day of prep, music practice, tidying the houses, and free time. We were also treated to a Pizza Party lunch in celebration of one of Juan's Birthdays! Those that had gone home for the weekend arrived back and it was almost as if they all had not seen each other in years - lots of excitement and story swapping of everyone's weekend activities. The children then had 2 birthdays to celebrate that evening so there was lots of cake to go around. For Mystery Monday the Girls House did a group meditation and the Boys House played indoor hockey. On Wednesday night, our boarders took to the Astro to play a game of night Kwik Cricket under the floodlights, and then ending the week with Tuck and Electricals. We are ready for a great final week ahead before the Half Term break!



Hockey



Well done to all the age groups out on the hockey pitch this week, trying their best to use their newly acquired hockey skills. The U11 A team managed a draw 2-2 against Wellesley House and showed a greater determination and quicker pace on the pitch. The U13 A team got off to a flying start with a 5-0 win over Dover College on home turf. A great team effort and let's use it as a springboard to the next encounter on Saturday. Keep low & stick on the turf!



For several years we have supported our local foodbank and we are very keen to keep going. We are always grateful for any donations that can be dropped off at the front entrance of both the Prep and the Pre-Prep. It does make a huge difference to less fortunate families.

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

WEEK 6	Reports Week
Mon 11	Pre-Prep Parent Meetings from 16.15
Tues 12	Primary Schools Football Tournament Pre-Prep Parent Meetings from 16.15
Wed 13	Football: U11A & B vs Kent College (H), 1 st & 2 nd XI vs JKS (A) Hockey: U9A vs Wellesley Hse(A), U11A vs Dover College (A) U13A and B vs St. Edmund's (H) Pre-Prep Parent Meetings from 16.15
Thurs 14	Pre-Prep Parent Meetings from 16.15
Fri 15	08.20 Hedgehog Class Coffee Morning 14.15 Pre-Prep Harvest Service 16.30 Half term begins (no prep)
WEEK 7	School Holidays
Fri 22	16.00 Half term begins for the Nursery