# Northbourne Park News



## Issue 17

## Message from the Headmaster

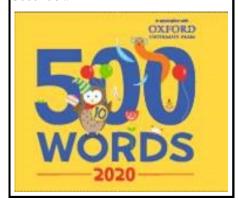
Firstly I'd like to thank all the children for their efforts and enthusiasm for this half term. We've had some incredible achievements in class, on the sports pitch, in the afterschool clubs and in the Music School. The all-weather sports pitch is progressing well and still on track for completion this term.

We have had many tours with visitors and prospective families and without fail they are all very impressed by the warm welcome, the industrious atmosphere in the school and the children's manners. Thank you to the staff for their tireless approach to every single day. Thank you to you the parents for all your continued support. Have a great half term holiday, see you back in just over a week.

#### 500 words

2020 marks the tenth year of BBC Radio 2's 500 words story-writing competition. This is the perfect half-term activity for all of you budding and talented NPS writers!

Just look up online for information: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/ articles/59TwKqqLp3LTpRVfPlsKtx9/ submit-a-story The deadline for entries is 27<sup>th</sup> February. Good luck!



## Pre-Prep

Art Week at the Pre-Prep has been wonderful. There was a buzz of excitement created by different activities producing some great work. We are looking forward to displaying this in our Art Exhibition on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

On Thursday the children visited The Turner Contemporary Gallery in Margate where they explored the artwork and took part in sensory workshops. The first Wednesday back after half term Badger Class host Coffee Morning. We wish you all a relaxing half term break.



#### Year 6 Science project

Year 6 were asked to research the causes and effects of acid rain for their Science prep. There have been some incredibly creative efforts including cakes, PowerPoint presentations and 3D models.



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Congratulations to Louis Zegrean who led an assembly this week and spoke about Ian Fleming, not only an old boy of Eton but also someone who lived not far from Northbourne Park School. Louis gave an insightful talk about the life of this famous writer.





## Fort Burgoyne

We always like to support initiatives in the community. Waking the Giant at Fort Burgoyne in Dover looks worth a visit.



Handwriting

For children in the Prep School, please can you make sure they have at least two quality writing pens, not biro, in school.



## Boarding

This week the boarders have been busy trying to squeeze in as much as possible before the half term holidays! At the weekend we enjoyed staying inside from the wind with dodgeball, board games, cards and a movie with some sweet treats! We have been focused this week on tests and rugby and netball matches but have still managed to make time for Toast Night in the Boys House and Pudding Pictionary in the Girls House alongside our boarding clubs! We wish you all a restful break. Happy half term from the Boarders!



## Dates for the Diary FEBRUARY WEEK 6 CE French & Spanish Mock Orals Week Fri 14 16.30 Half term begins (no prep) Accompanied travel to London and Paris for boarders WEEK 8 Mon 24 LAMDA exams 18.30 Year 7 Parents' Evening Tues 25 Pre-Prep Mardi Gras Parade U9 A & B netball vs St Faith's (H) Wed 26 08.30 Badger Class Coffee Morning U13A & U12A netball v Sir Roger Manwood's School (A) U9 tag rugby vs Dover College and Wellesley House @ Wellesley House Colts rugby vs Spring Grove (A) 1st Team rugby vs Duke of York's Royal Military School (A) 15.30-16.30 Prep uniform shop open Fri 28 LAMDA exams 15.00 Pre-Prep Art Exhibition Sat Feb 29th Colts rugby vs Wellesley House (H) 1<sup>st</sup> Team rugby vs Wellesley House (A) U13A & B netball vs Duke of York's Royal Military School (H) MARCH Sun 1 10.00 Holy Communion @northbournepark