

Northbourne Park News



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Issue 18

Message from the Headmaster

It is great to see the children back after the half term break and already busy with their weekly schedule. Besides getting down to work in the classroom, we have celebrated Pancake Tuesday and a terrific informal concert at the Prep School on Thursday. The Pre-Prep created an inspiring exhibition of their work from Art Week and paraded through the Prep School for Mardi Gras.

It is always great to receive compliments about the children and they were complimented on their impeccable behaviour at the Ash Wednesday service at the local church by a member of the congregation.

Please do note below the changes we are making to next term's calendar regarding Saturdays.

Have a great weekend.

Dates in the summer term

We want to give you advance notice of changes to the working weekends next term.

In order to accommodate the change in the Bank Holiday weekend plus examination dates the working Saturdays next term will now be as follows:

25th April

2nd May Open Morning

6th June

27th June Prep School Sports Day

The calendar will be published and sent to you as usual during the Easter holidays but we wanted to give you plenty of notice of the changes so that you could make your family plans accordingly.

Just a reminder that the May Bank Holiday is now Friday 8th May and there will be no school for day pupils on that day.

Pre-Prep

The children all enjoyed our annual Mardi Gras Parade around the Prep school on Tuesday. They had each made a mask to wear and enjoyed causing chaos wherever they went!

We have also been busy preparing for our Art Exhibition. Thank you to those who came along to see the children's work. As you will agree, the standard was excellent.

On Thursday next week the children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book for World Book Day. We will be holding a "Book Swap" on Thursday, please can each child bring in a book that they no longer read to swap with another. Hedgehog class will host Coffee Morning on Wednesday.



Pancakes

On Tuesday we learnt all about the origins of Mardi Gras, Lent, Ash Wednesday and why we eat pancakes. The assembly culminated in a pancake flipping contest where Esme in Year 7 was this year's champion.



Informal Concert

Congratulations to all the children who performed in the informal concert on Thursday afternoon. We had some brilliant singing, guitar playing, piano pieces, flute, clarinet, violin, saxophone, recorder and drums in various styles including Pachelbel's Canon to the Sicilienne, the Star Wars theme to 12 Bar Blues. We are fortunate to have a wealth of talent and enthusiasm in the children. A big thank you to the Music Department for all their work with the performers.



3D Printing

Several of the senior pupils have been working on TinkerCad, an online design programme to create wonderful 3D constructions for printing on the school's 3D printer.



Boarding

This week the boarders have enjoyed getting back into routine. On Monday we spent our evening getting creative in the ICT room where the girls made their own locker labels and caught up with their half term adventures while the boys enjoyed a dodgeball tournament in the gym. Our Shrove Tuesday was treat filled with pancakes, noodles and a pizza party! Boarding clubs began on Wednesday with options to play games, football, scratch club and Hama beads. We also managed to squeeze in our big quiz of the year on Friday night with children putting their knowledge to the test!!



Hygiene

We have talked a lot this week to the children about hygiene and the importance of washing hands regularly throughout the day and putting tissues in the bin. To combat any current illnesses or bugs, we are following official advice which includes simple things we can all do throughout the day. We are encouraging the children to wash their hands when they move between home and school, before eating lunch, after breaktimes and sport and of course visits to the toilet.



Volcanoes

As part of their Geography course, Year 6 have created some impressive models of volcanoes including edible versions. Rafi, Tessa and Victoria have certainly been busy baking yummy creations.



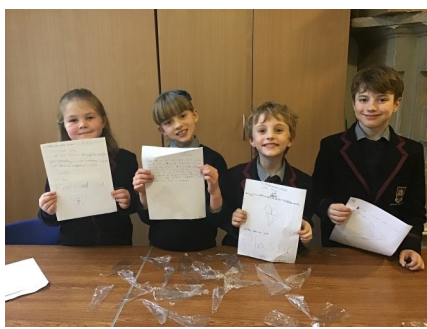
Maths Challenge

Well done to the Year 3 class for working so well on their Maths Challenge this week, finding a strategy to solve a problem and sharing it with their classmates.



Eco Club

Children in the eco club have been writing letters to suppliers of school equipment to ask them to stop selling products using single use plastic. Great to see the children voicing, and writing, their opinions.



Dates for the Diary

FEBRUARY

WEEK 8

Sat Feb 29th Colts rugby vs Wellesley House (H)
1st 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
WEEK 9 Year 8 CE mock examinations week

Mon 2
Tues 3 Stevens Wainman Cross-Country
Wed 4 08.30 Hedgehog Class Coffee Morning
U10 rugby vs Wellesley House (A)
1st Team rugby vs Dover College (H)
U11 A, B & C netball vs Kent College (H)
15.30-16.30 Uniform shop open

Thurs 5 World Book Day
Fri 6 16.30 No Prep. Long weekend begins