

Northbourne News



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Message from the Headmaster

Thankfully most of the children have got over their colds and coughs and have achieved another busy week at school. It was great to see all the Pre-Prep children visit the older children for Mardi Gras.

There's a great diversity of learning and activities going on across the school and I always enjoy seeing the pupils engaged in their learning and doing their best. I'm looking forward next week to the Pre-Prep Art Week and seeing what they will create. Wishing you all a great weekend.

Roman soldiers

Year 3 have been learning about military manoeuvres from Roman times. The children are in the tortoise formation in the photo below.



500 words

Half Term is a great opportunity to come up a creative idea for the 500 words competition. Deadline for entries is 7pm on Thursday 22nd February. Good Luck!



Pre-Prep news

Forest School sessions this week have been all about working towards achieving "Wild Challenge" awards from the RSPB. Squirrel Class are going for Bronze and Rabbit, Hedgehog and Badger Classes are aiming for Silver this year, having gained bronze last year. All classes took part in the "Big School's Birdwatch" this week which involved identifying different bird types seen in The Orchard and sending this information to the RSPB. The information from all schools around the country is then collated by the RSPB to give a picture of birdlife in the UK. We will keep you updated on further challenges.

This week also saw all of the Pre-Prep children parade around the Prep School, causing as much chaos as possible in "Mardi Gras" celebrations. It was a colourful, musical display that led through classrooms, and of course the Headmaster's Study, to finish in the dining hall where year 8 children served up delicious pancakes before the children made their way back to the Pre-Prep.

Next week is Pre-Prep Art Week, some of the activities planned include tile painting, wet felting and clay modelling, along with a visit to The Turner Gallery in Margate.



Mardi Gras, crêpes et compagnie

On Tuesday, all the preprep children walked up to the 'Big School', proudly wearing the masks they had made in the French lessons and banging on the instruments crafted in their Music lessons. We then paraded around the classrooms to the sound of salsa music and the older children joined in the dancing and clapping. As the grand finale, all children (and teachers) were treated to one -or three- pancakes in the dining room. Miam, c'était bon!



Of Mice and Men

On Thursday the Year 8 pupils saw *Of Mice and Men* at The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury. It was an excellent performance and the children really appreciated seeing a piece of literature come to life on the stage.



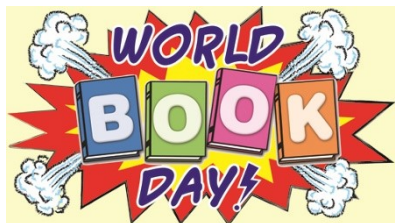
Boarding

After a big splash about at Tides fun pool on Saturday evening, the boarders enjoyed some time to relax and play on Sunday afternoon. This week's Mystery Monday was a star-themed arty one in the Girls' House, which tied in well with the super moon excitement this week! The children are looking forward to the long weekend ahead!



World Book Day 2018

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day, always a great day at both the Pre-Prep and Prep School where the children go to so much effort to come to school as a book character. Half term is the ideal opportunity to have a think about who you want to be and to put together an outfit. So thinking caps on!



Strings Group

Well done to the newly launched Strings Group this term. They meet every working Saturday morning in the Music School. Guided by David Burridge, there are amazing sounds coming from the Music School.



Residential Home visit

We'd like to thank Mr and Mrs Johnson for hosting the Year 3s last week at the Bradfield Residential Home. It was a great opportunity to chat with local people and carry out some cross-curricular interviews for the work back at school.



Holiday Club

The popular Holiday Activity Club is running throughout the February half term holiday. You can book individual days or the whole week, whichever suits you. Places can be booked on the school website through Wisepay or calling the school for more information.



Dates for the Diary

February	
Week 5	Reports Week and Pre-Prep Art Week
Mon 5	Year 8 CE mock orals week French & Spanish
Wed 7	14.15 Colts A Rugby Milner Cup @ Junior King's (A)
	14.15 Colts B Rugby vs Lorenden (H)
	14.15 1st Team Rugby vs Duke of York's (H)
	14.15 U10 Netball vs. Wellesley House (H)
	14.15 U11A Netball vs. St. Faith's (A)
	14.15 U13 Netball vs. Dover College (H)
	15.30-16.30 Uniform shop open
Thurs 8	NOPAKAASO Charity Cake Sale
	Pre-Prep whole school trip to the Turner Gallery
Fri 9	Chinese New Year at the Pre-Prep
	16.30 Half term begins (no prep)
	Accompanied travel to London and Paris for boarders