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Headmistress's Message

It has been another remarkably successful and busy year at Normanhurst. A glance through the newsletters each half-term will show just how much has taken place.

This is the final newsletter of the year. I hope you very much enjoy reading about all that the pupils have been doing.

Our year culminated with a wonderful Speech Day and Prize Giving, the junior trip and the senior House Trips, along with a lovely summer concert in school hall that we transformed into a jazz café.

As we break for the summer may I wish all our families a happy and restful holiday.

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Wednesday 4 September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year.

With my best wishes

Mrs Claire Osborn
Headmistress

Kindergarten's Legoland Experience

The children and staff in Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed their end of year trip to Legoland on the last Friday of term.

Pupils went on a hot air balloon ride which took them up to the treetops, and everyone had a great time playing on the climbing frame and slides. They then had fun with lots of water play as they cooled down after lunch.

The children saw lots of places around the world in Miniland; it was like being back their our magic carpet!

The highlight of the day was a ride on a yellow submarine where everyone saw sharks, rays and lots of beautiful fish swimming around a Lego under sea world.





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Early Years Celebration of the Year

On Monday 1 July the Early Years gathered at the United Reform Church with teachers, parents and friends to celebrate the children's achievements throughout this academic year. It was a lovely afternoon with the children sharing songs, poetry and their personal highlights of the year.

Every child has much to be proud of and much to look forward to next year after what will hopefully be a happy and healthy summer for all.



Last Forest Walk

Every Friday, weather permitting, the Early Years children take their learning outside the classroom with a walk to the local forest, allowing them to enjoy all the wonders of this great natural resource on our doorstep.

On our last Friday, they decided to celebrate the end of the term with a walk to the 'special pond' and enjoy a picnic amongst the trees. The children were excited to see so many dragon flies skimming across the water and had great fun climbing in the hollow tree.



Year 1 Aviation Learning Experience

On Thursday 27 June the Year 1 pupils took a trip down to the O2 to participate in the Aviation Learning Experience at the Emirates Aviation Museum. While there, the group was able to take part in a range of teaching opportunities; some of these included learning about how a jet engine works, watching a plane land via simulator, and experiencing the smells found in Dubai, where the Emirates A380 Airbus is made and flies to.

After all of that learning the class took a ride on the cable cars from the O2 across the river to the Royal Docks and back, where they were able to view some of the sights! A fantastic time was had by all on a day with glorious weather!



Year 2 Value Games

On Thursday 27 June all of Year 2 went to the Peter May Centre for a day full of sport. We joined eleven other schools and were divided into eighteen teams. There were over 500 children attending the games. Once the teams had been organised we did a fun warm up and then we were off to our first activity. The children were able to experience lots of different sports such as lacrosse and archery. Each activity was led by Year 5 and Year 6 pupils from schools across Waltham Forest. It was a really great day; we had fabulous weather and we look forward to joining the games again next year!





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Floating Classroom Visit

Last month, Years 3 and 4 travelled to Paddington to board a barge, on which they had the opportunity of experiencing the Floating Classroom, a unique learning experience. They learnt all about the animals and plants that live around the canal area in Paddington and even navigated their way through the canals of Little Venice, passing landmarks such as London Zoo. William commented "I really enjoyed navigating through the tunnel as it was a little bit scary because of the darkness!". Shay added "It was great when we went birdspotting as two of the class members even dressed up as massive birds!".



The children really enjoyed this trip, which gave them a brief taste of life on the water.

BSL Club Assembly

In assembly on 19 June, British Sign Language Club performed a song in sign for the Junior pupils and their parents. In British Sign Language Club, pupils learn to communicate with people who may be hard of hearing or completely deaf through the use of sign language. Each week, alongside learning new signs, they have been practising their song in sign language. They performed the song 'A Million Dreams' from the Greatest Showman. They were fantastic and their practice paid off; lots of staff members and parents said it was very moving. Miss Stone is very proud of all of them and you can see the video of the performance on the school website or our YouTube channel.



Year 6 Visit to the Globe Theatre

The Year 6 pupils recently visited the Globe Theatre for an interactive storytelling workshop. The day started with a lovely journey to the Globe where children enjoyed the sunshine with some amazing views of St Paul's Cathedral as well as the view from the Millennium Bridge.

The workshop started promptly in one of the round private workshop areas at the Globe. The room was built like the Globe theatre and the round layout gave a personal feeling and made it easy to interact with the actor who was carrying out the workshop.

The play 'The Tempest' was both engaging and funny. Some of the pupils even had the opportunity to go on stage to play some parts of the play or act in the role of a character according to the script. Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed the play, which lasted about an hour. They also had their lunch on one of the green areas by the Tate Modern, whilst enjoying the view of The Thames in front of them.

The journey back to school felt a lot quicker with a lot of smiley faces, after a long day of walking, learning and laughing.





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Junior Trip to Legoland

On Friday 5 July pupils from Kindergarten to Year 6 all went on the end of year Junior trip to Legoland Windsor. The children all had a fantastic time looking around 'Miniland' spotting famous landmarks, guessing the locations and interacting with some of the displays. Over lunch time the children watched the impressive stunt show 'Return to Skeleton Bay', and they took part in educational workshops during the day too. Alongside all of this they even had time to squeeze in going on some rides! The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip, some saying it was 'the best trip ever'. The children had an exciting day and many of them (along with one or two teachers) had to have a nap on the coach home to recover from such a busy day! What a lovely way to finish off the year.



Speech Day

On Thursday 4 July we held our annual Speech Day and Prize Giving, the perfect opportunity to celebrate the many achievements and successes of our pupils throughout the year.

The event took place in Chingford Assembly Hall, and this year we had a very special guest speaker, James Crouch. James is a Partner and Research Manager at Opinium, a research agency in London, working in political polling and social research. James also attended Normanthurst so it was fascinating to hear about not only his career, but life after Normanthurst.



As well as the huge array of prizes that were awarded, the evening was filled with many performances and musical numbers. The orchestra gave us a beautiful rendition of 'Tango', and the evening was rounded off



with a Greatest Showman medley by the Junior choir, Year 10 pupil Beth and the orchestra, much to the delight of the audience.



We are very proud of our Heads of School, Ella and Umar, who both gave very moving speeches about their time at Normanthurst. We wish the new Heads of School, House Captains and Prefects the best of luck next year.

It was a fantastic evening full of proud pupils, staff, friends and family. Congratulations to all of our prize winners!



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Year 7 Induction Day

Our new Year 7 pupils had a lovely day getting to know each other on Induction Day on Wednesday 26 June. The day started with a welcome from Mrs Osborn, followed by some time in form with Mrs Botha and Ms Wilson. Pupils worked together building brick 'value walls' as forms, before going to their first lessons in the seniors. In Science with Mrs Cooper they made some magical different coloured flames, using different metals to demonstrate how different compounds will burn. In Art with Mrs Parrott groups collaborated to create imaginative maps out of tape, to demonstrate how they all got to school - making roundabouts with rectangular tape proved to be a challenge, but not one that couldn't be overcome with a little creativity!



After lunch, the whole year group went together to the Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre, where the pupils had time to explore together on the various activities on offer. By the end of the afternoon everybody had bounced on the trampolines and slid down the perilous slides in the climbing area, quite a few pupils had conquered the obstacle course, and the very brave had traversed the climbing activities. Overall a wonderful day was had by all!

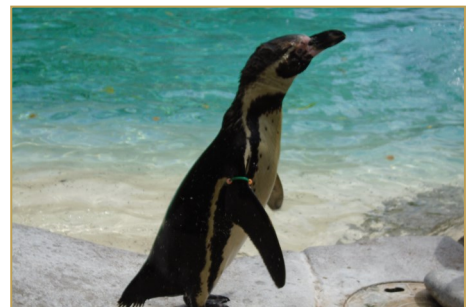
Trip to London Zoo

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 had the opportunity to go on a trip to ZSL London Zoo on Monday 1 July. The trip was organised to support part of the Biology curriculum, and pupils had the opportunity to study the adaptations and behaviours of various animals in their habitats. Pupils were able to work independently and in groups as they orienteered their way around the zoo. A great day was had by all, as their comments show.

"The zoo was an amazing trip that explored all aspects of wildlife. There were numerous interactive areas that included a butterfly tent which had an array of colourful and even transparent butterflies. We could even go into the goat paddock and visit the lemurs in their enclosure." **Mia, 8C**

"On Monday we went to London Zoo. We had lots of fun particularly in the reptile room. The crocodiles glared at us. The zoo was fun and I look forward to going on more trips." **Veer, 8C**

"On Monday the trip to London Zoo was great. We had all split up into separate groups and were able to explore by ourselves. It was fantastic seeing the animals. The penguins were amazing, especially seeing them majestically dancing." **Subhan, 8C**





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7C End of Year Breakfast

7C went out for a lovely breakfast at Belgique on Monday 8 July. The pupils were treated to a full English breakfast and a drink of their choice, which they enjoyed heartily before starting their last week in their first year of seniors. A huge thank you to the staff at Belgique who made sure that everything was perfect for this special morning. The perfect start to the last week in Year 7!



LSO Connect Project

During May and June seven of our musicians were given the chance to take part in the LSO Connect Project with the Walthamstow Youth Orchestra. The musicians met for rehearsals after school to practise pieces from Bizet's Carmen and Elgar's Enigma Variations. They were joined at each rehearsal by professional musicians from the LSO, who played alongside them, ran sectionals and offered advice. The final rehearsal was held jointly with the Youth Orchestra, where our musicians were given the opportunity to experience playing in a full orchestra. The final concert featured the pieces the combined groups had worked on, pieces played by the Youth Orchestra and solos played by members of the LSO. It was a fantastic opportunity for them all and sounded amazing. Here, two of our senior students give their account of their experiences with this worthwhile project.

"It was an amazing experience to take part in and really helped build my confidence in playing with such a large orchestra. The LSO players were extremely talented and helped give us advice and guidance on how to play our pieces better. They set an example for what all of us aspire to play like. We learnt six very well-known pieces and having to learn the pieces so quickly really helped with my sight-reading. I met new people while there and it was exciting to play with other people around the same grade as me. I learnt so much every rehearsal and the conductor played a big part in helping us perform well on the actual night. It was an enthralling experience that I would love to be a part of again."

By Alexa, 9K

"I'm a member of the youth orchestra and have taken part in many special events like these. This was one of my favourites because I had Normanhurst to join this journey with me and the youth orchestra. As we had our rehearsal the LSO players joined us for the lovely support we needed and as we combined with the other schools it sounded like a professional orchestra. I enjoyed the concert because the youth orchestra played two pieces, one that was very familiar and the other piece was unexpected. Overall I had a wonderful time and I hope we get to do this again."

By Imogen, 10B

Waltham Forest Music Service run a wide range of ensembles and musical opportunities for all musicians from beginner to Grade 8; check the website to see what fantastic things are on offer.





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7E End of Year Breakfast

To celebrate the end of their first year of senior school, with fantastic achievements and friendships made by the whole class, 7E went for a form picnic for breakfast on Monday. The pupils enjoyed the opportunity to share a healthy breakfast and play in the summer sunshine. Congratulations to all of 7E; it has been fantastic being your form tutors this year!

Mr Evans & Mrs Parrott.



Summer Concert

On Monday 8 July over 40 pupils took part in our Summer Concert. The concert was an opportunity to showcase our music GCSE pupils, top music grade achievers (with at least three pupils working towards their Grade 8) and all of the ensembles that have been happening over the year. It was a fantastic chance to show friends and family how hard the children have been working, giving up lunchtimes and attending after school clubs, rehearsing hard to improve their ensemble skills.

The audience were treated to a variety of performances, ranging from the Baroque Pachelbel's Canon, to classical and romantic, with the string quartet playing 'In the Hall of the Mountain King', to jazz, blues, rock and roll, modern pop and musical theatre. As well as fantastic soloists and duets, the Year 10 GCSE ensemble performed, as did those Year 9 pupils who are taking GCSE Music next year, in their first ensemble performance.

We had the string quartet, wind group and brass group playing as well as Rock band, and the Junior and Senior choirs and orchestras.

The concert ended with the junior and senior choirs joining forces to perform 'Babethandaza' and the Junior and Senior Orchestra performing together for the first time and playing 'The Blues'. Everyone joined forces at the end for the finale, an extended medley from 'The Greatest Showman', which parents were given a sneak preview of on Speech Day.

The concert was a wonderful testament to the hard work the children have put in, mostly behind the scenes, over the year. The regular practice, attendance at lessons and rehearsals was rewarded by fantastic, stylish and highly accomplished performances. A big thank you to all the peris who helped prepare the children, the parents who encourage and put up with practice, and the staff at Normanhurst who support extra rehearsals and show such interest in the pupils' musical accomplishments. Most of all a big thank you to the pupils who performed, we are very proud of you all!





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Year 7 Design Exhibition

In Design and Technology, Year 7 were given a plain white t-shirt and, following research of designers and experimenting with techniques, each pupil created their own customised t-shirt. There were an amazing range of responses to the design brief with pupils really developing their own style as fashion designers!

Year 7 exhibited their work in the Art room and invited the whole school to visit and cast votes for their favourite designs. The exhibition was visited by pupils from Reception to Year 9! Esta won 1st place for her inventive response, turning her t-shirt into a beach skirt with matching necklaces. Diyar won highly commended for his fun and playful t-shirt which included smiley faces and pom-poms.



Year 10 Work Experience Week

During the Summer Term Year 10 pupils are given the opportunity to experience the 'World of Work' through a one-week session of work experience from Monday 24 June until Friday 28 June. This has proved to be very successful over a number of years.

In order for the experience to be as productive for the pupils as possible, they were asked to find their own placement, using connections they may already have, and to make suggestions to the school.

The pupils have benefited from a range of experiences, such as travelling independently and developing social and work related skills in an unfamiliar environment. In most cases, the placement had some relevance to pupils' interests and prospective career choices.

This year, the employment placements included:

- Interior design
- Engineering
- Architecture
- Accounting
- Hospitality
- Education



Well done to our Year 10 pupils who have received very complimentary reports from their host employers.



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Year 10 Careers Day

The Year 10 careers programme culminated in the annual careers and mock interview day on Friday 5 July 2019. The day consisted of two sessions. In the morning, the pupils had the opportunity to listen to seasoned professionals who introduced them to their respective professions.

The speakers were:

Karen Holden (Law)

Paul Newman (Journalism)

Han Newman (Sport Psychology)

Sinead Greenaway (Media)

Lewis Gladwell (Quantity Surveying)

Neil Porter (Civil Engineering)



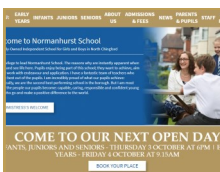
After the morning sessions, the pupils and the speakers were treated to a drinks reception and lunch, hosted by Mr Clair and Mrs Huxford.

In the afternoon, the pupils were subjected to 30 minutes of interviews, during which they had to talk about their ambitions, interests and involvement in everyday school life.

The interview panel was very impressed with our pupils and gave them some constructive feedback at the end of the session. The Year 10 group, soon to be in Year 11, has gained valuable experience in how to conduct themselves in a formal interview scenario, an experience which will be extremely useful for the imminent sixth form application process.

The Year 10 pupils would like to thank everybody who made the day possible.

Social Networking



Website

Go to the School Calendar page for upcoming events and our [News](#) page for all the latest news and lots more photographs.



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House Trips to Lambourne End

Team 8 emerged as overall winners with 56 points in the hotly contested challenge competition undertaken by our senior pupils during the highly successful annual house trip. The Team Challenge Day certificates were duly awarded to Annaliese, Sienna and Beth in Year 10, Emily and William in Year 9, Subhan and Veer in Year 8, plus Faris and Yusuf K in Year 7. Well done to all of them for displaying their great team building skills in the 54 acre 'classroom' which has been open for school trips for around 15 years. Three challenges were undertaken before lunch, and two after lunch.

Team 2 started with the Marble Run, where they had to transport a marble through a tunnel and into a bucket by using guttering. Their second challenge was the Swamp Crossing, which pupils had to cross on tyres while holding onto each other. Xavier fell in, while Max and Connor in Year 9 realised the importance of having people of different weights on the tyres for effective balance.

The next challenge involved donning helmets for Escape to Victory, where the pupils had to work together to scale walls of varying sizes. Teachers also got stuck into this activity including Mr Clair and Mr Banks. Moving onto Wet 'n' Wild, our pupils had to wear buoyancy aids to cross the water on logs while holding onto ropes. They then had to walk on wire while holding the ropes, and finally walk on the wire while leaning into the ropes. Sports teacher Mr Evans successfully navigated the course several times without falling in. Less successful pupils who got very wet included Veer and Subhan in Year 8. Year 10 pupils who also fell in included Sienna, Arsene, Connor and Neal.

Crossing the Chasm was the next challenge for Team 2, though Arsene fell off the wooden planks into the chasm twice. This was followed by the caving challenge Hells Holes, which Awais from Year 7 described as "scary" because he couldn't see anything. Harleen from Year 9 also found the tunnel so narrow that she had to "slide like a worm". Others disagreed, with Xavier from Year 8 and Joe from Year 10 enjoying better vision through their lights. Joe from Year 9 even turned his light off to make it more scary!

Last but far from least for Team 2 was the archery, called Fletchers Delight, with Connor and Arsene both scoring a yellow bullseye and Dennis scoring two of them! Again, Mr Evans proved a dab hand at archery as did Science teacher Mr Cutler. Well done to the organisers of this highly successful House trip, and to all our pupils who were so keen to participate.





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Normanhurst Sports Report

London Borough of Waltham Forest Athletics Championships This was the final athletics event of the season and one in which our pupils performed excellently.

Unfortunately our Y10 pupils were unable to attend due to their work experience. However our Y9 and Y8 athletes did go. The Year 8 girls all won medals in their events; Lucy 800m silver, Chelsea bronze in shot and Isabella bronze in 200m. The Y9 girls also did extremely well with Alicia winning 100m gold and coming 4th in the high jump. Paige qualified through the heats for the 200m final in a time of 29.36 and finishing 6th in the triple jump, an event in which Paige is not very experienced but did really well at learning the new skill quickly.

Year 3 Tri-Golf 10 pupils from Year 3 took the short journey to the Peter May Centre for the Borough-wide Tri-Golf Tournament in which golf is introduced to young pupils in a fun and engaging way. The pupils completed ten different stations working on their pitching and putting skills in a variety of different scenarios and target based games. All of the pupils contributed to a great afternoon out where they really enjoyed doing something completely different and something which many had not done before. All pupils were a credit to both themselves and the school. Well done!

Sports Day This year saw a later date for our annual sports day, moving from before half term to mid-June. This gave pupils plenty of time to practise their athletics in lessons before the event. Having this event later in the term enable everyone to have a feeling of excitement and anticipation in school before the big day! We were not disappointed. Sports Day is always the highlight of the PE department's year. All the races were contested with excellent determination to win and an equal amount of good sportsmanship.

The seniors managed to break records and set many PB's. Notable performances were from our 400m and 800m record breakers, Hamza Y9 and Lucy Y8. The relays proved to be crucial in the end and the teams who managed to get the baton round cleanly won the day. Warren emerged winners of the senior shield. Congratulations to our Victor and Victrix Ludorum, Jay Y10 and Chelsea Y8.

In the afternoon we had the turn of the juniors with a huge crowd of friends and family to cheer them on. Again the pupils' practice showed and there were lots of amazing performances from 25m howler throws to over 3.5m long jumps and some super speedy skipping!

After all the scores were added Connaught emerged victorious, again coming down to stronger performances in the final relays.

The PE team would like to thank everyone who helped on Sports Day, the NSPA, teachers, Y9 sports leaders, and not least parents and families for supporting. Roll on next year!



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Normanhurst Sports Report Continued

ISA National Athletics A huge congratulations to the six pupil athletes that represented the North London region and returned home with three medals between them from the National Athletics Championships held at the National Athletics Stadium in Birmingham. A great venue and a great performance by the boys and girls who represented Normanhurst.

Jay (Y10) brought home two medals, gold for the triple jump and silver for the high jump. Paige (Y9) achieved a bronze in the 80m hurdles in an age category above her own. Congratulations to both of them for outstanding performances, and well done to all for a great day's work.

U13 Boys Cricket v St Aubyn's This was only the second ever fixture played by this team, and it followed very much the same pattern as their first against Forest School. Normanhurst elected to bowl first and bowled extremely well, keeping St. Aubyn's down to a score of 136 from 20 overs with some excellent bowling from Akshhan and Malachi respectively. We found batting a little trickier than the bowling and fielding, especially against our opponents, most of whom had been playing cricket for many years. At the end of our 20 overs we finished with a respectable score of 77-6 with a particularly good contribution from Tyan. Moving forward, we will be looking to develop this group of pupils' batting abilities as this will really push them onto the next level, but to have come from no hard ball cricket at all to playing two competitive fixtures against two strong cricketing schools is a huge achievement for this group. Well done boys, lots of positives to take into next year!

Y6 Cricket v WGPS This was the school's last but this group's first cricket match of the summer on a boiling hot Friday afternoon against Woodford Green Prep. Normanhurst bowled first; they bowled and fielded with great discipline including some outstanding catching and ground fielding by all, restricting WGPS to 76-9 from their 15 overs. We batted very sensibly and learnt a lot about running and how to play the game using the correct etiquette throughout our innings and ended up on 99-5, winning by 23 runs. This victory is testament to this group's efforts throughout the year where they have excelled in whichever sport they have been asked to play, all of which is very promising as we move towards hard ball cricket for Years 5 and 6 next year.

Our local club, Chingford Cricket Club, whose facilities we use, are looking for players of all ages between Year 4 and Year 11. If you are interested please contact Hassan Malik on Chingfordcricketclub@gmail.com or 07951242393. It would be really good to get as many of our pupils playing as possible as cricket begins to play a larger role within the school curriculum.

Wimbledon trip Once again, Normanhurst was lucky enough to get tickets for the Wimbledon tennis tournament in the schools ballot, as we are members of the tennis foundation and LTA. This membership also entitles us to play in the English schools tennis competition; we entered 4 teams this year, and our Y9/10 boys reached the Essex final.

The lucky few who were awarded tickets for Wimbledon enjoyed court one tickets and saw the number 3 women's seed Pliskova win. Then the highlight was watching Djokovic, the men's No 1 seed, also make it through to the second week. An amazing day enjoyed by all who went!





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Normanhurst Sports Report Continued

Junior Girls Rounders The junior girls have been playing rounders in their lessons this term and have picked it up really well. They have all learnt to bat, bowl and field. They have all developed an understanding of the rules and were ready to tackle an inter-school competitive match. St Aubyn's kindly hosted us on a lovely sunny Thursday afternoon. This was going to be all the girls' first rounders match. They were all very excited and keen to do their best, and that is exactly what they did! They all worked very hard to make good decisions, good catches and consistently good batting. This was very much a coaching game and the girls' confidence and knowledge of the rules and how to play grew enormously from the beginning to the end with the input from both teachers as well.

St Aubyn's ended up with 25 rounders to Normanhurst's 6 after 2 innings of 30 balls each. It was a match played in excellent spirit and was very much enjoyed by all involved. Jasmine was voted by the St Aubyn's team to be our 'player of the match', which was very well deserved. Well done to all the girls.



Pupil News

Polished Performances It has been a very busy term of performing for siblings Nina (15) and Dylan (Year 4). Dylan has continued to work hard in his singing and performing arts this term achieving a Merit for his Grade 2 singing as well as a Distinction in his Grade 1 Musical Theatre performance exams. In addition to their joint performance singing at one of our Twilight Concerts, both of them also performed at a dance show at the Millfield Theatre recently in front of an audience of around 300 people. Nina was awarded a medal for being one of the hardest working and most committed students in the school.

Meanwhile, Dylan has a busy summer of dance lessons and a musical theatre summer camp ahead of him to prepare for his upcoming Matilda audition in October where he has been shortlisted to audition for the winter cast change. We are very proud of their efforts and hope to be able to share more wonderful news of their performances in the future!



Brownie Holiday Here are 4 of the 2G girls at a recent 'Magical Creatures' Brownie Camp. It took place at Gilwell Park and started on the Friday evening straight after the Junior trip to Legoland! The girls had an amazing time joining in with all the different activities—from go carting and rope climbing to sitting round the camp fire—and 3 of the girls camped overnight, good practice for the Year 3 Oak-Tree Schools camp in September!





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Charity Committee Update

This year the Normanhurst children, parents and staff have been amazing raising a total of £4627.56 which will be split between our three nominated charities. The sponsored walk on the penultimate day of term alone raised a whopping £2723.75. This is a record total and I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Normanhurst School never ceases to amaze me. Our little school does so much for charity, so many, many thanks for your enormous generosity. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Prior
Charities Coordinator

Normanhurst School Parents' Association

Dear Parents

It is unbelievable that we are in the last few days of the 2018/19 school year; when reflecting on what the NSPA has done over the year, it has also brought on the realisation that some of the committee members will be stepping down in July next year, as their children will be leaving Normanhurst. These parents have



been involved in the committee for a number of years, joining when their children were in the junior years. The reason why they have remained on the committee for so long is because they have loved being a part of this dynamic, creative and social group that has found ways to enhance all the students' time at Normanhurst through organising social events and fundraising to support the school.

We want to see the NSPA continue to go from strength to strength, and this is why we need to have more people joining and taking an active role in the committee. So, please take some time to consider joining the NSPA committee for the coming school year.

Talking about the coming school year, here are some NSPA events already planned for September 2019 - we are very keen to welcome you to these meetings and events.

NSPA Meeting, Monday 9 September The first NSPA meeting of the school year will take place in the school hall at 7.15pm. Do come along and meet the current committee members and contribute to the discussions about how we can support the school.

Welcome Walk, Sunday 15 September Join friends of your children, parents and teachers, for a walk in Epping Forest and around Connaught Waters. As an added bonus, the forest will look stunning, as the leaves begin to turn. There will also be light refreshments when you return to the school hall.

Annual General Meeting, Monday 30 September The NSPA AGM is on the evening of the 30 September. Parents are invited to come and hear about the work of the NSPA, elect the committee officers, get together with other parents and teachers, and contribute their ideas on how we can support and enhance our children's time at Normanhurst,

Thank you for supporting the NSPA events during 2018/9. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you at the NSPA events during the next school year.

The NSPA Committee