

NEWSLETTER

November 2022



Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

This term has been incredibly busy, full of engaging activities and experiences. Year 11 and Year 6 Prefects represented the school at the Chingford Remembrance service in the local community. I was extremely proud to see how well they represented the school, reflecting on the sacrifices that have been made by previous service persons.

Pupils have enjoyed participating in sporting fixtures, a French trip to Paris, trips to the theatre, the Museum of London and the Migration Museum. Once again, reinforcing the value of learning beyond the classroom. We have celebrated Black History Month in conjunction with Dyslexia Week, and enjoyed themed lunches, South African Gum Boot Dancing, and an African Drumming workshop. We have also been able to celebrate European Languages Day and UK Parliament Week, learning how to articulately debate important topics of interest while understanding the power of democracy.

Huge congratulations to last year's Year 5 who won 1st place in the printing category of the National ISA Art Competition, and to Mia in Year 9 who was placed 1st in the individual fashion & textiles category. These were both very well deserved.

We are now working on performances and activities that celebrate the Festive Season and preparing for our first Winter Fair on Monday 12 December. I hope that many of you will be able to attend and I look forward to sharing photos in the next newsletter.

With my best wishes

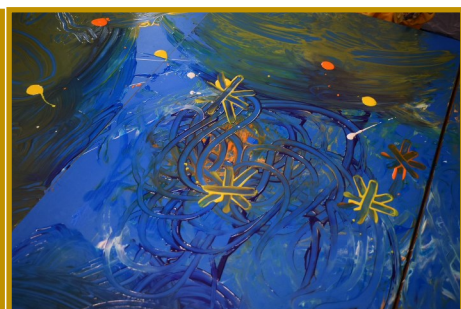
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Headmistress

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EARLY YEARS NEWS



Every Tuesday afternoon, the children in Kindergarten become 'mini artists' and for this lesson they were painting in the style of Van Gogh. After a lovely story about Katie and her grandma visiting an art gallery, where they saw the picture 'Starry Night', it was time to create our own. Everyone had a great time as we finger and hand painted, recreating the twirls and swirls of a night sky. They used more controlled finger movements to create the stars and throughout the afternoon we talked about another famous picture by Van Gogh: Sunflowers. Well done everyone, perhaps you will have your pictures hanging in an art gallery.



At the end of half term, the children in Early Years, enjoyed getting ready for Halloween. We had an afternoon of spooky, messy fun making potions with wiggly worms and spiders, with lots of smells and different textures to explore. The children made witch and wizard hats and even magic wands, which they ate for snack. We have loved our Halloween pumpkin and also made faces from other fruits using the last few vegetables from the garden.

"My potion makes someone a kangaroo!" - Adam

"Mine has worms and bugs in it." - Yasmeen

"I'm going to turn Miss Sulzmann into a frog." - Issaiah



EARLY YEARS NEWS continued



Whilst learning about different bears, Reception learnt all about camouflage.

“Camouflage is blending in.”- Leo

We read the story ‘The Mixed up Chameleon’ and created our own camouflaged chameleons. We started by painting a layer of paint, putting drops of another colour on and then using conkers, forks and cups to create different patterns.



“I liked using the spoons because I liked spreading it.”- Hashim

“I liked putting the conkers on and rolling them”. – Isabelle



On our trip to the forest, the teachers hid a selection of different coloured sticks and the children had to find them.

“The yellow stick was the hardest to find because it was a similar colour to the leaves.”- Lenna-Mae



“The blue stick was the easiest to find because it didn’t camouflage.”- Henry

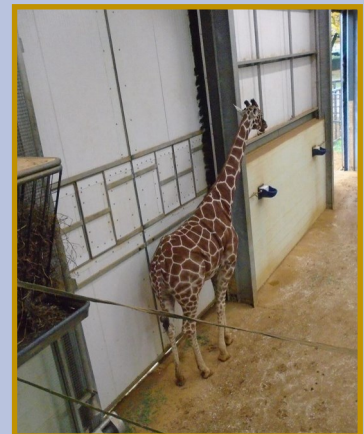
We then looked under some logs to see if we could find any insects that were camouflaged. We found ants, worms, woodlice and a beetle.

JUNIOR NEWS

Years 1 and Year 2 had a wonderful time exploring Whipsnade Zoo.

Year 1 particularly enjoyed seeing the giraffes and tigers and it will be very helpful when we come to learn about camouflaged animals after half term!

Year 2 saw lots of different animals and had a great time despite the rain. They especially enjoyed the butterfly house where they saw butterflies throughout different stages of metamorphosis. We had an amazing day!



JUNIOR NEWS continued

Year 2 have loved learning about ants this term. They used iPads to research the life cycle of an ant and can name some of their body parts. They also went on a forest walk and looked for ants to collect and keep in their very own class ant farm!



In RE this term Year 3 have been studying Hinduism, with the focus on Diwali. The children discussed what happens, the meaning and why Hindus celebrate Diwali. They made Diya lamps from clay and then painted them in bright colours.



Early Years and Junior pupils learnt all about the celebration of Diwali, sampling some traditional Indian food including onion bhajis and poppadoms with mango chutney. They learnt some Indian dance moves and took a quiz! They loved learning about the celebration of the Festival of Light and finding out about the triumph of light over darkness. Here is what a few Early Years pupils had to say:

"We ate some poppadoms dipped in mango chutney. It was yummy."- Lenna-Mae

"I really liked poppadoms and dipping them."- Leo

"Me and Lilia didn't like the spicy thing and the sauce, only the poppadom".- Isla

"In the book they made a picture with sand."- Isla

"The little patterned things were nice"- Lenna-Mae



JUNIOR NEWS continued

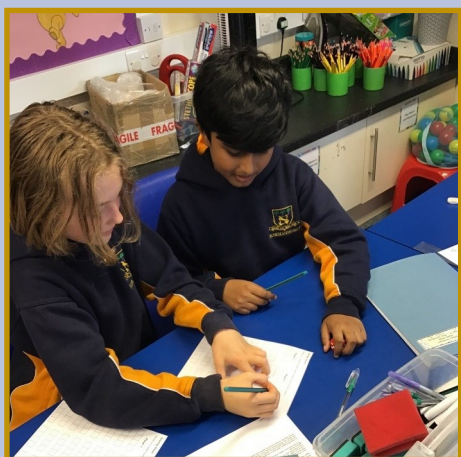
Year 4 visited the Museum of Power in Maldon as part of their Science topic on Electricity. Firstly, the children took part in a Mad Science workshop. They were shown how electricity conducts through Coca-Cola, introduced to electromagnets, and saw the power of magnets through iron filings patterns.



Next, was a tour of the on-site model village. The children were challenged to find different magical creatures (fairies and gnomes) and were treated to fairy crystals as a prize.



The children finished their day with two workshops on circuit building and investigating conductors and insulators. Before leaving the museum, they were able to start up the 91-year-old steam pumping engine called 'Marshall', which takes pride of place in the pumping station hall.



In Year 5 the children had great fun applying their place value knowledge in an engaging and exciting game of 'Nice or Nasty'. They had to use their place value knowledge to help them create the largest four-digit numbers, and the first player to reach 10,000 points won! Well done Year 5!



Year 5 have been learning about the religion of Sikhism. After learning about 'sewa', meals in the 'langar' and the eternal Guru Granth Sahib Ji, the pupils were keen to learn more about the origins of Sikhism. In their most recent lesson, they learnt about the Story of the Khalsa and the 5K's and enjoyed looking at some artefacts from the religion.

Great work Year 5!



JUNIOR NEWS continued



Pupils in the Early Years and Junior School celebrated Rosh Hashanah during their snack time by eating apples and honey and learning more about the celebration. They found out that Rosh Hashanah is celebrated as the New Year in the Jewish religion and that it is traditional to eat apples dipped in honey during this time to symbolise a 'sweet new year'. The pupils enjoyed learning about this celebration and trying the traditional foods.

The School Council representatives in the Years 3-6 classes delivered an exciting and informative assembly all about Parliament Week. UK Parliament Week is an annual event, spreading the word about what Parliament is, what it does and how you can get involved. The School Council representatives informed the Juniors about the details of Parliament Week, The Houses of Parliament, important people to be aware of and reminded them that they can take action and make an impact on the issues they care about. Well done to all of the representatives involved.



Black History Month

African Drumming

The students from Kindergarten to Year 6 had a fantastic time taking part in an authentic African Drumming workshop. Each group learned a range of rhythms on the djembe drums, including a traditional Ghanaian rhythm called the Kpanlogo. The children also enjoyed learning some call and response songs, as well as dancing to the African music.



Food tasting session

A group of Juniors had a taste-tingling food tasting session with the Smart Raspberry Cookery company as part of our Black History Month celebrations. Rachel shared some of her family's history about her mother, who is part of the Windrush generation. Then the children had the chance to try a refreshing smoothie made with several of the tropical fruits that they were introduced to.



The children enjoyed seeing and learning about lots of different fruits from the Caribbean, including bread fruit, papaya, guava and prickly pear. The children also enjoyed trying a puff puff, which is a traditional Ghanaian treat.



JUNIOR NEWS continued

Gumboot Dance Workshop

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, the Junior pupils had a fantastic opportunity to learn about the history of South African Gumboot Dancing. They were amazed to discover that dancing in gumboots originates from the South African mines, where miners expressed themselves through dance wearing gumboots. The miners would create rhythms by slapping their boots, hats and bodies, as well as using their voices and stamping. The children had a brilliant time learning a few different dance routines, and then also had the chance to freestyle to a wonderful African drumming rhythm.



Braiding Workshops

Some of the Junior students discovered more about the history of hair braiding, as part of their Black History Month learning. They had the opportunity to observe Miss Donalee create a variety of styles, including cornrows and fish tail braids. It was great to then see the children have a go at braiding some of their peer's hair too!



FIRE! Concert



Pupils in Years 3-6 took part in a rare musical theatre event organised by 'The Classical Road Show'. The event linked to the story of the Great Fire of London 1666 with music by The London Mozart Players and Guildhall School of Music Players. Leading up to the show, the pupils recapped the Great Fire of London, made costumes and learnt the songs for the performance as this was no ordinary trip! This cross-curricular music and history event enabled the pupils to participate in an interactive theatre show with live actors and an orchestra. They wore their specially made costumes as they sang their hearts out as part of the live choir. All the teachers were so proud of their efforts – well done Normanhurst pupils!

JUNIOR NEWS continued

The Junior pupils have been busy writing and presenting speeches for the School Council and, new for this year, the Eco Council! After presenting their speeches, pupils voted for who they thought would represent their class for both councils. The nominees were then announced in assembly with the help of the Junior School Council Prefects, Leyla and Sofia.

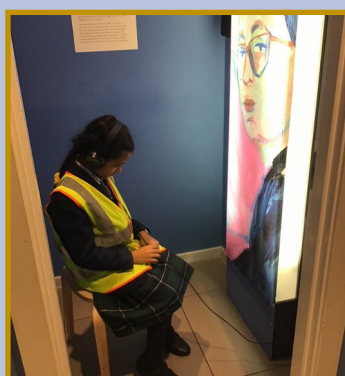


Miss Stone and Miss Sainsbury look forward to working with all the pupils this year!



To celebrate and raise awareness of World Dyslexia Day, celebrated on 8 October, the pupils changed one item of their school uniform for something red.

Anyone can join in with #GoRedForDyslexia



Year 5 had a wonderful visit to the Migration Museum, as part of their Geography unit which was focused on Migration to England. They took part in a fun workshop during which they discussed the push and pull factors that cause people to want to, or even have to, migrate from their source country. They also played a fun and interesting game called 'One Small Step Forward' where they had the chance to learn about how each of them had been involved or impacted by migration in their lifetime. Following the workshop, the children had the chance to explore the museum and learn about the life stories of many people who had migrated to England, discovering the history of the founders of many well-known and loved brands, such as Odeon Cinemas, Marmite and Jimmy Choo.



SENIOR NEWS

European Day of Languages On behalf of the Year 11 language students, Gabby, Mehrnaz, Yazmina, Salah, Owais, Yusuf, Esta, Ridoy and Ben gave a presentation about the European Day of Languages 2022. Both junior and senior pupils were quizzed about translations of famous children's book covers, which they were all able to recognize.

Gabby, Esta and Yazmina launched a whole school challenge to either write a social media post in a language other than English, share a positive message about languages and language-learning or create a video. The topics that could be included in the video were: which languages you speak, understand or are learning; you would like to learn and why; your best language learning experience – in or out of school; top tips to get better at languages. Pupils will randomly be selected amongst the participants to win House Points and chocolates.



Year 7 went on their first History trip to the Tower of London. They were treated to guided tours across all areas of the Tower including the Crown Jewels (newly returned), the Raven Enclosures, Traitor's Gate and the White Tower. This underpinned the topic being studied in Year 7 (Anglo-Saxons and the Norman Conquest) and brought to life the era focused upon in the classroom. We were fortunate to be able to speak to one of the only female Yeoman warders (Beefeater) about her experiences living and working in the tower and had time to explore the significance of the tower both throughout UK History and its importance today as a royal palace. The pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable and educational trip.



Year 9 visited the Imperial War Museum on Monday 7 November. They were involved in workshops and visited galleries pertaining to both World Wars and the Holocaust.

Personal stories are now at the heart of the new Holocaust Galleries, along with a breadth of objects and original material that help audiences consider the cause, course and consequences of this terrible period in world history. Individual stories from some of the six million Jewish people murdered in the Holocaust are told through over 2000 photos, books, artworks and letters, and personal objects ranging from jewellery and clothing to toys and musical instruments.



Pupils explored, with the help of a guide, the three core themes of persecution, looking at the global situation at the end of the First World War; escalation, identifying how violence towards Jewish people and communities developed through the 1930s; and annihilation, examining how Nazi policy crossed the threshold into wide-scale state-sponsored murder in the heart of twentieth century Europe.

SENIOR NEWS continued

Year 9, to celebrate Black History Month in French speaking countries, have learnt about dancer Josephine Baker, actor Omar Sy and former footballer Thierry Henry. They learned about French speaking countries in Africa, Europe and the Caribbean. Year 9 debated about European colonialism in Africa, post-colonialism, current events in Haiti, as well as the history of Québec. It was very interesting to see all pupils engaged, especially in asking cross-curricular questions related to history, geography and French!



Retrieval: The French Speaking World

5 par jour!

Think back to prior learning, speak with your shoulder partner and try to write the following:

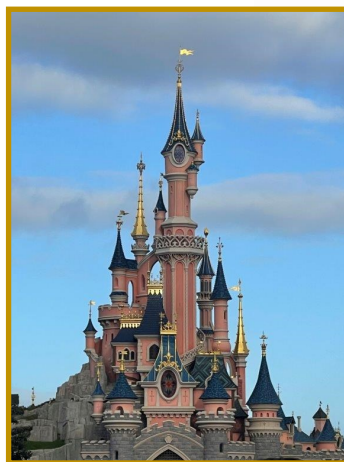
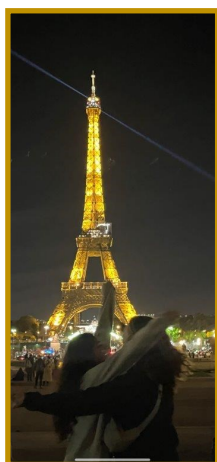
5	French speaking countries in Africa
4	French speaking countries in Europe
3	French speaking islands in the Caribbean
2	Famous Black Francophones (not mentioned in the starter task!)
1	French speaking region of Canada

Year 9, in line with our PSHE programme and 'Being Me in the World', have been learning about consent. They had a great, informative workshop on consent delivered by Jacqui King from Waltham Forest.

KS4 TRIP TO PARIS

During the October half term, Year 10 and 11 students, along with Mr Botha, Ms Kimpton and Ms Collins, went to Paris after the trip was delayed for 2 years. The pupils and teachers alike agreed it was the best overseas trip by far. On day one, we went to the Louvre, where we saw important historical artworks like the Mona Lisa. The Eiffel Tower was next on our list and was one of the most surreal experiences, especially when we went back at night to see it shine against the night sky. Whilst roaming the streets of Paris with a chocolat chaud in our hands, we came across the Arc De Triomphe, which was indescribably magnificent. Another of the highlights were the 360° views of Paris from the Montparnasse Rooftop Terrace and we all got to enjoy the experience together, which will remain a core memory for me. Disneyland Paris was on day two and we powered through the heavy rain going on all sorts of crazy rollercoasters and everyone agreed that you are never too old for the scrumptious Mickey Mouse pizzas that we devoured.

Paris was truly a trip to remember, but nothing can top the absolutely amazing time we got to spend with our friends and teachers for three days. **Leiya Y11**



Y3-9 READY STEADY COOK EVENT

Normanhurst was excited to invite Chartwells, our school catering company, to run a special 'Ready, Steady Cook' event. We saw both teams, Red Tomatoes and Green Peppers, battle it out against each other to prepare a tasty, healthy meal.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

The pupils and staff of Normanhurst School came together to celebrate Harvest around the World. Pupils donated specific items to send to the Epping Forest Food Bank which is part of the Trussell Trust, one of our charities this academic year. Children from the Junior school shared their research about the different ways Harvest is celebrated throughout the world. We were supported by the school choir and musical items. The senior pupils displayed excellent skills in reading and sharing prayers. Thank you to everyone who took part and to the parents for attending.

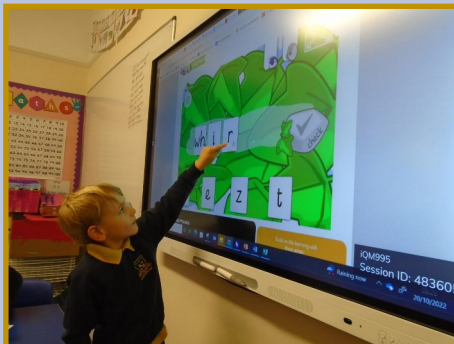


CLUB NEWS

Phonics Club

Phonics club have learnt a split sound.

They can recognise and sound out words with the i-e sound!



Fashion Club

In preparation for Chingford Fashion Week the pupils in Fashion Club have been busy upcycling their clothes. They've been getting creative with paint, beads, and glitter. It's been a fun process!



Chess for Senior Pupils



Stephen from the Oak-Tree Group IT Department has brought back our senior chess club Wednesday lunchtimes ... so far there have been some surprising results!



Art Department News

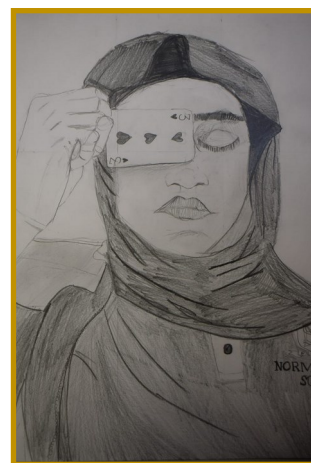
Y7 Foundations of Colour

Year 7 pupils are refreshing their knowledge of colour, how to read a colour wheel and how to effectively use paint to create bold and vibrant images. One of the skills developed in this foundation skills project is about how to be independent in the Art room. Pupils learn how to safely and effectively select their materials and clean up really well afterwards. All great transferable life skills! Pupils will use their knowledge developed about composition and colour later this term as they create paintings in response to the work of artist Sarah Graham.



Year 9 Me, Myselfie and I

Year 9 are developing their portrait skills this year. Using art structures to create a representation of themselves while also thinking about how artists can use their work to communicate ideas. As the projects develop the pupils will devise ways to disrupt these structures to create increasingly individualised artworks and find innovative ways to communicate something about themselves



Year 11 Individual Art Projects

As Year 11 come to the end of the development of their portfolios for their exam, they have all found their own unique way of developing and representing their ideas around their project titles. Titles include: States of Change, Order and Disorder and Reflection and Distortion. The wide range of styles and techniques used by the pupils is amazing and it is fantastic to see them grow as artists!

Art Club – Kusama Pumpkins

As a celebration of all thing autumnal, the pupils in Art Club have looked at the sculpture work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. Using clay the group sculpted their Kusama pumpkin forms, ready to paint during the following week's Art Club. Each pupil has interpreted the artist in their own way, producing a lovely range of responses. Well done Art Clubbers!



Art Department News continued

ISA London North Regional Art Competition

Normanhurst are delighted to announce success art this year's ISA London North Regional Art Competition. Our amazingly talented pupils excelled in a broad range of categories, including painting, drawing and textiles. Well done to everyone involved!

Full list of winners are:

1st Place



Y5 (current Y6) in the Group Textiles Category

1st Place



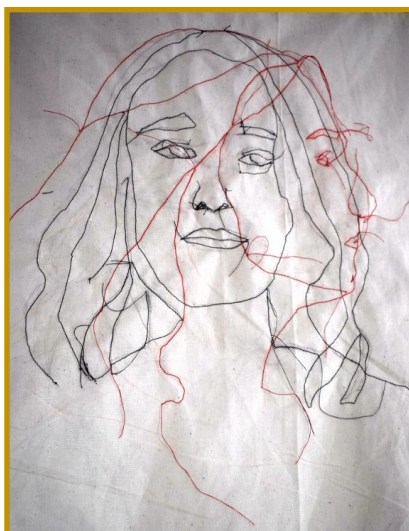
Y9 Mia in the Individual Fashion & Textiles Category

2nd Place



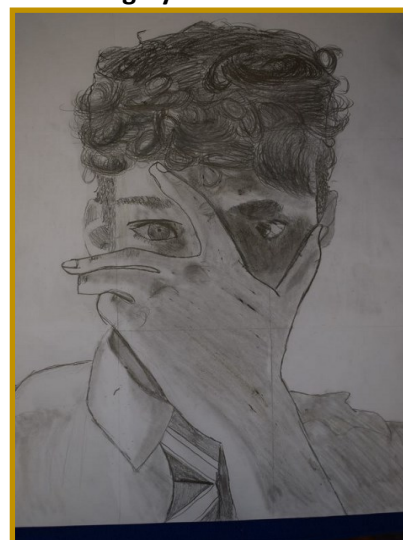
KS2 Art Club in the 3D Group Category

2nd Place



Y11 Lily in the Textiles Category

Highly commended



Edward (for a Y9 work) in the KS3 Drawing Category

SPORTS NEWS



Some pupils in Year 2 had the opportunity to compete in a cross-country event at the Peter May Sports Centre. Both the boys and girls teams did incredibly well and the majority secured a final position within the top 50%. An incredible achievement given how many schools and students were present. There were also stand out performances from Khalifa and Leah as they finished their events in the top 30%. Well done to all those involved.

The Advanced Sports Programme is well under way and its clear to see that pupils are having fun and making huge strides in their fitness and understanding of important biological topics. So far, we have been on a journey through the cardiac cycle, studied the importance of diet and nutrition exploring the importance of calories, as well as carrying out an exhausting circuit on top of numerous fitness tests. All of this has been concluded with freshly made, well-balanced breakfasts which they are certainly enjoying. Well done to all of those involved.



Years 7-9 netball players went to Redbridge Leisure Centre this month to represent Normanhurst in the U14 Waltham Forest Netball Rally.

The first match we lost to Forest. However, after that we went on to win several of our games including those against Heathcote, Highams Park, South Chingford Foundation and Walthamstow School for Girls. Considering four girls from the squad are Year 7, this is quite an outstanding achievement.



In recent weeks years 1, 2, 7 and 8 students have been competing in the Waltham Forest Indoor Athletics competition. There have been some incredible performances across the board and all of those involved have shown great commitment and enthusiasm during their events. In the next few weeks confirmation of our final position will be revealed. Well done to all of those involved. We are very proud of you.

PUPIL NEWS



Morven in Year 3 donated a book to the Junior Library for her birthday and we are grateful for her donation!



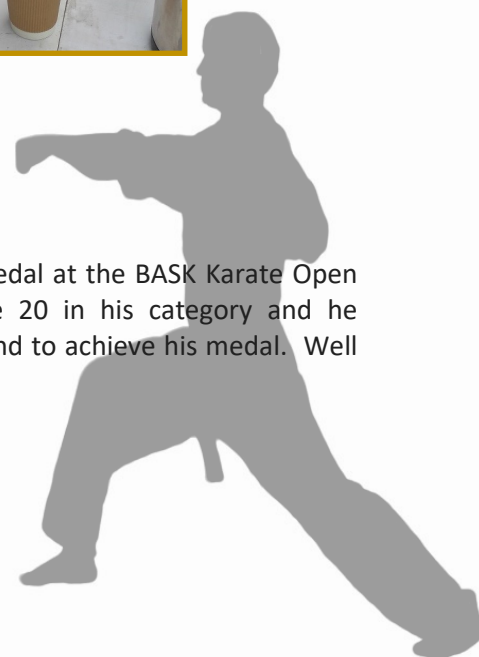
Nicolas (Year 8) and Sofia (Year 6) had a very early start helping their parents at a monthly outreach station with Street Kind UK, which provides food and essentials to homeless people in Central London.

They were in charge of the hot drinks station and the collection of donations. Many people commented on how amazing and kind they both were, and were given 5 stars for their hot drinks by some homeless friends.

Thank you to Normanhurst for all the cake donations; they were welcomed and appreciated by everyone. It is nice to know that as a school community we can make the world a bit better.



Chioke (Year 10) won a bronze medal at the BASK Karate Open at Brunel University. There were 20 in his category and he fought extremely well in each round to achieve his medal. Well done!



NSPA

Dear Parents

Just before half term, we held our "Let's Get Quizzical" quiz night in the school hall. It was great to see so many new families joining us - our parents' social evenings really are a great way to break the ice and get to know other families, or just come with your own tribe and have fun. Food was fish and chips from Sam's, and Mrs Saint did a spot-on Jeremy Paxman impression, reading out the quiz questions.

We are very pleased to say that this term we have arranged funding for a very exciting selection of class pets for the Early Years. We hope to see photos of the children and their various creepy crawlies very soon!

We have our Annual General Meeting coming up. This is a good chance for you to learn about what we have done in the previous year and have your say on the upcoming year. This will be held in the school hall on Monday 21 November, with food and nibbles available during the meeting.

Another date is for the return of our pre-loved school uniform stall on Thursday 24 November 3-4pm outside, at the front of the school.

We are now gearing up for Christmas and the next date for your diary is the Winter Fair on Monday 12 December! This has been dreamt up and is being manned by our enterprising children, and the NSPA will be on hand to provide mulled wine, and other hot and cold drinks and refreshments. This is the first time we have held a Winter Fair, so please come along to support the children on their crafts and goodies stalls!

Finally, we will be outside the school gates in the last couple of weeks of term selling our Christmas raffle tickets, the prizes being one of a number of beautiful Christmas hampers. Please buy to be in with a chance of winning one of these lovely Christmas prizes!

Best wishes

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