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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

The Summer term has continued to be an exciting time of year, full of laughter, wonderful performances, learning experiences and memories. We have taken full advantage of the good weather learning both inside and outside the classroom. Pupils have been working hard towards their end of year exams and assessments, and of course their formal GCSE examinations. The pupils continue to show how determined and committed they are to succeed. They have been incredible and have embraced this process positively, which has been acknowledged and commended.

This bumper edition celebrates the NSPA School Barbecue, Speech Day, sporting fixtures and our ISA sporting success, Sports Day, the Year 11 Prom, Careers Day, House Festivals and Trips, numerous educational trips and the Year 6 Graduation Party.

It was a pleasure seeing so many parents at these events. Once again, we are grateful for the very kind comments and emails we receive, and we are reminded daily how special the Normanhurst community is and the people within it.

With my best wishes

Mrs Jacqueline Job
Headmistress

EARLY YEARS NEWS

The children have had such fun learning all about the Post Office. We began by discussing what happens at the Post Office and the children shared that they receive letters, packages and sometimes presents in the post. There were lots of creative activities to explore, such as making post cards and a colour matching activity with letters and post boxes. The Early Years children had a go at dressing up as postal workers and sticking stamps on the letters; we even had our very own post box in the classroom to post all of our letters once we had finished. We ended the day by taking a walk to the local Post Office, buying a stamp and sending a special letter to Mrs Allen.



EYFS House Festival

The children in Early Years had a fantastic day celebrating the Summer House Festival. We began our day with an exciting story session delivered by Sam at 'Adventure Babies'. The children retold the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' using props such as a swirling snow storm in a bottle and the bears googly eyes. They then explored lots of fun stations linked to the story; some particular favourites were the bears' cave and water tray filled with floating ducks. After snack, we headed to Chingford Plains to see our Junior friends where we enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic. The children had lots of fun playing hoopla, hook-a-duck and getting their faces painted. We finished the day with yummy lollies from the ice-cream van.



JUNIOR NEWS

Litter Picking

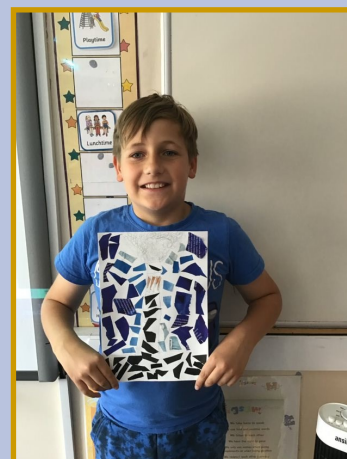
Year 5 recently went out into the local community and cleared the rubbish that they saw whilst on their walk around Chingford. Freddie said, "I think it is very important to help our local environment." Erin and Diana agreed, "Each time we picked up a piece of litter, we thought about the animals we were saving." Sienna mentioned that it felt good to be helping our local environment and making it safer for humans and animals. Erdogan said, "We had a great time out in the sunshine whilst doing our part for the environment. I was shocked by how much litter there was around Chingford!"



Recycled Art

In Art recently, Year 5 have used recycled materials to create a mosaic or collage design, inspired by nature and the environment. We were 'wowed' by each of the designs!

Well done Year 5!



JUNIOR NEWS continued

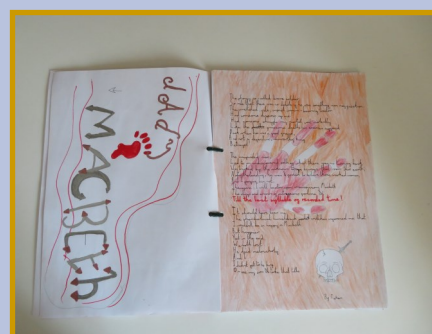
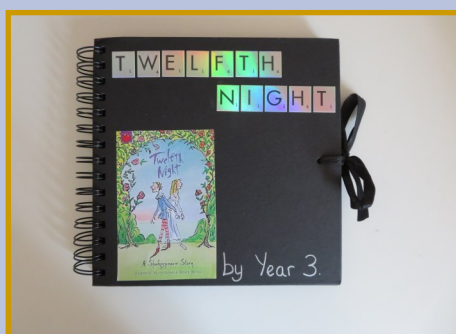
Shakespeare Week Competition

Normanhurst pupils have been awarded 'Joint First' for their class books based on Shakespeare Plays. Our Year 1 to Year 6 classes participated in this event this year during our annual Shakespeare Week. We will receive a Shakespeare workshop in school as our award.

After celebrating our success this year, we will be looking forward to taking part in next year's competition!

Here is a link to the online exhibition:

<https://collections.shakespeare.org.uk/exhibition/exhibition/write-till-your-ink-be-dry/page/2/object/write-till-your-ink-be-dry-normanhurst-school-joint-winner-schools-category>



Year 6 Graduation Party

On Monday 10 July, Year 6 had their graduation party where they all came together with their families bringing their Junior journey to an end. There were speeches and special thanks to many members of the Year 6 family. The party started with music and food, including a special chocolate fountain for all to enjoy, followed by singing and dancing. They all had a lot of fun with their friends.

We wish our pupils all the best for Year 7 and beyond!



SENIOR NEWS

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

On Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June our Year 9 and 10 pupils completed their final assessed Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition. The elements were very challenging given the heat on both days but the pupils pulled themselves through and completed the expedition successfully. There were signs of good communication and effective teamwork throughout the weekend.

Well done to those involved.



SENIOR NEWS continued

Y10 Careers Day

The Year 10 careers programme culminated in the annual careers and mock interview day on Friday 7 July. The day consisted of two sessions. In the morning, pupils had the opportunity to listen to seasoned professionals who introduced them to their respective professions. The speakers were:

Ozan Kazim (Finance)
Vinesh Kumar (Business)
Helena Miles (Business)
Sinead Greenaway (Media)
Dathan Muscat (Construction)
Debra Marcos (Medicine)

After the morning sessions, the pupils and the speakers were treated to a drinks reception and lunch, hosted by Mrs Job, Mrs Saint and Mrs Lafferty.

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 that 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.



JUNIOR TRIPS

House Festival

As a final farewell to Connaught and Warren Houses, the juniors took part in a festival fun day. The day started with a selection of brilliant dance and musical workshops. Following that, the children departed for the Chingford Plains. They took part in crafting, sports day-style games, traditional fete games, and face painting. After a picnic lunch, the children visited an ice cream van. Finally, the day ended with a beautifully choreographed dance by Poppy and Charley and a dance-off between all the junior pupils in the playground.



Y6 Lee Valley Cinema trip

Year 6 were treated to a cinema day at ODEON Lux after all their hard work and commitment this year. They chose their own movie and a whole screen was booked just for them. They had a lot of space to relax, sit back and enjoy the movie that they had all voted for: The Puss in Boots! They purchased their treats including popcorn, slushies, nachos and even pizzas to enjoy during the movie! There was also a surprise for them just before the movie started - on the big screen, a photo of each child appeared which caused a lot of laughter and cheers. It was a fabulous afternoon for them all. Well done, Year 6!



SENIOR TRIPS

Wimbledon Tennis trip

Normanhurst School were fortunate enough to secure a few tickets through the school's ballot for court 1 at Wimbledon. Pupils were lucky enough to see the number 1 seed Carlos Alcaraz, last year's finalist Ons Jabeur and the British number 1 Cameron Norrie.

Unfortunately, due to the poor weather the outside courts were closed but we were still able to experience the fan zone, eat strawberries and cream and have an inspirational day at the Championships.



Senior House Trip

Senior pupils enjoyed a trip to the cinema and a Jump session as part of our annual House trip just before we broke up.

In the morning, the pupils enjoyed the new Indiana Jones film. Many pupils had never seen an Indiana Jones movie before, in fact, for some pupils it was their first time seeing a movie in a cinema.

In the afternoon, the pupils enjoyed a trampoline jump and climbing session at the Walthamstow Feel good Centre.

Pupils enjoyed their day, celebrating the last time that Warren and Connaught competed against other, with new Houses chosen for September.



Y11 PROM

The prom this year was simply delightful! Our pupils looked fabulous and so grown up. Their transformation into young adults was lovely to behold. We enjoyed a delicious meal and a scrumptious chocolate fountain, which was such fun. Our pupils along with staff enjoyed this special moment.

A great time was had by all.



SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday 20 June pupils from the juniors participated in the Oak-Tree Athletics competition. There were some fantastic performances across the board and this resulted in a silver medal position.

We would also like to give a special mention to the Year 8 sports leaders who did an extraordinary job supporting this event.



On Tuesday 11 July we had our annual staff vs students netball match. Well done to the staff who won 10-4. It was once again a great event and the rest of the school enjoyed watching the match.



EYFS & JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

Team spirit was in the air at Lee Valley Athletics Centre for this year's Sports Day. Every single pupil got into the spirit of the day, with homemade posters and team colours everywhere.

The Early Years, Infants, and Juniors loved taking part in their many events, including running, bat and bean bag, skipping, and relay. They also enjoyed field events such as long jump and howler throw, and some trickier races with the hurdles. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces!

Well done to Connaught House who took the cup this year!



SENIOR SPORTS DAY

As always, Lee Valley Athletics Centre was filled with the sound of children cheering each other on during this year's Sports Day. Every single pupil got into the spirit of the day, with homemade posters and team colours everywhere. The atmosphere was electric, as families and friends in the stands cheered on the pupils as they took part in their many events. The track events were as competitive as ever, especially during the relays where we had some staff members taking part.

The pupils also really enjoyed taking part in the field events, which included javelin, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus.

The winning House this year was Connaught! Congratulations! Well done to everyone who took part.



PUPIL NEWS

Faith in Year 3 took part in the London Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships which took place on 24 June. It was her first time competing for Rhythmic Gymnastics and she got first place for her free routine for her level.

She and her club team worked very hard and they all did very well for the club that day.

Well done Faith!



Sofia and Nina collected their medals and certificates for the IDTA dance exams they took back in March!

They both did extremely well collecting distinctions and merits in Tap Dance, Contemporary Modern Jazz and Freestyle.

Well done to them both!

At the beginning of July, Ezriella was awarded the Gymnast of the Year Award at her gymnastics club.

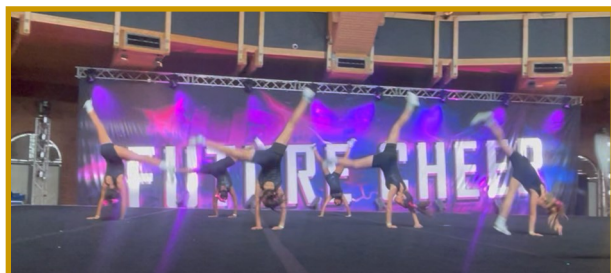
Well done Ezriella!



Nina in Year 5 competed in the Future Cheer Internationals 2023 in Bournemouth and what an incredible experience to perform on such a big stage and live streamed.

Nina's team (Flyers Elite - Poison Apple) ranked in the top 10 (8th) in their category which is a great result for their first national/international competition. All the girls performed extremely well.

In addition, Nina was awarded a prize as Best Tumbler for her outstanding tumbles!



SUMMER BARBECUE

On Saturday 1 July we celebrated 100 years of Normanhurst School at our annual barbeque. The weather stayed good and we had a dry sunny day. We enjoyed the performances from our pupils and, as a community, the chance to get together with our families. It was wonderful to see our pupils running their own stalls and this year we had 3 entrepreneurs: Erdogan in Year 5 (tomato plants), the Year 3 girls (lemonade) and Year 6 (bracelets).



JUNIOR SPEECH DAY & PRIZE GIVING

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This year we had a very special guest speaker, past pupil Yazmin Meikle. Yazmin joined Normanhurst in Year 7 in September 2011 and was House Captain for Connaught and Chair of the Charity Committee. Yazmin now performs in West End's *Les Miserables*. In her speech, she encouraged our pupils to follow their passions and dream big.

A huge well done to all of our musicians who gave some great performances, such as a string duet of 'Spring', and 'Consider Yourself', and 'There's a Power in the Music' by the Junior Choir. The British Sign Language Club also gave touching performance of 'A Million Dreams'.

It was a fantastic afternoon with proud pupils, staff, friends and family. Congratulations to all the prize winners!



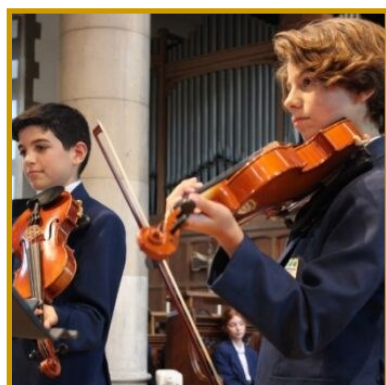
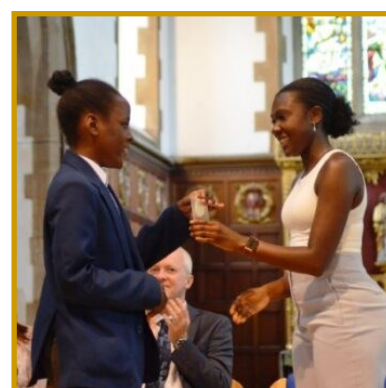
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As well as the huge array of prizes that were awarded, the evening was filled with many performances and musical numbers, such as a string duet of 'Pure Imagination', a piano solo of 'Summer', and vocal solo of 'Halleluja'. We are very proud of our Head Prefects who both gave very moving speeches about their time at Normanhurst. We wish the new Head Prefects, House Captains and Prefects the best of luck next year.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

As part of Normanhurst School's links with the local community and charities, the School Council members from across the year groups spent a few hours with the residents of the Spinney Care Home in Chingford. This was a lovely opportunity for the children and residents to chat, play balloon tennis, and enjoy a drink and biscuits together. All parties clearly enjoyed this wonderful activity.

Well done to the School Council pupils for being excellent representatives of the school.



NSPA

Dear Parents

It has been a busy couple of weeks, both for the school and for the parents association team.

We are delighted to have been able to contribute to the seniors' leaving prom and wish all of the departing students the very best of luck for their next adventures. The NSPA have also supported school-wide end-of-year events including Sports Day and the Sponsored Walk, and look forward to being able to support many more school activities in the new school year.

Thank you to everyone who supported the barbecue and how lucky we were with the sunshine!

We have already started making plans for the new term and it would be great to see as many of you as possible at NSPA meetings, walks and social events.

Please contact us at normanhurstschoolpa@gmail.com if you would like to join the NSPA team or if you would be interested in supporting any of the events. New ideas are always welcome so please do get in touch if you feel inspired.

Wishing you all a really wonderful summer.

With best wishes

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