



# NEWSLETTER

## END OF AUTUMN TERM 2016

Norfolk House School



13th December 2016

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of a wonderful Autumn term, rehearsals are continuing apace for our Christmas Carol Service at 9.30am tomorrow morning at St. Augustine's Church. This event is always a popular one with singing, music and narration as well as the Reception nativity tableau to fully kick-start the festive season. I do hope that you can join us for this occasion and we very much look forward to seeing you there.

Today marks the final day of term for all our Transition pupils and I would like to congratulate them on a successful first term at Norfolk House School, with their very first Party Day today and a Christmas Lunch to enjoy today also.



Transition's Assembly was a triumph! We were all delighted to watch our youngest pupils singing, acting and dancing with such confidence and congratulate them on a fine first performance at Norfolk House School

May I wish you all a special holiday time with the warmest of season's greetings on behalf of the school. Merry Christmas and best wishes for happiness, fortune and success in the New Year.

**Mrs Sarah Morris—Headmistress**

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Norfolk House School



Norfolk House School came into being on the 21st February 1967 and, as a consequence, next year marks the school's foundation of 50 years.

Look out early next term for a series of celebrations happening in school to mark this special occasion.



Please note that the new term starts again on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

# Curriculum Themed Week

Our Curriculum Themed Week centred around History this week, with an opportunity for the pupils in Transition upwards to broaden their knowledge base and extend their cross-curricular learning. Each year group chose their own theme to the week and incorporated it into their regular English and mathematics lessons as a cross-curricular focus.

Transition pupils impressed with their use of language related to Bonfire Night and created a group poem describing the colours and senses of fireworks, but also used light boxes to experiment and explore and tasted toffee apples to capture the essence of a typical Bonfire Night event. As for pupils in Reception, their classroom was full of colour as giant poppies graced the displays and a table of historical artefacts enhanced their learning. You can read more about their week in the separate article in this newsletter. Anyone entering Year 1, did so at their peril as Jolly Roger flags guarded entry to the classroom. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their learning about pirates, with Wanted posters displaying creative writing skills, a message in a bottle activity and even a pirate dance!

Year 2 delved into the history of the Great Fire of London, learning about why and where it started, building three-dimensional Tudor houses and producing descriptive writing drawing upon use of their senses whilst Year 3 explored the world of castles, set against a medieval background, and learnt where and why castles were built, even creating their own models from written instructions. For Years 4, 5 and 6, Ancient Greek Day was the centrepiece of the week and pupils came into school dressed in Greek costumes to add flavour to the day. A presentation by our *Discover History* workshop interested the pupils in learning about fabrics available in Greek times with examples of flax and linen shared with the group. In addition to painting masks to reflect the characters from Greek myths, the pupils were treated to a themed lunch offering roasted vegetables with herbs, moussaka and feta salad which was very well-received by all! By the end of the week, Year 4 had also enjoyed an introduction to Greek maths through tessellation activities and crafted poppies from clay which were displayed in our Reception area for Remembrance Day. Well done to all our pupils for their fabulous ideas this week in an action-packed week of fun and learning!



House Captains

“Well Done” to Dhruv Kumar, George William and Reyann Harding-Smith for being appointed House Captains for this academic year.

#### KENILWORTH

Dhruv Kumar

#### LUDLOW

George William

#### WARWICK

Reyann Harding-Smith



The children in Transition explored Bonfire Night and shared their experiences of fireworks. They created their own 'bonfires' using small sticks, sorted a range of Autumn objects and created 'firework pictures' using different 2D shapes. The children tasted toffee apples and thought of 'wow' words to describe what Bonfire Night looks, sounds and smells like.

They even wrote their own poem :-



**Reporter:** Miss Stanton

## Ahoy me hearties



Year 1 really enjoyed learning about Pirates during Curriculum Challenge Week. We discovered that Blackbeard, whose real name was Edward Teach, was the most fearsome pirate of all when sailing his ship around the Caribbean. The children also discovered that not all of the scary pirates were men and were very surprised to hear that a female pirate named Anne Bonney was just as mean as the men!

Year 1 decided that it wasn't much fun being a pirate because all the hard work they had to do on the ship—scrubbing the deck, mending sails and polishing the captains boots were just some of the jobs to be done, only to be rewarded with smelly cabbage soup and rotten meat for dinner—yuck!

If all the hard work wasn't done perfectly, they might just have to walk the plank. During English lessons, the children imagined they had been thrown overboard and stranded on a desert island. The only way of being saved was to send a message in a bottle and wait for help, and wait and wait and wait.....

We completed our topic on Pirates by writing our own pirate adventure stories where we saw beautiful mermaids, hunting for treasure and attacks on other pirate ships.

A fun week was had by all.

**Reporter:** Mrs Reeves



Once again the school choir, accompanied by an assortment of instrumentalists went to perform for the elderly residents at Holmpark on Friday 2nd December. Before a note was sung or played, the children were surprised by a visit from Father Christmas, bringing gifts for every child. This seemed to encourage the children to perform better than ever before. The choir sang beautifully a selection of well-known carols and Christmas songs, with items to be performed at the school's Carol Service inbetween. A couple of groups of older children had worked together and prepared group items to play with their friends, which went down very well. Several pupils from the school

recorder groups played their pieces and included Good King Wenceslas in the items. The programme also included a number of the school's guitarists and pianists, several of them playing Jingle Bells, in which the residents enjoyed being able to participate. It was a very worthwhile afternoon, enjoyed by both school pupils and residents alike.

**Reporter:** Mrs Lowe

## Sari Demonstration



Transition would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Furtado (Rubin's Mummy), who very kindly offered to demonstrate how a sari is worn as part of our topic on 'Celebrations'.

The children enjoyed looking at the different sari materials, some beautiful jewellery and even some real bindi's.

The children have since been practising tying their own saris in our 'sari shop' role play area.

**Reporter:** Miss Stanton

# Independent Learning Project

In the Independent Learning Project set for pupils in Years 1 to 6 this term, we are celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl with a tribute to him. I look forward to seeing the exciting and varied contributions from pupils in January when they explore, invent and create splendiferous imaginings inspired by the wacky world of Roald Dahl.

**Have fun extending your learning!**



This term, Year 2 have worked extremely hard whilst studying 'The Great Fire of London'.

The class were completely immersed in the topic. The class travelled back in time and used their senses to relive the main events from 1666 and this assisted in writing detailed diary extracts as eye witnesses during the time. The class also made their very own 3D designs of Tudor Houses which have made a wonderful display in the Year 2 classroom. The pupils have taken great pride in their work and should feel immensely proud of their



learning and the work produced from the topic.

**Reporter: Miss Gill**

## Staff Update

We are pleased to confirm the appointment of Mr Neil Champs as Year 6 form teacher and mathematics specialist teacher for Years 5 and 6 from January 2017.

Mr Champs has been teaching for 14 years, the last 10 years based in the independent sector where his role included responsibility as Maths Leader. As a KS2 SATs marker for mathematics, he is keen on ensuring a progressive curriculum and acknowledges the role of ICT in supporting mathematical learning both in class and beyond the classroom.

He is also a keen scientist, having taught and led the subject co-ordination at his previous schools.

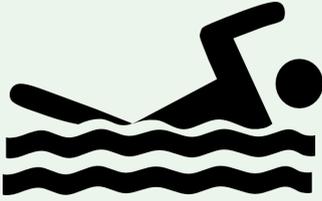
We say goodbye to Mrs Wood this term and thank her for her 24 years of service to the school, wishing her good wishes and happiness for the future.



### Year 6 Prefects

Many congratulations go to Maia Ali, Neha Hans, Narayan Purewal, Jaya Rakar, Elizabeth Shpectorov, Simran Sivia and Simran Rana from Year 6 who form our new Prefect body for this academic year. Each has impressed with their maturity, work ethic and behaviour and we look forward to working with them as the year develops.

Well done indeed!



Many congratulations to the following pupils for completing a 25 metre swim:

Aisha Afroz	Oscar Fisher
Ryan Bahmani	Megan Humphries
Shaun Chacko	Lois Morgan
Yuvraj Dau	Narayan Purewal
Jai Dhillon	Raed Shaheed
Mohammed Eltair	

Many congratulations to the following pupils for achieving their Green badge

Aisha Afroz	Amari Hughes
Ariana Ahmed	Megan Humphries
Uthman Ahmed	Sarjan Hujan
Ryan Bahmani	Suhana Kumar
Shaun Chacko	Lois Morgan
Joshua Chinnaiyan	Ifeoluwa Odunlami
Alfie Cooke	Munat Purewal
Yuvraj Dau	Mohammed Rayn
Jai Dhillon	Raed Shaheed
Mohammed Eltair	Joseph Simmonds
Oscar Fisher	Kanye Smith

Many congratulations to the following pupils for achieving their Yellow badge

Aisha Afroz	Oscar Fisher
Ariana Ahmed	Amari Hughes
Uthman Ahmed	Megan Humphries
Ryan Bahmani	Lois Morgan
Shaun Chacko	Munat Purewal
Alfie Cooke	Mohammed Rayn
Jai Dhillon	Raed Shaheed
Yuvraj Dau	Joseph Simmonds
Mohammed Eltair	Kanye Smith

Many congratulations to the following pupils for achieving their Blue badge

Aisha Afroz	Oscar Fisher
Ryan Bahmani	Amari Hughes
Shaun Chacko	Megan Humphries
Alfie Cooke	Lois Morgan
Yuvraj Dau	Munat Purewal
Jai Dhillon	Mohammed Rayn
Mohammed Eltair	Raed Shaheed

Many congratulations to the following pupils for achieving their Red badge

Oscar Fisher	Narayan Purewal
Lois Morgan	

# House General Knowledge Competition

Reception	Jesse Tanday
Year 1	Carter Gabriel
Year 2	Abu-Bakr Ismail
Year 3	Raafey Huda
Year 4	Lois Morgan
Year 5	Daniel Martin
Year 6	Omeir Shaheed

**OVERALL HOUSE WINNER:  
LUDLOW!**

We have enjoyed, once again, testing our pupils' wider knowledge and their recall about facts relating to different countries, current affairs, sport and school subjects. Well done to all our winners, who scored the most marks for their year groups.

# House Public-Speaking Competition



Year 1 and 2 pupils started our second House Public-Speaking competition off in style with poems performed in words and actions and any inward sense of nerves was quickly concealed in a whole series of polished and confident performances by all our finalists. Pupils in Years 3 and 4 performed a range of poems and prose passages, often reciting lengthy passages from memory and impressing the audience with their expression, clarity and poise.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 had been tasked to write speeches as part of their English lessons with Mr Morgans and shared with us their opinions and beliefs on subjects ranging from Tidying Your Room, Banning Smoking to The Trouble with Siblings and Adverts. Each spoke with passion, believing wholly in what they were saying.

We were delighted that Miss Clark, our Speech and Elocution Teacher, was once again able to join us as a guest judge and, after some very difficult decisions, the winning pupil and House was announced for each year group. Our congratulations go to each finalist for their excellent performances on the day and to Ludlow House who collected the trophy. A most enjoyable afternoon with some true talent on display!



## Our Winners

Year 1	Dylan Dadra
Year 2	Struan Brockie
Year 3	Saanvi Duggal
Year 4	Kanye Smith
Year 5	Benjamin Little
Year 6	Mohammed Rayn



## House Points

*Congratulations to all those pupils collecting the highest number of House Points for their year group this term.*

Reception	Owen Koo
Year 1	Ava Fisher & Thomas Simmonds
Year 2	Otis Lee
Year 3	Raafey Huda
Year 4	Jai Dhillon
Year 5	Megan Humphries
Year 6	Narayan Purewal

**OVERALL HOUSE POINT WINNER  
WARWICK**



*We were delighted with the attainment of our Years 5 & 6 pupils in the Primary Mathematics Challenge, a national competition testing speed, reasoning and agility. The highest scoring pupils nationally are then invited to the PMC Bonus Round in February 2017. Well done to all!*

### GOLD AWARD

Dhruv Kumar	Year 6
Narayan Purewal	Year 6

### SILVER AWARD

Kiran Abram	Year 6
Alex Atanassov	Year 6
Ananya Balaji	Year 6
Amaiya Burni	Year 5
Yousif Elashry	Year 5
Reyann Harding-Smith	Year 6
Gurjeevan Padam	Year 6
Simran Rana	Year 6
Omeir Shaheed	Year 6
Elizabeth Shpectorov	Year 6
Simran Sivia	Year 6
Sriya Sreekantam	Year 6
George William	Year 6

### BRONZE AWARD

Maia Ali	Year 6
Kiren Aulakh	Year 6
Sunil Chand	Year 5
Dushyant Gowda	Year 5
Neha Hans	Year 6
Manav Kumar	Year 5
Yuvraj Lall	Year 5
Benjamin Little	Year 5
Jaya Rakar	Year 6
Mohammed Rayn	Year 6
Yuvraj Sekhon	Year 5
Rohan Sodhi	Year 6



## Awards Assembly

The following pupils have impressed their teachers this half-term and received Awards Certificates.

Well done indeed!

Reception	Veer Basra
Year 1	Thomas Simmonds
Year 2	Zhiyan Chen
Year 3	Daniel Zhao
Year 4	Munat Purewal
Year 5	Yousif Elashry
Year 6	George William



## HEADMISTRESS' SEND UPS

Many congratulations to the following pupils who have received a Send Up this half-term:-

### YEAR 1

**Dylanvir Sivia**

*Independent problem solving in maths*

### YEAR 2

**Yasin Elashry**

**Tanvi Farmah**  
*Excellent charity work*

**Abu-Bakr Ismail**

*Problem solving in maths and art work*

**Otis Lee**

*Problem solving in maths*

**Pollyanna Pickford & Rahul Hans**

*Partitioning in maths*

### YEAR 3

**Saanvi Duggal**

*Handwriting & French classwork*

**Raafey Huda**

*Excellent project work*

### YEAR 5

**Aisha Afroz**

*Art and History*

**Isabella Brighton**

*History*

*Isabella Brighton, Megan Humphries, Madeleine Hunt-Cox & Khepri Sewell*  
*For showing initiative and leadership in a choir visit to Holmpark.*

### YEAR 6

**Ananya Balaji, Elizabeth Shpectorov, Simran Sivia & George William**

*For showing initiative and leadership in a choir visit to Holmpark.*

**Simran Rana**

*Excellent poetry work*



Friday 11th November was the date of the King Edward's School's annual Year 6 maths challenge. The Norfolk House School team of Elizabeth, Ananya, Kiran and Dhruv performed admirably in the challenge. A 'Crossmaths' was the first round (a crossword that has mathematical clues and uses numbers as answers) and the team put a very pleasing score on the board—only dropping three marks in the whole round. The second round—a maths relay—proved trickier, however,

the children did well but fell just short of the medal positions. Overall, it was a wonderful afternoon and we were very proud of the children's efforts.

**Reporter:** Mr Morgans

# Autumn Term 2016

Thank you

to all our families for their kind donations to the Food Bank and Royal British Legion this term.

## Fund-Raising



Transformed Lives : Transforming Lives

21 November 2016

Birmingham Central Foodbank  
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Dear all at Norfolk House School

Thank you so much for your generous food donation made to Birmingham Central Foodbank last month!

Your donation will help us to provide approximately 982 meals to individuals and families with children who are in need and are referred to Birmingham Central Foodbank by frontline agencies with 3-days' worth of emergency food. We have over 170 agencies across Central Birmingham signed up to refer those most in need to our foodbank and these include agencies such as: Women's Aid, Debt advice agencies, Drug rehabilitation agencies, Citizens Advice Bureau, hospitals, local schools and children's centres to name a few.

In 2015 alone we fed 3697 adults and 2042 children, totalling 5739 people. We are a Christian charity organisation and receive no funding for any of the work we do; we are financed and receive food donations purely from local churches, local schools, supermarket collections, individuals and local organisations!

We really appreciate your kind support of the foodbank. Thank you for helping to make a difference in our City!

We hope you will consider supporting Birmingham Central Foodbank again in the future. Please visit our website for more news and information about our work [www.birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk)

Kindest Regards,



Juanita Murray  
Birmingham Central Foodbank, Manager



Patron Her Majesty The Queen

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Date: 18 November 2016

Dear Sirs

**Official Receipt**

Thank you most sincerely for this contribution to the Poppy Appeal. Please accept this letter as our formal receipt for the amount shown.

The Poppy Appeal is the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund. Each year more people come to the Legion for help and the cost of that help is continually increasing. Daily we see and read of young Service men and women employed in peace keeping duties in many parts of the world, often in considerable danger, and this means that there will always be a need to provide help for them and their dependants, when they themselves no longer can. That is why it is so important that the Legion can continue with its vital work.

Thank you on behalf of those who will now benefit from your support.

Yours sincerely,



Shane Crowhurst  
Interim Head of Poppy Appeal  
Date: 18/11/2016

CARE : 18300526

Amount of donation £41.29

## Card Reader

Please note that we now have an electronic card reader in school, based in our Reception Area. Parents may wish to use it by either visiting the Reception area or telephoning the Finance Department (Extension 1 of the school's main number). We hope you find this addition useful.



Please note that, in the event of bad weather, the school will post an update on its Twitter feed available either directly through Twitter (@NorfolkHSchool) or on the homepage of the school website in the right hand column.



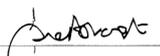
Whilst our aim is to remain open as much as possible, we will endeavour to post information up quickly to inform parents. Please do telephone the school in the event that you are unable to reach the site due to bad weather.



### NORFOLK SCHOOL

was presented with this certificate on 2<sup>ND</sup> DEC 2016

On behalf of the residents of HOLMPARK to recognise the difference they have made through their singing commitment and for making everyone they met very happy. Thank you.  
ANELLA SHAHID  
&  
NATALIE FOSTER



Jane Ashcroft CBE  
Chief Executive