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NEWSLETTER

END OF SPRING TERM 2017



Dear Parents,

31st March 2017

This term, we have enjoyed a focus upon developing the leadership skills of our Year 6 pupils in various ways and watching their progress. This was evident in the caring way in which they helped the younger pupils with choosing and carrying cakes and drinks at the Guide Dogs for the Blind Cake Sale, in lunchtime Reading Club with Mrs McAuslan where older readers listen to younger ones read and also in the independence and maturity with which they set up and organised the fund-raising activities with the School Council on Mother's Day. Such skills are key life skills and will help to prepare them well for their future education at senior school when they leave Norfolk House School at the end of the academic year.

We have been especially delighted to share with parents the news of their success in the 11+ examinations with a now confirmed 84% of Year 6 pupils being offered places at the local authority grammar schools, and many more offers of places made for the prestigious independent senior schools, including two academic scholarships.

We are very proud of what each of them has achieved and celebrate with them the energy, application and strong work ethics which they have applied to their learning in recent months. Congratulations, Year 6, on these excellent achievements!

The end of the Spring Term was packed with events and activities taking place in school from the Dudley Festival to House Music, a new event in school, as well as the ever-popular Mother's Day afternoon and we are grateful to all our families for their support in joining us on these special occasions.

May I wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

Sarah Morris

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Guide Dogs for the Blind Assembly

We were thrilled to welcome Ian and Marie to lead a whole school assembly on the role of the guide dog and the work of the charity. A particularly special moment



happened when the pupils saw that the two guests had brought with them two dogs who behaved remarkably well in front of an adoring audience of pupils. We are very grateful to them for giving up their time as volunteers to talk to the pupils about the vital role the dogs play for those who are

sight impaired and Ian was impressed by the quality of questions asked by the children at the end of the assembly.





Mother's Day Event

As part of our Mother's Day celebration, Year 6 and the School Council organised a charity cake sale for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Before morning break, Year 6 went to the hall and split into different groups to carry out various tasks i.e. setting up the hall, ensuring decorations were put up and collected donations from the younger children.



In the afternoon, all of the school's mums were invited in to help their children decorate a plant pot and plant a flower as a present for Mother's Day. After decorating, we brought our mums to the hall and served them more cakes and drinks, again collecting lots of donations. Once our mums had their cakes, we were joined by the other mothers from across the school and we served them too.

We all had lots of fun with the cake sale and used lots of teamwork. We would like to thank the kitchen staff for making all the delicious cakes and for Mrs Hifle and Miss Huckerby for helping us to organise the day. Altogether, we raised £444.70 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind and look forward to telling them how much they are going to receive.

Reporters: Year 6 & Mr Champs



Miss Clark was especially thrilled with the outcomes for our pupils who attended this year's Dudley Festival of Music, Drama and Dance with an impressive 8 first place prizes being won, including 5 trophies and 3 winning medals. It was wonderful to present the pupils with their certificates and awards in our own assembly last week and our congratulations go to each one of the pupils for this considerable achievement. A special thanks also to Miss Clark for her energy and enthusiasm in preparing the pupils so thoroughly.



Our 'Winners' with their hoard of medals, certificates and trophies!!





Many congratulations to **Narayan Purewal** in **Year 6** who was awarded a **Bronze Prize** in the Bonus Round of the Primary Mathematics Challenge. Out of an original 63,000 entries, a mere 1,295 pupils were invited to take place in the Bonus Round which also included Dhruv Kumar. We are very proud of all that they have achieved in this nationally-respected competition.

Clubs & Activities

The new programme for the Summer Term is now in place with new clubs like Rounders Club and Tag Rugby seeking to benefit from the warmer weather. Mad Science is now open to Years 3 and 4 and we are delighted to welcome back Art Club with Mrs Stone.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding these clubs or if you would like more information about joining our Speech and Elocution classes or with individual music lessons with our peripatetic teachers.

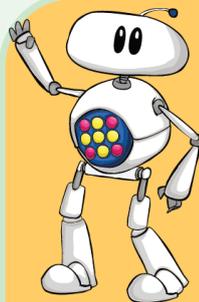
11+ Meeting

Thank you for our parents in Year 3 as well as some from Year 4 who joined us for an introduction to the 11+ process. We hope that you found the meeting a useful overview and look forward to keeping you updated in the coming years.

Reporting to parents

This term, we have shared the outcome of reading and spelling assessments with parents in Years 1-6 so that you are able to be kept up to date on your son or daughter's progress as they pass through each year. We hope that you find this information valuable, but please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about the assessments. Further information will follow next term when we will report back on our annual assessment week results as well as the new setting of assessments in Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning for our pupils in Years 3-5.

In addition, parents have received a Curriculum Booklet which offers information relating to the planning and objectives set for next term for each year group in Reception to Year 6 across the subjects. We are very grateful for the support which our families afford to the pupils and hope that the introduction of the new booklet on a termly basis will help to keep you further informed of what the pupils are learning in school and the progress they are subsequently making.



MyMaths

We have been delighted with the pupils' response to the MyMaths programme this term and Mr Champs was very impressed with how many certificates we were able to present in our Awards Assembly.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING PROJECT

Spring 2017



Norfolk House School



THEME : OUR WONDERFUL WORLD

We have been gripped in the news this February about the discovery of the lost continent of 'Zealandia'. So, this term our theme for the Independent Learning Projects will concentrate upon the exciting wealth of geographical features and variety of cultures in our wonderful world. In your project, you may like to look at :

- ◆ Research 'Zealandia' - the Earth's hidden continent.
- ◆ List the 'Seven Wonders of the World'.
- ◆ Write about a country you have visited and why it is special.
- ◆ Create your own map and illustrate it.
- ◆ Put together a collage to demonstrate a particular culture.
- ◆ Write a project fact file on a country of your choice.
- ◆ Compose a geography quiz to test your friends .
- ◆ Try out a recipe from another country and photograph it. Write creatively about a 'Lost World' and the characters within it.
- ◆ Design a special national costume for a country.
- ◆ Create a fact file of a feature e.g mountains, rivers, volcanoes.



Or any other idea which is based upon this theme. Please hand in any work to your class teacher in the first week of next term and I am very much looking forward to reading and displaying your work once again.

Thank you,

Mrs S Morris
Headmistress





'Where's Wally?' Day

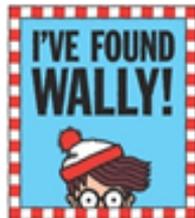
Norfolk House School was awash with Wally mania on Thursday 2nd March, 2017 in celebration of World Book Day.

The *Where's Wally?* series by the English illustrator Martin Handford consists of wordless picture books which provide a strong visual base in which to develop children's language and communication skills, imagination and also inspire descriptive language to extend creative writing. The Reception class used the visually engaging *Where's Wally?* books for collaborative reading activities. Exploring imagery in books is an important aspect for the development of literacy skills and the children learnt that meaning can be drawn by interpreting pictures.



Wally's hobbies are reading, travelling and observing and true to the *Where's Wally?* theme of searching for lost things the topic was used to teach basic library skills. The Reception class had fun searching for information found on the cover or spine of a book and learnt vocabulary such as title, author and illustrator.

The Transition class used positional language whilst searching for Wally on the interactive white board and then created their own *Where's Wally?* finger puppets.



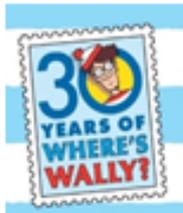
In Year 1 the children completed word searches and crosswords and created a mini book about a Wally adventure. They also had great fun playing a Position Game to find Wally's things and to top it all they made a 'Wally' figure to hide at home.

World Book Day was busy too for Year 2 who created a game board with maths questions related to *Where's Wally?* The children also created book marks, were involved in 'book talk' and completed searches for Wally.

Year 3 created their own crossword on the *Where's Wally?* theme. The class then all played a game called 'Guess Wally's Book'. In this game, clues were given about different 'Where's Wally?' books and then the children had to guess which book each set of clues represented.

During World Book Day which is an annual event, Year 4 completed quizzes and word searches and also worked on themed Verbal Reasoning tasks.

The pupils in Years 5 and 6 worked in pairs or groups to compare extracts from a selection of children's books. The task was to identify how many words per sentence or letters per word and then drawing charts to show their findings. The final task was to analyse the data to find the mean, mode and median.



Where's Wally? was first published in 1987 and it is fitting that the theme was chosen for our World Book Day to celebrate the 30th anniversary. The number 30 was incorporated into the maths lessons for Reception and 30 minutes was introduced as the concept of half past the hour.



We sincerely thank all of our parents for providing superb costumes which the children loved wearing, as evidenced on their delighted faces in the aerial shot. Thank you, *Wally*, for inspiring a multitude of fun learning opportunities.

Reporter: Mrs R. Hifle Head of Lower School

SPRING CONCERT & HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION



This year our Spring concert was a little different as it incorporated our House music competition for the first time. At various points within the concert we heard three musicians from each class from Year 3 up to Year 6. Across the four classes we heard singers, pianists, violinists, recorder players and a guitarist, which gave us plenty of variety.

The standard of music-making was very high, so that in some classes it was extremely difficult to choose a winner, but after some discussions the decisions were made:-

House Music Winners

| Year Group | Name | House |
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| 1 & 2 | Rebecca Sun | Ludlow |
| 3 | Krishna Ankolekar | Kenilworth |
| 4 | Joseph Simmonds | Warwick |
| 5 | Jamal Tajiri | Kenilworth |
| 6 | Neha Hans | Ludlow |

1st Place - Ludlow (11 points)

The most advanced recorder groups played a short selection of pieces, some in parts and including 'London's Burning' as a round in three parts. The two groups, who have only been learning since October, played in their separate groups and also joined forces so there were fifteen children all playing 'Joe, Joe' together. Similarly, Miss Kerry's violin students joined together to play a selection of pieces, some of them in two parts, with the more experienced children playing the tune, while the younger players added a simple accompaniment. We were also entertained by the school choir who opened the concert with an arrangement of 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' and ended the concert with a two-part arrangements of 'Stand by Me', followed by a spiritual, 'Wade in the Water'.



It was a very enjoyable and entertaining afternoon for everyone performers and audience alike.

Reporter: Mrs Lowe



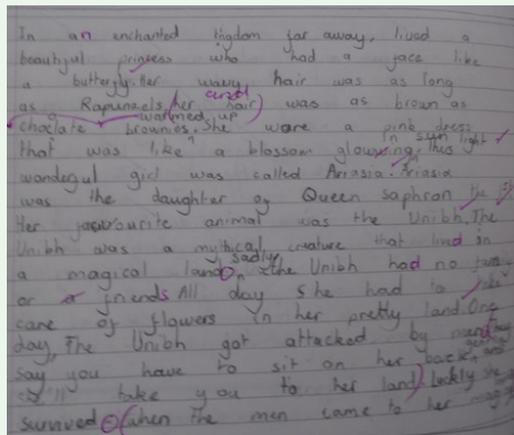
George accepting the trophies on behalf of Ludlow

Roman Myths & Legends

Year 3 have been learning about Roman Myths and Legends. They would like to share some of their work with you.



Saanvi and Thierry and Tife' have created some 'delightful' Medusa heads.



Arjan, Jayden, Anika and Isabel worked very hard to write their own myth from start to finish.



Krishna, Teylaa and Rayan turned their myth into a modern day comic strip!

They have also been learning about powerful women in history and this year we focused on Boudicca.

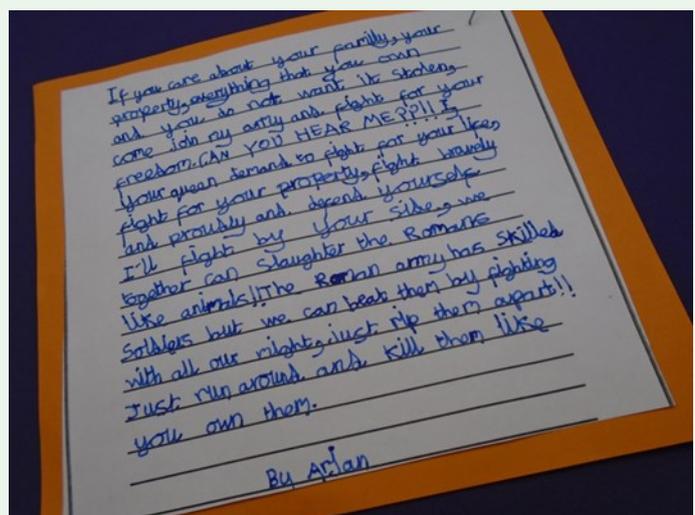
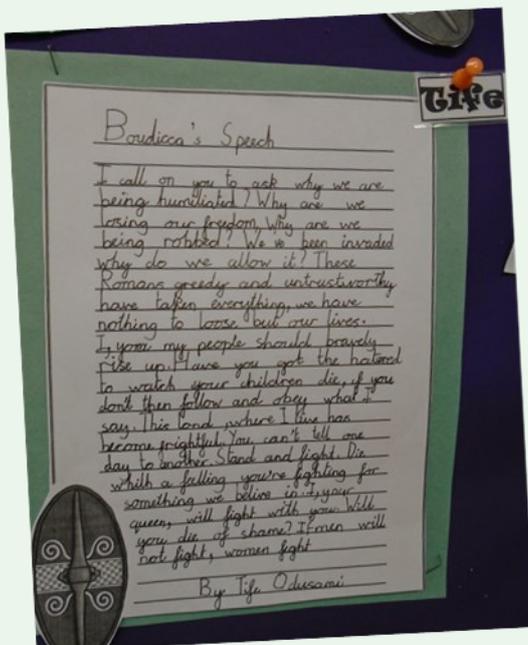
Women had few rights under Roman law, so when the Iceni king died and was succeeded by his widow Boudica, the Romans did not accept it. They reneged on their deal with his wife Boudica.

This treachery led to Boudica revolting and delivering an impassioned speech to her fellow Iceni and Celts asking them to revolt with her.

Below are some examples of her speech carefully written by Tife and Arjan.



This is a tale of Boudica. The Iceni Warrior Queen. One of the most fearsome women there has ever been.



Year 3 will leave you with this famous quote from Boudica.....

**'Some succeed because they are destined.
Some succeed because they are determined.'**

Awards Assembly Winners

At our Awards Assembly each half-term, we look to celebrate the successes of those pupils who have impressed their teachers in each year group from Reception upwards. May I offer my thanks and congratulations to the following pupils for their valuable contributions to the school.

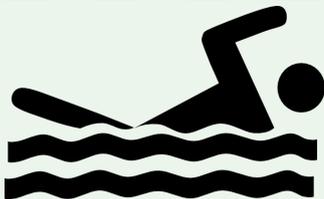
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| Reception | Maria Habal |
| Year 1 | Cole Gabriel |
| Year 2 | Yandy Chen |
| Year 3 | Charlotte Gebelin |
| Year 4 | Raed Shaheed |
| Year 5 | Isabella Brighton |
| Year 6 | George William |

House Points

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

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| Reception | Amelie Reyes |
| Year 1 | Dylan Dadra & Ava Fisher |
| Year 2 | Adarsh Deepak |
| Year 3 | Anika Duggal |
| Year 4 | Lois Morgan |
| Year 5 | Aisha Afroz |
| Year 6 | Dhruv Kumar |

Overall Winning House
LUDLOW



Well done to our swimmers in Years 4-6 for their latest achievements this term. Presentations will be made early in the new term, once the certificates have been received.



HEADMISTRESS' SEND UPS

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

YEAR 1—AMAR DHILLON

Independent maths work

YEAR 4—Alfie Aggarwal-Cooke, Amari Hughes Oscar Fisher

Electricity Projects

YEAR 4—Amari Hughes

Uniform Design ideas



SUMMER UNIFORM

Pupils should return to school for the start of the Summer Term in their Summer uniform. All girls require a summer hat complete with hat band and badge, while the boys continue to wear their caps. Blazers are required by all pupils. Girls may wear ankle or knee length white socks, but no tights please. All items of uniform are available from Early Years who will deliver ordered and paid for goods to school every Wednesday and Friday. Shorts should be worn by all boys in Transition to Year 4, but are optional for boys in Years 5 and 6. The shorts may be purchased from any uniform supplier, but should be traditional in style and not the style that have large external pockets. All boys should wear short sleeved shirts.

Please note that all pupils should be wearing full Summer uniform by Tuesday 25th April 2017.

Please speak to your son or daughter's teacher if you have any questions

Challinor Scholarship

(for pupils currently in Year 4)

This year, the Challinor Scholarship examinations will take place during School Assessment Week. The scholarship, which is awarded to one pupil on academic merit and offers £200 termly discount in fees throughout the last two years of education in Years 5 and 6, is based upon the results of an internal assessment in Mathematics, English, Verbal and Non Verbal Reasoning.



Open day

Saturday 6th May 2017

10.00am—1.00pm

As you are aware, this event represents an important date in our school calendar and provides an excellent opportunity for us to celebrate all that we do at Norfolk House School. It also serves as a valuable occasion for our Year 6 pupils to act as ambassadors by guiding prospective families around the school and promote its values and facilities. Again, this term we will be offering a range of exciting activities for pupils in Year 3 and above on this morning and letters to sign up for the event will follow shortly. Thank You.

Visiting the School

Please could all parents visiting the school to collect or drop off their son or daughter outside the normal times ensure that they report to the Reception area in the first instance.

Any messages for teaching staff should be left at Reception with Miss Thorpe who will be happy to help you with answering any queries or pass on a message to a form teacher. Alternatively, messages may be left with the member of staff at the side gate between 8.30am—8.45am.



Terms & Conditions

May we draw parents' attention again to the new Terms and Conditions which come into effect on the 3rd April 2017. These were shared recently with parents and are posted on the school's website for ease of access. Please refer to the Summer Term invoice for further information and do not hesitate to contact our Finance Department if you have any questions in that respect.

Thank You

Pupil Safety

Sun Cream & Sun Hats



For the safety of our pupils, parents should not drive on to the forecourt of the school at any time.

We are grateful for your support with this.



It is very important that children are protected from the strong rays of the sun and sun cream is essential for all skin types. Due to school policy, staff cannot carry out this task, therefore, we ask that parents apply a long lasting high factor sun cream before their son or daughter comes into school on sunny days.

Please also note that school uniform sun hats are available for purchase from Early Years.

We thank you for your support with this.



Please note that key dates for the Summer Term calendar will be issued to you at the start of next term so that you can make a note of the dates and join us for the many exciting end of term as well as the school's 50th anniversary events on offer. More information on this will follow shortly.



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RESULTS FROM THE DUDLEY FESTIVAL OF SPEECH AND DRAMA 2017

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| 7 years old Verse Reading | The Polymer Junior Latex Trophy | Otis Lee |
| | 2nd Place Certificate | Arwa Kaderbhai Gurjeevan Sunner |
| | 3rd Place Certificate | Struan Brockie |
| 8 years old Verse Speaking <i>(split into three groups)</i> | 1st Place Medal | Raafey Huda |
| | 1st Place Medal | Shaun Chacko |
| | 2nd Place Certificate | Saanvi Dugal Lois Morgan |
| 9 years old Verse Speaking | The Arthur Elwin Cook Trophy | Uthman Ahmed |
| | 2nd Place Certificate | Jamal Tajiri |
| | 3rd Place Certificate | Muffaddal Kaderbhai |
| 9 years old Prose Reading | 2nd Place Certificate | Uthman Ahmed Rumun Kaushal Jamal Tajiri |
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| 10 years old Verse Speaking | 3rd Place Certificate | Elizabeth Sphectorov |
| 10 years old Prose Reading | The Graham Parker Trophy | Jaya Rakar |
| | 2nd Place Certificate | Elizabeth Sphectorov |
| | 3rd Place Certificate | Amaiya Burmi |
| 11 years old Verse Speaking | The Solari Rose Bowl | Kiran Abram |
| | 1st Place Medal | Sriya Sreekantam |
| 11 years old Prose Reading | The E.J. Thompson Trust Cup | Kiran Abram |

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