

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER HALF-TERM 2017



Norfolk House School

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50 YEARS

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Dear Parents,

26th May 2017

After an unseasonably chilly spell welcomed the pupils back to school after Easter, the pupils soon started to enjoy the opportunities for outdoor learning offered by the warmer weather with a successful Forest School activity day for our younger pupils and the start of a busy programme of educational visits which began with Years 3 and 4's visit to Wroxeter.

For the ultimate in the outdoor learning experience, we welcome back Year 6 pupils from their Bushcraft residential visit to Oxfordshire after a highly successful and thoroughly enjoyable trip.

Our Open Morning was a busy and successful event once again and we are grateful to our Year 6 guides who perform the role of ambassadors so well for their school and drew many compliments about their good manners, self-confidence and maturity from our visiting families.

As the half-term now draws to a close, may I wish all our pupils who have taken LAMDA examinations in the past days the very best of success. Miss Clark and I look forward to sharing the outcomes with you in the coming weeks.

I hope that the coming half-term week proves to be an enjoyable one for you all and we look forward to seeing you at the various events planned for the next half of term. A list of events is added to the end of the newsletter for your information.

Mrs Sarah Morris
Headmistress



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Our pupils displaying the photo frames they made on Open Morning with Miss Gill



Year 6 head off on their Bushcraft adventure, wearing special hoodies presented to them by the school.

Trip to Wroxeter

On Friday 12th May 2017 Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic day exploring the ruins at Wroxeter, Roman City.

The children were treated to experiencing a day in the life of a Roman citizen in Roman Britain. Upon arrival, the children were greeted by Kirsty, our fantastically-informed guide for the day. We were then ushered out into the drizzle to learn about the different parts of the Roman baths. **Do you know what a basilica was used as?** Ask Year 3 or Year 4, they do!



We then went into a discovery education room which was filled floor to ceiling with artefacts from the Roman times. We made a mosaic, laid Roman roof tiles, ground wheat in a mortarium and touched artefacts excavated at Wroxeter ground.

After that, we had time to enjoy our delicious packed lunches and have a quick play in the sunshine.

Soon it was time to explore the reconstructed Roman villa. The villa was made using only materials and equipment that would have been found in Roman times.

All that was left to do now was to experience Roman clothes, and then hop on our coach back to school.



With the help of some late sunshine and a fantastic guide, it proved to be a fun and varied experience for all.



Reporters: Mrs Kristal & Mrs Platt

Bushcraft



Earlier this week, Mr Champs, Miss Gill and Year 6 travelled to Cornbury park in Oxfordshire for a three day Bushcraft experience.

On arrival, we had a 30 minute walk to base camp with our camp leaders. When we got there, we were given a safety talk and shown our tents, along with the field kitchen where our cook was preparing food for us.



During our stay, we took part in lots of different activities, including shelter building, camouflage, Tribes got Talent and freshwater lake swimming, which, according to the children, was very cold!

We all slept in tents and had our food cooked over the fire, which was delicious. The menu ranged from lamb kebabs to pannassed salmon, with hot chocolate before bed.

On our last day, the children took part in a Bushcraft challenge, which used all the skills they had learnt over the first two days.

The Bushcraft trip was an amazing experience, where teamwork was the key to success.

Reporter: Mr Champs

Independent Learning Project

This term's project theme of 'Our Wonderful World' has attracted a wide range of entries from pupils in Years 1 to 6 with some highly innovative and creative designs, models and example of writing. It is with pleasure that we announce the winners of the Headmistress' Awards to the following pupils with the presentation of 10 House points for their superb entries:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS FOR THEIR Independent Learning Projects

Aisha Afroz—Yr 5

Ananya Balaji—Yr 6

Tanvi Farmah—yr 2

Ava Fisher—Yr 1

Charlotte Gebelin—Yr 3

Jean-Louis Gebelin—Yr 2

Raafey Huda—Yr 3

Beant Jhutti—Yr 1

Mufaddal Kaderbhai—Yr 4

Benjamin Little—Yr 5

Lois Morgan—Yr 4

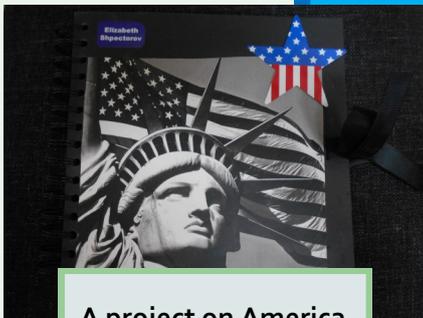
Khepri Sewell—Yr 5

Elizabeth Shpectorov—Yr 6

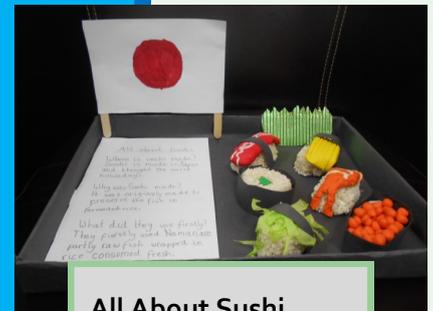
Joseph Simmonds—Yr 4

Simran Sivia—Yr 6

Dylanvir Sivia—Yr 1



A project on America



All About Sushi

Among the entries are projects on Sushi, Festivals of the World, National Costumes, Continental Maps drawings denoting the different rivers and a model volcano, to highlight just a few. Please come and see the pupils' work for yourselves when it goes on the Hall display and in the Reception area. Thank you very much to all those who took part again this term.



Forest School Activity Day

On Wednesday 10th May 2017, the children in both Reception and Transition enjoyed a fantastic day of outdoor activities with the Forest School activity leader, Helen.

The children in Transition thoroughly enjoyed searching for dragon toys in the Nursery garden, and created homes for them using a range of natural materials. They then had the opportunity to explore the 'mudpie kitchen' and make 'dragon food'. Many made 'soup' or 'dragon pasta'!

The children in Reception went on a 'minibeast hunt' and learned how to identify and categorise minibeasts using various equipment, describing their similarities and differences. The children learned how to take care of the creatures they found, and how to handle them. They then had the opportunity to create their own minibeast using clay and natural materials.

The children impressed us by using lots of interesting language to describe their ideas and findings and the activities on offer provided many cross-curricular opportunities for learning. For example, counting dragons, measuring our dragon homes, estimating how many sticks we might need to build a dragon home and using our imagination and new vocabulary in the 'mud pie' kitchen. We even discussed the purpose of camouflage, and mixed mud and water to paint our dragon houses. Helen was very impressed with the children's prior knowledge of the natural world.

Each session concluded with 'reflection time', enabling the children to share their learning with others while enjoying a drink and a biscuit in the sunshine.

Many thanks to the staff at 'The World Outside' for such an inspiring day!

Reporter: Miss Stanton



**Good
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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 all aspects of school:

Reception	Jovan Rakar
Year 1	Lily Zarandi
Year 2	Rahul Hans
Year 3	Tifeoluwa Odusami
Year 4	Lois Morgan
Year 5	Sarjan Hujan
Year 6	Mohammed Rayn

SATIPs



National Handwriting Competition

Once again we were delighted to learn of our success with the SATIPs National Handwriting Competition and we congratulate Amelie Reyes in Reception for her Third Place Award. Out of the high number of pupil entries nationally, her achievement is to be celebrated. Well done, Amelie!

Today, **Omeir Shaheed** was appointed House Captain for **Warwick House** and we look forward to watching him carry out his leadership role over the coming weeks.

Very well deserved, Omeir!

I Miss My Sister

I miss my sister all the time.

For her it's not the same.

She never misses me at all.

She has a better aim.

by Kenna Nesbitt



HEADMISTRESS' SEND UPS

TUITION CLASSES

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUMMER 2017

Please note the following dates have been arranged for our Extra Tuition classes which run over the summer holidays.

Last Saturday Tuition: 15th July 2017

Mon/Tuesday: 24th & 25th July 2017

Mon/Tuesday: 31st July & 1st August 2017

Mon/Tuesday: 7th & 8th August 2017

Mon/Tuesday: 14th & 15th August 2017

Mon/Tuesday: 21st & 22nd August 2017

Tuesday/Wednesday: 29th & 30th August 2017

Saturdays resume: 9th September 2017

Please contact the school if you would like more information

YEAR 2

Adarsh Deepak

For excellent behaviour

YEAR 3

Krishna Ankolekar

Anika Duggal

Saanvi Duggal

Teylaa Harding-Smith

For creative writing

YEAR 4

Uthman Ahmed

For producing an excellent homework research project on 1960's fashion

YEAR 6

Alex Atanassov

Narayan Purewal

Mohammed Rayn

George William

For their excellent discussion work about 'Macbeth'.

Well done to you all!



Sainsbury's
Active Kids 2017
Eat well • Move well • Live well

REMINDER

We will be collecting Sainsbury's Vouchers and exchanging them for brand new sports equipment up until 30th June 2017.

If you could encourage your family and friends to collect the vouchers for us, it would be greatly appreciated. There is a collection box in the Reception area, so please place any vouchers you would like to donate to the school in there.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Platts

Upper School Sports Afternoon

In the recent letter issued to parents of pupils in Years 3 to 6, it was confirmed that the new Upper School Sports Afternoon will now start at 2.00pm rather than 2.15pm, as originally advertised. The afternoon will offer the opportunity for parents to drop in during the afternoon to see a range of sporting activities on display by the pupils. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

EARLY YEARS

Just to advise parents that Early Years will be closed on the **9th June 2017** in case you were planning to visit to buy uniform.



Mrs Lowe will be retiring from her position as Music Teacher at the end of the Summer Term after 40 years in teaching. I know that you will join me in wishing her every happiness in her retirement and we thank her for the significant contribution she has made to all aspects of the teaching of music at the school. News of her successor will follow shortly.



KEY DATES

- 5th June **Return to school following Half-Term break**
- 5th–16th June **Year 5 Mock 11+ Feedback Meetings**
For parents of pupils in Year 5. Appointments will be booked individually over the two week period through Mr Morgans.
- 7th June
- **Upper School Sports Afternoon (2.00pm) - Please note new time**
This year, we have separated out our Sports Day events, with the younger pupils taking part in a traditional Sports Day afternoon on the 16th June and pupils in Years 3-6 taking part in a separate sporting display.
2.00pm–2.45pm Years 3 & 4
2.45pm–3.30pm Years 5 & 6
 - **Taster Violin & Piano Lessons (9.30am–1.10pm)**
For Reception & Year 1 pupils who have enrolled
- 9th June **Choir Visit to Holm Park (2.00pm)**
Accompanied by Mrs Lowe.
- 14th June **Taster Violin & Piano Lessons (9.30am–1.25pm)**
For Reception and Year 1 pupils who have enrolled
- 16th June **Father's Day Event (9.00am-10.00am)**
Fathers are invited to join their sons and daughters for an activity in their classrooms to celebrate Father's Day.
- 16th June **Lower School Sports Afternoon (2.00pm)**
For pupils in Transition to Year 2
Later in the day, parents of pupils in Transition to Year 2 are invited to join us for their own separate Lower School Sports Day with traditional races and challenges on offer.
- 19th June–23rd June **50th Anniversary Week**

To celebrate the 50 years since our foundation in 1967, we are delighted to be running a programme of activities during the week as follows:-
- **20th June—Anniversary Themed Day**
Pupils will take part in themed activities during the day to broaden their learning about a period in history since the school's foundation.
 - **21st June—Whole School Photograph (am)**
We look forward to sharing with you the results of our first whole school photograph since 2014. Photographs will be available for sale and information will follow in due course.
 - **23rd June—Anniversary Summer Fete (2.30pm)**
This year, our 50th year, we are pleased to be running a Summer Fete which will include the Year 6 Enterprise Fair as well as activities set up by our Year 4 pupils, amongst others. Parents are welcome to join us during the afternoon from 2.30pm. More detail will follow shortly.

28th June	Visit to King Edward's School for Maths Event (11.00am-3.00pm) <i>For a group of pupils in Year 4</i>
30th June	Visit to Cadbury World <i>For pupils in Years 1 & 2</i>
4th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Afternoon Tea (3.15pm-4.30pm) <i>For parents of Year 6 pupils</i>
6th July	Summer Celebration Concert & Awards Presentation (2.00pm) <i>For parents of Transition pupils</i>
7th July	Summer Celebration Concert & Awards Presentation (2.00pm) <i>For parents of Reception pupils</i>
7th July	Reports issued to parents <i>For pupils in Transition & Reception</i>
10th July - 12th July	Please note that there will be no clubs or activities running during this week. <i>After School Club will run as normal on the 10th & 11th July</i>
10th July	Reports issued to parents <i>For pupils in Year 1-6</i>
10th July	Open Afternoon (2.30pm) <i>For current Transition & Reception parents</i>
10th July	Speech Day Rehearsal, Barber Institute (am) Yrs 1-6 <i>Pupils travel to and from the Barber Institute of Fine Arts by school coach during the morning and return to school in time for lunch as normal. Pupils should be dropped off at school at the normal times in the morning. Breakfast club runs as normal.</i>
11th July	Speech Day, Barber Institute (4.00pm) Yrs 1-6 <i>Please note that our annual Speech Day event will be held at the Barber Institute again, but at the earlier time of 4.00pm. It is hoped that this timing will be more convenient for families with younger children. We expect that the programme of awards and class performances will run until approximately 5.30pm-6.00pm, but detail will follow later in the term. Pupils will travel by coach directly to the venue from school during the afternoon.</i>
11th July	Teddy Bears' Picnic Lunch <i>For Transition & Reception pupils</i>
12th July	Term Ends at Noon for all pupils <i>Please note that there is no after school care available on this day.</i>