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Headmistress's Message

As you read the November newsletter, I am sure you will see how busy the pupils have been over the last three weeks of school. We have enjoyed some lovely performances in House Music, in the GCSE Presentation Evening and in the Harvest Festival; we have been busy in the sports department and there have been an impressive range of trips and visits.

My hope is that our pupils have a rich and diverse range of opportunities at school and I think the newsletter shows that many of them are making the most of all that is on offer.

Our week began with an special assembly in which we presented a cheque for £1000 to the United World Schools Charity, a project we support in Cambodia in partnership with other ISA schools. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fund-raising. The school for local children is being resourced because of your generosity and the Principal sent us a message of thanks which the children saw on Monday. The pupils on the Charity Committee are busy working on the Shoebox Appeal and the Poppy Appeal this half term. I am very grateful for their commitment and hard work on behalf of others.

With my best wishes

Mrs Claire Osborn
Headmistress

Colchester Zoo Trip

The Early Years children really enjoyed their trip to Colchester Zoo. The Reception children had a workshop all about the story 'Dear Zoo' with Britt the zookeeper, whilst Kindergarten took a ride on the Madagascar Express train around the zoo.

The children saw lots of animals and enjoyed a picnic lunch in the sunshine. They have been learning about wild animals this term and this was a wonderful way to bring their learning to life.





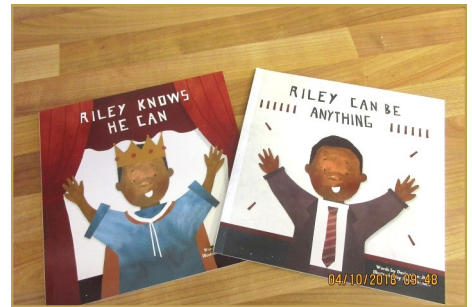
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Visiting Author

On Thursday 4 October as part of their celebration for National Poetry Day the children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 at Normanhurst had a visit from Davina Hamilton, author of the lovely children's books 'Riley Can Be Anything' and 'Riley Knows He Can'. The stories are written with a rhyming pattern which linked in nicely to the children's learning around poetry.

Each year group participated in workshops based around one of the books. The Kindergarten and Reception children had a workshop about professions and things they wanted to be when they grow up, linked to 'Riley Can Be Anything'. Years 1 and 2 had a workshop based on feelings and overcoming challenges based on 'Riley Knows He Can'. They also got to become authors themselves and helped Davina write a story.

At the end of the sessions all of the children received a signed copy of one of the books with a message inside from the author herself.



Halloween Treats

In the last week before the half term break, the children in After School Club made Halloween cornflake cakes with Miss Sultzmänn. They used lots of the skills they learn through the daily curriculum. For example, they practised their Maths skills by measuring the ingredients and counting the seconds it took for the chocolate to melt in the microwave.

The children enjoyed mixing the melted chocolate with the cornflakes and spooning the mixture in the ghost-themed cupcake cases. They then used their artistic skills to decorate the cakes with spooky patterns in ghoulish green icing.

The cupcakes looked delicious and the children took them home to enjoy!



Year 2 Trip to Westminster

On Friday 12 October Year 2 went on a trip to Westminster to look at the key landmarks of London. When they arrived they looked at Big Ben, the London Eye and most importantly the Houses of Parliament. They were focusing on this building because they have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot since the beginning of term.

The class then took a boat to Greenwich, looking at other interesting landmarks along the way such as Shakespeare's Globe and the Tate Modern. As soon as they arrived at Greenwich the children immediately saw the Cutty Sark, a magnificent ship. As everyone had already eaten on the boat they went for a walk to find a park where they had a chance to play and complete some work about London. Finally pupils took the DLR back towards Chingford. It was a great trip and everyone had a lovely day. They were all so well behaved getting on and off the different modes of transport and their teachers are extremely proud of them.





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Museum of Childhood Trip

Year 1 had an enjoyable and interactive experience at the V&A Museum of Childhood on Friday 12 October. The pupils discovered first hand just how much there was to see and do, from exhibitions and displays to different activities. These included galloping on old fashioned rocking horses, performing a Punch and Judy show to others playing in the sand in a recreation of a Victorian beach, and dressing up as servants in Victorian costume and waiting on the Master and Mistress of the house by serving dinner to them.

Everyone participated in an interactive workshop, Toys on a Timeline, and discovered the toys our parents and grandparents and teachers played with when they were young! Some of the games were a challenge but all were good fun. This workshop introduced chronology to the children through a fun timeline activity showing how toys and playtime has changed over the last century.

Year 1 then explored the museum and looked closely at the displays, realising for themselves just how much toys have changed over the years. They investigated a range of indoor and outdoor activities from the past 150 years and began to plan and design a brand new toy, just in time for Christmas!



Pupil News

Following the successful 'Holiday News' section in our last newsletter, we are continuing to invite parents to share news of their children's activities and successes outside of school.



Year 8 pupil Lucy was chosen as Leader for the Cambridge Schools' string day recently. She spent the day playing under the renowned violinist Marianne Olyver. The event is being reported in the press, including the European String Teachers Magazine. It was quite a prestigious honour!

If any parents would like to share news of their child's achievements with the school community, they can email the information and photographs to Miss Barnard at mbarnard@normanhurstschool.co.uk.



Following Chioke's grading success in August, he has been invited to participate in the UKA karate league.

His first match was last month and he and his team were undefeated. His next match is in December when his team could be rewarded with a medal.



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Weald Country Park Trip

"On Wednesday 10 October 2018, Years 3 and 4 went to Weald Country Park. We went there to learn about 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. We strolled with our PE partners and observed the animals and their habitats. This also linked to vertebrates and invertebrates.

We walked with our partners on the path, crunching the leaves as we went, exploring the badger setts. The first activity we did was following our leader, Kate, who gave us a container to put insects in. In the second activity, we did meadow sweeping where we used nets to try and capture insects in the long grass. Afterwards, we went to a lake to see the ducks. For the third activity, we made the food chain. We used a rope and the nature around us to make different parts of it.

Overall, I thought Weald Country Park was a fun place. I especially enjoyed the part when we explored badger setts and learned about different animals and their habitats."

By Zachary, Year 4



Year 5 Trip to Pole Hill

On Friday 19 October, Year 5 went on a trip to see the Pole Hill Obelisk. Up at the obelisk pupils found out that the obelisk was erected in 1824 and it was placed on the Greenwich Meridian line to indicate true North. The pupils learnt a lot and also had time to play in the forest.

Poppy: "I learnt that Lawrence of Arabia had a house near the Obelisk and I enjoyed getting to have some playtime outside of school."



Social Networking



Website

Go to the School Calendar page for upcoming events and our [News](#) page for all the latest news and lots more photographs.



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Languages Assembly

It is said the best way to learn something is to teach it, and 10B put this principle into practice recently by presenting an assembly to the Juniors on the theme of languages.

They tested the Junior pupils' knowledge of different languages around the world in a 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' style quiz. Year 10 could not fool the Juniors though, who got all the questions right!

Well done to 10B for preparing and presenting a great and informative assembly for the Juniors!



Year 5 Science

Year 5 were testing the tensile strength of different plastic bags in a recent Science experiment. They all made a prediction for which bag would be the strongest and which bag would be the weakest. Each pair were testing the strength of a different type of bag and then they shared the results with the rest of the class at the end of the experiment. They learnt lots of new vocabulary in this lesson including 'tensile', 'strength', 'independent variable', 'dependent variable' and 'fair test'. The lesson was very noisy with all the weights crashing down on the tables!



Douglas – "My prediction was half right, I correctly predicted the weakest bag but not the strongest. I learnt what tensile strength is and I enjoyed adding the weights to the bag."

Mia – "I predicted the correct bag for the weakest but did not predict the strongest correctly. I learnt how many grams it takes to break a Normanthurst School plastic bag."

Year 6 Study the Art of Movement

Year 6 pupils have been working on 'capturing movement' in their art lessons. They drew and painted still figures initially, studying their own posture. After this stage, they moved onto moving figures where they moved their limbs and studied changing angles of arms and legs as well as body posture. Their figures were put into the context of WW2 where they drew moving soldiers and coloured them. Their work has been on display outside our Year 6 classroom during the last half term.

Over the last few weeks, Year 6 pupils continued to work very hard on their 'movement project'. They studied some art work based on ballet figures and sketched their own. Some pupils decided to sketch more than one figure to show differences in movement and posture. After sketching, they carefully cut out their figures, backing them on to card. They stuck their figures on a large paper and painted over them adding colourful backgrounds and they worked with different shades of colours to show blend and contrast.

Once they painted their background, everyone removed their figures from their paintings to reveal the outline and the results were amazing! They had a lot of fun working on their art project and their amazing art work will be on display outside our Year 6 classroom!



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World War II Evacuee Visit

In the week before the half term break, Year 6 welcomed a very special visitor to the school. Mr Brencher was a child evacuee during World War II, and came in to talk to the pupils about his childhood experiences and memories of the war. Here, three Year 6 pupils recount the visit.

"On Tuesday 16 October Mr Brencher came in to our classroom and told us about WW2; however, he ran a little bit late so he came just before lunchtime. I went to help at lunch as a prefect but when we came back, he told us a story about his childhood during the war. He told us that he had to stay with another family until the war was over. When the war ended he went back home but his dad would not let him to write to that family anymore.

Then he gave 4 of us letters to read. They were letters from children back then. One of them said on the train station someone wet himself because there were no toilets. The letters also told how children missed their families. They were difficult to read because the children did not spell things correctly.

Mr Brencher brought evacuee clothes with him and before he left, he gave them to us to try on. We took some pictures in them. The clothes were really weird but it was really fun." **Isabelle**

"On Tuesday 16 October, Year 6 had a visitor. His name was Mr Brencher. Sadly, he was late so Mr Dograr asked him to stay for lunch. Before long, it was the end of lunch and we came back.

After a while of settling down, Mr Brencher started telling us his life story. He was only 3 years old when he was evacuated. While telling his story he gave us some evacuee letters. He said that after the war, when his dad came to pick him up from his foster family, he didn't recognise his own father." **Sophie**

"On Tuesday 16 October, Year 6 had a visitor who had experienced being an evacuee. His name was Mr Brencher. Unfortunately, the transport was very slow so he only arrived just before lunch. Later on, after lunchtime, we all came back and he began his story...

He told us about his journey on the train and something that would be very unappealing to commuters these days, almost everyone wet themselves! He also shared with us some evacuee postcards, posters, leaflets and letters. Soon after that, we dressed up as iconic evacuee children with the clothes he brought with him. I wore the girls clothes and I promise you that I would not wear such clothes on a daily basis!" **Ella**



Harvest Festival

The Juniors joined together in the United Reform Church to celebrate Harvest Festival last month. The theme this year was 'Harvest around the World'. The new Reverend Ulrike Bell joined us to celebrate with the children and learn about how harvest is celebrated in America, India, Israel and many other countries. Each class prepared a short piece to share with family and friends.

The singing was amazing and the whole atmosphere made everyone feel part of a huge celebration. The donations were later loaded up and taken to St Thomas of Canterbury soup run. Mrs Prior would like to thank all who donated goods and money.





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Timothy's Football Success Continues

Year 6 teacher Mr Dograr conducted a special interview for the newsletter with pupil Timothy about his promising football career.

How does it feel being a signed player of Leyton Orient? I am extremely happy. As soon as I found out, I wondered what it was going to feel like being a signed player! It is a good experience and I get to have a good laugh with my teammates, who are really nice.

What position do you play in the team? I play attacking and defensive midfield. It involves a lot of sprinting because I need to support both the attacking footballers at the front but also come back very quickly to help the defenders and stop attempts from the rival team.

How do often do you train? I usually train twice a week with the team during the week, but sometimes an extra training session can happen on Saturdays or when we have a match to play.

How does it feel to be representing Leyton Orient in Germany? It feels very good because I get to travel and play against teams that I haven't played before. It is also my birthday so I'm going to celebrate my birthday away from home for the first time, in a different country, with my teammates!

What are you hoping to learn from your football experience in Germany? I am looking forward to finding out how they play in Germany and what different tactics they will use against us.

What will you do on the pitch as a team? There is a great responsibility for everyone during the game because we need to be able to communicate and tell each other what to do and also encourage our team mates during the game (i.e. when they miss the target).

What are you looking forward to the most? It is my first ever visit to Germany, so I'm excited to find out more about the country, to see their football facilities and play against new teams.

Do you have any favourite German team? Yes, my favourite German team is Bayern Munich, and my favourite player in the team is Robert Lewandowski.

What are your plans for the future? My passion is to play in the Premier League! I am hoping to play for Arsenal because I have always supported Arsenal since I was a little boy and they have a great academy to support young players. I would also like to try the forward position and see how it feels in the future!



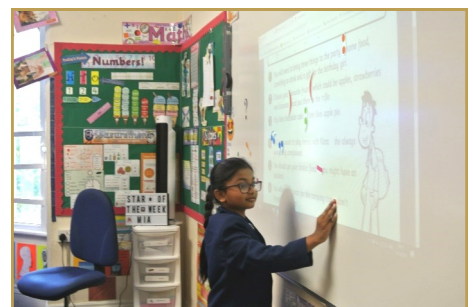
Punctuation is Fun!

Mastering punctuation is something that many people struggle with, and in a recent interactive SPaG lesson, Year 5 were getting to grips with how to use higher level punctuation. They had some teaching on the different names and uses of the punctuation marks, and then they had to put their learning into practice. Miss Stone displayed sentences on the board with missing punctuation and then the children used punctuation magnets to fill in the blanks. This is what they have to say about the lesson:

"It was a good lesson, we learnt a lot and it was fun." **Konrad**

"It was fun placing the punctuation magnets into the correct place, it made it different to other lessons." **Alicia**

"We got to understand punctuation in a fun way." **Charlie T**





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School Council

On Monday 8 October the Mayoress of Waltham Forest, Cllr Sally Littlejohn, visited Normanhurst School to announce the School Council election results for Reception to Year 11. Cllr Sally Littlejohn was elected Mayor for the civic year 2018 to 2019 on 24 May 2018. During her four years as a Councillor, she has supported residents of the borough in many ways and was delighted to have the opportunity to come in and visit our school. She was also very happy to be announcing the results of a matter close to her heart.

During the election process for our School Council, candidates had to give a presentation to their form group outlining how they would fulfil their role on the School Council. The pupils then voted for a representative who will pass on feedback and suggestions from their form group to the rest of the School Council at meetings. Following some fiercely contested elections in form time, we are pleased to announce that the following pupils have been elected to represent their form groups on the school council.

Junior School Council Representatives:

Reception	Emily and Enis
Year 1S	Lily and Baran
Year 1T	James and Farah
Year 2A	Palesa and Aarush
Year 2G	Ruiya and Nathaniel
Year 3	Caleb and Max
Year 4	Eloise and James
Year 5	Mattea and Charlie C
Year 6	Sophie and Hudson



Senior School Council Representatives:

Year 7C	Yusufjan
Year 7E	Diyar
Year 8B	Claudia
Year 8C	Chelsea
Year 9K	Hamza
Year 9T	Crystall
Year 10B	Ihsaan
Year 10R	Nydia
Year 11B	George
Year 11D	Umar



Miss Stone will oversee the Junior School Council and Mrs Coates will oversee the Senior School Council. They will have regular meetings with the class representatives, address life at school in general and also look at ways to develop our young leaders. Congratulations to all the pupils who have been chosen to represent their classes.

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Year 9 Trip to City of London Police Museum

Handling historical police artefacts proved to be the most popular aspect of the Year 9 trip to the City of London Police Museum. Lucy (9T) found the heavy two-way telephone radio used by police motor cyclists particularly interesting. Pupils also handled a rattle previously used to attract attention and a fraudulent £5 note from 1982. Tackling fraud, surveillance, hacking, terrorism and cyber-crime have become the main workload for the City of London Police since 1973. This is because, although the area covered is just one square mile, it is the base for many banks and insurance companies and is flooded by nearly 500,000 people who arrive there every day for work.

Year 9 learned that the City of London police was founded in 1839, just one year before the Metropolitan Police. Before that, crime was handled by various assorted groups such as the Bow Street Runners, Watchmen and Aldermen.

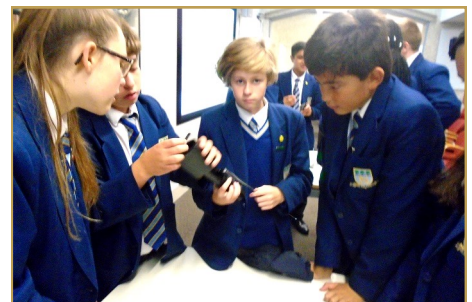
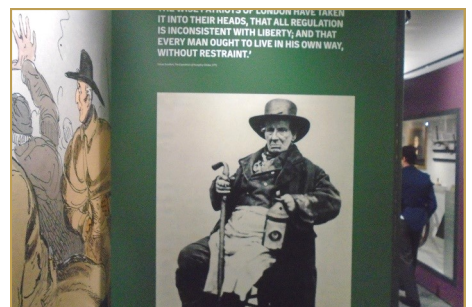
Other historic artefacts examined by Year 9 included jars of bullet fragments from 1910 taken from the scenes of the Houndsditch murders and siege of Sydney Street. They also read about one of Jack the Ripper's victims called Catherine Eddowes, and saw an incendiary device from the 1940s which was dropped by the Germans on London during the Blitz. Additionally they also saw a City Police box board from the 1960s used by Police Control to communicate with call boxes. Displayed next to it was a blue police telephone box free for use by the public at the time.

The topic of fraud was explored more fully during a workshop, and Hamza (9K) revealed that he had spotted in the Museum forged coins plus a 'gold' bar which turned out to be made of lead. They also learned that every day there is at least one incident of credit card fraud in the City and saw how criminals use hidden cameras to clone the numbers on cards and then make the card disappear. Particularly fascinating was the GT200, sold as a multi-purpose detector of different materials including metal and human bones. People paid up to £22,000 for this device which was finally exposed as a fake in 2007, with the perpetrator sent to jail for seven years.

The class also studied fake emails, with Alexa from 9K spotting that one giveaway was that the email from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs only gave people one day to complete and return all the information required. The fraud workshop finished with a 'Super Recogniser' quiz, where pupils were shown a montage of forty faces devised by a Greenwich psychologist which on closer inspection turned out to be only two people!

Before lunch pupils briefly discussed careers, with a few pupils indicating that joining the police could be of interest. For this career choice, pupils will need to be thinking of going to university, as Howard, our guide, explained that after next year a relevant degree will be required, for example in forensics.

It was a thought provoking school trip, leaving everyone ready for lunch which was devoured outside in the nearby gardens.





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House Music Competition 2018

Connaught House scooped the trophies in all three categories during our ninth annual House Music Competition, emerging as the clear overall winner. Our thrilling musical performers wowed the judges, with Guest Judge Michael Goodlet describing many of our talented young musicians as 'outstanding'.

Many parents watched on as our musical extravaganza kicked off with Connaught performing for the first category of Duet, with Lucy J playing the violin and Olivia L singing 'Caledonia'. Michael said this was a good song choice and sung with conviction by Olivia, who also engaged with her performance. Our Connaught performers were followed by vocalists Alexa and Beth singing 'I've Been Waiting For You' for Warren. They were described as 'outstanding' by Michael, who also praised their exceptional harmonies and high notes which were sung "competently and with emotion".

Moving onto the second category of Ensemble Performance, we were thrilled to hear Warren perform 'Wings' featuring vocalists Beth and Alexa again. Michael said the cohesive band was driven by Hannah M on the drums, with Beth again demonstrating her natural pitching with real power behind the notes. Other performers included Calvin on the guitar, and Ilayda on the piano. However, the brilliant performance was pipped at the post again by Connaught performing 'Master Blaster' by Stevie Wonder. Michael said the instruments were used to their full potential and driven by Miles on bass guitar, resulting in a competent and funky musical arrangement between the instruments and vocalists. Other performers included Lucy J on the cornet, Hannah J on the drums, Imogen B on the flute and Jasmine playing the clarinet. The vocalists were Gabrielle and Imogen H.

Our third category was the House Song, which as Headmistress Claire Osborn explained, is fully inclusive since it embodies all pupils from Year 1 to Year 11, excluding a few swimmers who were away at a competition. We were firstly entertained by Warren performing 'Linger', and enjoyed a powerful performance on the drums by Damon which Michael said drove the song. Our Guest Judge also said the cohesive band demonstrated good song choice, participation and solid vocals. However, once again Connaught scooped the victory trophy in the most closely fought of all three categories. Michael singled out Veer on the drums, which gave the song a "unique flavour and solid rhythmic basis to the track". This was a crowd-pleaser with the dancers at the front from Years 1 and 2 adding an impressive energy and life to the performance.

After the winners were announced, Connaught House Captains, Miles and Eden, proudly collected four trophies, including an extra one for overall winner to round off a splendid start to an otherwise wet and gloomy Monday morning. We will now have to wait until next year to see whether Warren can fight back to reclaim some of the trophies!





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Macmillan Cancer Support Cake Sale

Our annual charity cake sale took place on Friday 28 September for Macmillan Cancer Support. Pupils were asked to bring in cakes that would be on sale at break time. Our pupils and parents were very generous and did not let us down, resulting in a lot of cakes to sell!

At break time the Early Years children came in to purchase their cakes first, then the Juniors and finally the Seniors. We made £560.17 for the charity! By the end of break we were left with only two trays of cakes. Pupils from the charity committee were excellent in organising this event and worked hard to sell as many cakes as possible in the time available.

The Charity Committee took the decision to donate the leftover cakes to The Spinney Care Home. Mrs Huxford and Mrs Houssain escorted Charity Committee representatives Alexa and Hamza (9K) to The Spinney. Staff there were delighted to see us and were very pleased to have the cakes for their residents. What a great day!



GCSE Presentation Evening

Normanhurst School was delighted to welcome back the class of 2018 to receive their GCSE certificates. The evening was an opportunity to celebrate the great achievements made by pupils in the summer exams. Two special awards were presented on the night to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work of, firstly, the pupil who made the best progress throughout their time at Normanhurst, and secondly, the pupil who achieved the strongest results. We were delighted to award Adam the pupil progress trophy, and Daniel Y the award for achievement. Congratulations to both of them!

The fantastic range of music for the evening was performed by the school orchestra and GCSE school band.

Following the presentation, pupils, families and staff had the opportunity to catch up on how pupils had settled into their new places of study and reminisce on their time at Normanhurst.



Year 10 GCSE Drama Trip

At the end of September the Year 10 Drama GCSE pupils of Normanhurst and Braeside Schools went to see Robert Alan Evans' new play, 'The Woods'. The play was a dark, absurdist piece, and explored motherhood and mental health. It was well reviewed, and Year 10 all spent a good deal of time debating the meaning of the play on the way home!

The play was held in the historic Royal Court Theatre, and the pupils got to experience new writing at a professional level.





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Year 9 Science Practicals

Year 9, who have started their GCSE curriculum, have been carrying out their first required practicals this term. Required practicals have been placed into the syllabus to replace controlled assessments, and pupils need to be prepared for these in their GCSE exams.

The first practical is Microscopy; pupils have to learn how to set up microscope slides and ensure they know how to use a microscope in order to calculate magnification.

Pupils in Year 9 have also investigated the effects of diffusion in Science this term. They added water to Skittles and watched how the colours diffused through the petri dish. They also investigated how the temperature of the water affected the rate of diffusion.

Everyone enjoyed the hands-on approach to learning in these practical lessons.



Year 7 PE Trip

On Tuesday 2 October the PE department took all of Year 7 to the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in the Olympic Park to see Great Britain vs Belgium in a hockey match. The match was commemorating Team GB's Gold in Seoul in 1988.

Pupils were excited to see some elite level hockey and were not disappointed. In a tight game, which Belgium won 3-2, pupils were amazed by the skills of the players on show. After the game they also got to see a hockey penalty shootout, which ran very differently to how they thought it would play out!

Outside of the match there were a number of stations and activities which pupils (and staff!) could take part in, including mini matches, a hockey style coconut shy and wall hockey. After this, pupils took a wander to the Velodrome where they had the chance to see some elite level athletes training on the indoor track. All pupils had a great day out and were a credit to the school!



ISA Regional Art Competition Success!

The Art department took a range of pupil work from the Year 6 to Year 11 classes of 2017-18 to the regional ISA art competition. The school ended up winning 5 prizes overall!

Tulsi was awarded the highly commended prize in the Key Stage 4 Photography category. There were four first place winners: the Year 6 class of 2017-18 won the group textiles category, Lucy M won the individual Textiles (non-fashion) category, Beth won the Drawing category and Sienna won the 2D Fine Art category. Well done everyone!





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Half Term Trip to France

"Over half term, 40 pupils from Years 7-11 went to the Opal Coast. We went to a boulangerie and made croissants, went to an aquarium (which was incredible), also we went to a sweet factory to make, and buy, sweets. My favourite part of the trip was going to the military cemetery at Étapes. There were thousands of graves from WW1 and it was very thought provoking to think that many of them were not much older than 18. The trip was great fun and also really useful to speak French in real life situations." **Thomas, 10R**



"The French trip was a trip of 4 days (3 nights). Personally I believe that I learnt a lot of French vocabulary and traditional culture from the well planned trip. There were 4 teachers that accompanied us and there were 40 students that went on this trip so we were divided into 4 groups in which we completed our activities. Our daily activities were always organised and we had action packed days when we were never left to boredom. For example, we went to an aquarium, the beach, a memorial, the market, a goats farm and many other places. We were constantly learning new French vocabulary, as we were asked to speak in French before and after every meal. Our guide Baky taught us new French words so that we could benefit from the trip. In my opinion the trip was very beneficial and fun as I hope to take French as one of my GCSE options if it is available." **Hamza, 9K**

Normanhurst Sports Report

PGL netball Weekend For the second year running two netball teams, one combining Years 7/8 and the other Years 9/10, travelled to East Sussex to stay at the Windmill Hill PGL Centre. They competed in a two day tournament run by England Netball. In between matches players could go and take part in 'queue and do' activities including giant swing, climbing, archery and obstacle course.



There were far more schools at the event this year which made the netball element more competitive, and Normanhurst rose to the challenge. 14 schools took part in the Years 7/8 category, which was split into two leagues of seven teams. Our team performed well and qualified in 5th place. On the Sunday morning, teams played matches according to a seeding worked out from the Saturday results. Normanhurst won all their matches to hold their position by the end of all the matches.

In the Years 10/11 age group there were ten teams split into two leagues of five. Normanhurst performed really well as we had a mixed Years 9/10 team playing up in the Years 10/11 age group.

The team really developed their tactics over the weekend and came together as a unit, working for each other. Their most impressive performance was against The Duke of York Military School. This team won the whole tournament and Normanhurst took an early lead in their game but were not quite able to secure a win, narrowly losing 9-8.



Everyone came home thoroughly exhausted, staff included. However, it was an excellent trip and we are looking forward to next year already. A big thanks to Mrs Botha for travelling with the team and being an excellent help all weekend.



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Normanhurst Sports Report continued

Table Tennis On Tuesday 16 October, we took teams of four Year 9 boys and three Year 9 girls to the Borough U16 Table Tennis competition. Both teams did fantastically well playing some great table tennis along the way. The girls came 1st overall in the whole borough so well done to Zara, Lucy and Sasha. The boys won 4/4 games in the group and 4/4 games in the quarter finals before they narrowly lost in the semi-finals to a very strong Norlington side. This meant that they were playing Buxton in the 3rd and 4th place play-off where they were edged out of 3rd by one point overall. Despite this, all pupils involved played superbly and can take huge pride in coming 4th in the borough, playing against pupils two years their senior!



Rugby Festival In the early weeks of term, Year 3 were learning new skills and rugby techniques in their PE lessons, in preparation for the Waltham Forest Rugby Festival which was held at George Monoux College on Tuesday 9 October. The children played really well in the festival and it was great to see all of the fantastic new skills they had learnt put into practice. **Leo** and **Kenya** said "It was nice to learn about a new sport and use the skills we learnt in our PE lessons".



ISA Swimming Gala On Monday 15 October the ISA London North Junior Swimming Gala took place at Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre. Races took place for boys and girls from Years 4, 5 and 6. 16 schools took part from all across the region including Oaklands and Coopersale Hall. The standard of swimming is always very impressive at this ISA event and lots of club swimmers take part trying to secure their place in the National finals held in December at the Olympic Pool in Stratford.

Normanhurst's swimmers did themselves proud and everyone swam with commitment and enthusiasm. Each race had two heats and swimmers had to wait for their time to see if they had won a medal. Some of our swimmers finished 2nd or 3rd in their heat but lost out on a medal due to the other heat being faster. The best result of the day came in the Year 4 breaststroke when Paige won a silver medal. Congratulations, it was an amazing effort in a technically difficult stroke!

Well done and thank you to everyone who swam.



Oak-Tree Football and Netball Tournament

On the morning of Friday 19 October children from Year 5 and 6 travelled to the Peter May Centre to take part in the annual Oak-Tree Football and Netball Tournament. Each school had a chance to play each other in both sports.

There was some excellent passing, defensive tackles and teamwork shown throughout the matches. Coopersale Hall managed to secure the winning position in Netball, however Normanhurst claimed the title in the Football Tournament!





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United World Schools Assembly

On Monday 5 November Mr Kim Sorenson from United World Schools came to Normanhurst to present an update on our paired school in Cambodia. He showed pupils slides and a video from the pupils and teachers in Pong Tek. United World Schools were very grateful for our contributions and continued support. The Charity Committee then handed a cheque for £1000 with the promise of support again for this year.



Normanhurst School Parents' Association

Dear Parents

Hard to believe that this is the Christmas term but there you go. Time marches on and it's quite apposite because the NSPA is also undergoing a transformation.



As a parent-run, voluntary organisation there is a natural changing of the guard as children (and their parents) pass through the school. This year, more than most, we will notice some big changes because a number of our group will be retiring at the end of this school year.

That means we need more parents to come onboard and help keep the NSPA running. We are a fun, diverse, friendly bunch who do what we can when we can.

Whether that's serving drinks on Sports Day, buying food for the BBQ, writing this newsletter or being a class rep, these are jobs that all need doing in order to successfully run both school and social events. It's parents like you that we need to do them.

So please do come along and meet us. We have a coffee morning at Belgique at 08.45 on 23 November and if you can't make that, on 26 November we'll be at the school from 7.15pm.

On another note, we have almost raised enough money to buy the iPads but to help us over the line, we have set up a community based fundraising page, so if you can't attend an event but would like to help, please visit: <https://rocket.fund/p/NSPAIPADFUND/> to make a donation.

Finally, please note the following dates in your diaries:

- 16 November - Rock N Roll Bingo - Fun quiz night served with chilli and drinks
- 23 November - Coffee morning at Belgique - meet the NSPA from 08.45am
- 26 November - NSPA evening meeting from 7.15pm
- 9 December - Winter walk to Connaught and back for mulled wine and nibbles
- 25 January - Phil the Bag; save all your unwanted clothes to help buy costumes for the Drama department
- 8 February - 'Hands in the Air' rave for Early Years to Year 3
- 24 March - Easter walk and egg hunt
- 18 May - The Oak-Tree Summer Ball (limited tickets)
- 22 June - The Summer BBQ

Thanks for reading.

The NSPA Committee