



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 19th: First Day of School after Mid-Term break
- 22nd: Parents Meeting - Year 11
- 24th: Golf Day
- 28th: Parents Meeting - Year 12 & 13
- 30th: Halloween Civvies Day and Bake Sale

NOVEMBER

- 2nd: Public Holiday: Arrival of Indentured Labourers
- 4th: Pre-Nursery: Let's Montessori*
- 6th: Cancer Awareness Civvies Day
- 11th: Pre-Nursery Conferences - No School for them
- 13th: Diwali Celebration
- 14th: Public Holiday: Diwali
- 18th: Pre-Nursery Open Day
- 20th: International Children's Day
- 25th: Parents' Consultation Day - Years 5&6

DECEMBER

- 2nd: Parents Meeting - Year 9
- Pre-Nursery: Let's Montessori*
- 4th: Children's House and Lower Primary: Report Day - No school for them*
- 9th: Pre-Nursery Christmas Outing*
- Primary Christmas Assembly
- 11th: End of Term 1 - Midday Closure
- 12-11th Jan: Christmas Break
- 25th: Public Holiday: Christmas Day



It has been a real pleasure to welcome our staff and students back to school this year after such a long time away. Seeing everyone walk through our gates with smiles on their faces, eager to teach and learn together again on our beautiful campus has been great motivation for us all. Perhaps this is why the first half of term seems to have whizzed by and that despite the various precautions and protocols that have been put in place, our school has been able to accomplish so much.

It has also been a pleasure for us all to welcome our new staff and students who have joined us so far this term. Some have had to wait much longer than planned to travel to Mauritius and start school, so we are especially happy that they are now able to settle in as part of our school community. We all look forward to many happy and fulfilling times together over the years ahead.

All of our students deserve great credit for the way they have settled back into their academic programmes at school with dedication and success, as evidenced from our older students' recent mid-term reports and exam grade sheets, as well as the positive feedback the Heads of School are receiving about our younger students' progress. I am very proud that we also have seen

such full engagement in the wider aspects of learning at our school through sport, clubs, volunteer work and other activities. You will see from this issue of our newsletter that quite a lot has been happening!

"All of our students deserve great credit"

Northfields has a tradition of setting high expectations for ourselves, and I am proud that this spirit has not been hampered by challenge or uncertainty. Our teachers, students and parents continue to work towards excellence in their teaching, learning, participation and support, and I am confident that we can look forward to another outstanding year ahead.

Phyllis Philogène
Principal



SRC REPRESENTATIVES

During the first week of September, the Northfields SRC for 2020/2021 was elected by their peers. Two members from each class were elected to represent their form groups this year.

The new SRC met for the first time on Thursday and elected their President and Vice president.

Michael D. was elected as the President of the SRC and Kate V. as the Vice President.

The Executive committee for 2020/2021 is:

Michael D. - Year 13

Kate V. - Year 11

Julia G. - Year 11

Janika J. - Year 10

Benjamin H. - Year 12

We would like to congratulate our SRC and wish them well with the task at hand this year.



TEACHERS' DAY

On the 6th October, Northfields students brought gifts for all staff as a token of their appreciation on Teachers' Day. Our staff would like to thank the students and their parents for this great initiative.

"On behalf of the students, we are extremely grateful and we appreciate all the hard work our teachers and staff members has provided us with. We are grateful for their positivity and patience they have for us. We also thank all staff around the school whether its the gardeners, cleaners, security staff or canteen ladies, they have all taught us something along the way. We wish all staff members of the school a happy teachers day!"

Vanisha M. (Year 12H)



EVENTS

CLEAN UP LAUNCHING CEREMONY

Northfields had the immense pleasure of welcoming members of the Let's Do It Mauritius team for the launching ceremony of the School Clean-up Campaign and the National Song Writing Competition.



Our students amazed our guests and staff by showcasing their talents through poetry, dance and artistic expression. Due to COVID restrictions only Class Captains, Eco-leaders and Prefects had the chance to witness the event in the hall.



The whole event however was broadcast live in classrooms through Teams for our entire student population. The ceremony was a great platform to bring home a very important message on saving our planet and how we can all play a part.

The National Song Writing Competition will be a wonderful opportunity for our artistic students to showcase their musical ability. The winner of this competition will get the opportunity to have his/her song produced by an international music producer.



FOREST CLEAN UP

The Saturday 19th September cleanup at Darutty Forest was a resounding success!



Parents, students and staff joined forces for a good cause: cleaning our environment. We are extremely proud of our community and the impact it had on our environment.



This year we were lucky to pair up with Green Impact who allowed us to recycle all plastics, metals and glass collected.

A big thank you to everyone who participated.



PREP SCHOOL EXHIBITION DAY



A great day was had by all on the 7th October 2020. The Year 5 and 6 learners had an opportunity to show off all their hard work for Humanities.

The Year 5 learners delighted us with their display of Ancient Greece posters, incredible Greek food, from olives and feta to hummus and Tzatziki and pita breads.

They also had some entertaining games and fun photo opportunities.



The Year 6 learners took us on a journey through China in the Shang Dynasty period. The clever, well presented games and activities had many laughing and taking crazy "selfies" of themselves. The Chinese food was incredible and they served some delicious tea. They particularly enjoyed sharing their dioramas with their parents. All the learners had a huge amount of fun dressing up and sharing this day with friends and family. Thank you to all the parents for their help and for enjoying the day with us.



UNESCO TRIP - ECOLE MERE THERESA

The Year 12 students Vidya N. and Loic R. from UNESCO Club represented Northfields in the visit to Ecole Mere Theresa located at Roche Bois. Reaching there at 09:30, our students helped the volunteers present to set up the games room at the school. They also interacted with the primary and nursery students as well as the management of the school on how they could collaborate moving forward. They also visited the home care and spent quality time with the elderly.

Moreover, they met with Mr. Parasuramen who worked as the UNESCO representative in Mauritius and is also an ex-Minister of Arts, Culture, Education, and Sciences. Mr. Parasuramen will be setting up a project with the CAS students which will aim to help the school and the home care.



ALUMNI TALK

On Thursday 24th September Northfields alumni, class of 2019, Thomas and Clement visited the school to share their gap year experience on Quest Africa with the current Sixth Form. They described what was obviously a profound learning experience where they engaged in a number of specialised areas which fostered among other things, team work, skills development and understanding of self. We thank them for sharing their story and wish them the very best as they move on to their undergraduate studies. Thomas will be studying LLB at Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas - 'Sorbonne-Assas International Law School' at Uniciti here in Mauritius. Clement shall be attending the University of Plymouth, UK to study a BA in Business Management.



PRIMARY ART AND MUSIC

During the first half of the term the Lower Primary students worked hard in Art classes. They learnt about the warm and cool colours. They had to design their own drawing inspired by some examples shown on the whiteboard.



In music, they worked on an activity called "mirror, mirror, follow me". The students worked in pairs. They had to listen and move to music following the correct rhythm. The partner had to move the same way, but in reverse, as though the other partner was a mirror.



ROALD DAHL DAY

Our young students had a 'whizzpopping' day on Friday 11 September. The occasion? The celebration of a great author - Roald Dahl.

There were Matildas, Fantastic Mr. Foxes, Willy Wonkas, Grand High Witches and even more roaming the corridors of the school. Great fun was had by all - even the teachers came to school dressed as some of Roald's wonderfully wacky book characters.



Roald Dahl would have been 104 this year, on Sunday 13 September. He lives on through the creative and funny stories he wrote to inspire a love of reading in children across the world.

PEACE DAY

In honour of the United Nation's International Day of Peace, our Pre-Nursery participated in some of the Peace Day Challenge as part of Acts of Peace. As we got into our morning routine, our students arrived dressed in their peace colours of blue and white. Our students took the day in their stride. What we got up to:

- Singing International Peace Day Song
- Complimenting our friends with kindness and singing "I love you"
- Hugging our big tree outside
- Participating in some yoga outside
- Being kind to a bird that fell out off the tree from the strong wind. We all looked after it and later watched the bird fly away when it was strong enough.

We ended the day with some dancing and all made a dove of peace, symbolizing our blessed Peace Day at school.



FOUNDERS' DAY

We celebrated the end of the first half term with our annual Founders Day celebration- Northfields' opportunity to recognise and thank our students and staff who have contributed positively to the school over the past year.



We were sad to not be able to hold the celebrations with our usual pomp, in the presence of our whole school community, due to social distancing measures in place. However, thanks to the wonders of technology, the whole school community joined us remotely from their classrooms to celebrate the many achievements across the past year, in academics, sporting and cultural events.

It was a great pleasure to welcome our Guest of Honour, Mr Paul Choy and so many other parents and guests on the day. Mr Choy, renowned photographer and documentary writer had fascinating experiences to share with our students- experiences which will have no doubt inspired them to go out and discover what the world has to offer and continue to develop their sense of international mindedness, an ideal we strive to promote here at Northfields.



We also celebrated the 10-year milestone of two of our long serving members of staff, Mrs Burtenshaw and Mrs Swaney, who were presented with a small token of appreciation on behalf of the school for their dedicated years of service.

Celebrating our achievements with you all was a brilliant way to end the

half term and we hope it has encouraged many to work hard and aim for excellence in this new academic year. Congratulations again to all our winners on the day- your achievements have indeed been motivating and inspiring!



BEST IN YEAR

Year 7

1st: Laetitia L. - 2nd: Flavia L.
- 3rd: Paloma L.

Year 8

1st: Aaryan J. - 2nd: Isabella C.
- 3rd: Nikita L.

Year 9

1st: Emmy N. - 2nd: Esme M.
- 3rd: Suryansh B.

Year 10

1st: Rhea R. - 2nd: Jill H. - 3rd: Shiv N.

Year 12 IB:

1st: Kenza P. - 2nd: Ines I. - 3rd: Marius L.

Year 12 AS and A Level:

1st: Hassan D. - 2nd: Tom B & Dillon S.



IGCSE Examination Results

1st: Lucas L. - 2nd: Venisha C. & Uliana D.
- 3rd: Rayan G.

IB Examination Results

1st: Kayla B - 2nd: Zakiyyah N. & Leo E.
- 3rd: Janine J.

AS & A-Level Examination Results

1st: Aislin C. & Aurelie T. - 2nd: Mihir B. -
3rd: Aashika C. & Alexandra V.

COMMENDABLE PROGRESS

Year 7 - Wenjun Z.

Year 8 - Francesco G.

Year 9 - Kimberley V.

Year 10 - Sydney A. & Jenna R.

On Tuesday 13th October 2020, our students gladly came back to school for a Career's Awareness workshop led by 2 specialists in the field, David and Francoise White from WWA Training. Students were given an opportunity to discover their overall dominant learning mode, multiple intelligences and emotions as well as discovering their personality and occupational interests. It was a really interesting and fun filled morning with plenty of activities. Thank you to WWA Training for offering this unique learning opportunity.

**ICE CERTIFICATES - MAY 2020**

Nyeshka B. - Tegan C. - Amber F. -
 Rebecca F. - Rayyaan J. - Lucas L.
 Louis Esaie M. - Catherine L. - Vidya
 N. - Amir O. - Iléana P. - Clémence P. -
 Sebastien W.

DOE CERTIFICATES

Anshi B. - Rayyaan J. - Kovishen
 P. - Oceane S. - Morgane B. - Amir
 O. - Ileana P. - Tristan T. - Venisha C. -
 Rebecca F. - Catherine L. - Vanisha M.
 - Amber F. - Jade G. - Tegan C. - Vic-
 toria F. - Vidyagauri N. - Musharraf M.

IGCSE RESULTS- BEST IN SUBJECT

Morgane B: Geography
 Louka B: English as Second Language
 Seyyorn C: Global Perspectives
 Venisha C: Literature in English
 Victoria F: Design and Technology
 Jade G: First Language French &
 Foreign Language Spanish
 Rayan G: Business Studies & First
 Language English
 Benjamin H: History
 Raivan H: Mathematics & Additional
 Mathematics
 Lucas L: Biology, Chemistry, Physical
 Education & Physics
 Jayendra M: Environmental Management
 Amir O: Economics & ICT
 Clemence P: Art and Design & Drama
 Tristan T: Foreign Language French

A-LEVELS EXAMINATION RESULTS:**BEST IN SUBJECT**

Yousouf B: Computer Science
 Aislin C: Biology
 Aashika C: History
 Britt H: Geography
 Caitlin L: French
 Haarsh L: Information Technology
 Tristan S: Art and Design & English
 Language
 Aurelie T: Chemistry, Mathematics &
 Physics
 Alexandra V: Business, Economics &
 Global Perspectives and Research

IB EXAMINATIONS RESULTS:**BEST IN SUBJECT**

Kayla B: French B, ESS, Business
 Management & Geography
 Leo E: English A, Economics, Physics &
 Theory of Knowledge
 Janine J: History, Extended Essay &
 English A Literature
 Oscar L: English B, French A Language
 and Literature, Chemistry &
 Mathematics
 Alina M: French B & Mathematics S.
 Marcus N: French B Initio & Biology
 Zakiyyah N: English A Literature, History,
 Biology, Chemistry & Mathematics
 Alexander V: Physics

SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS**Year 7**

Male: Stanislas L | Female: Briseis J.

Year 8

Male: Jonas D. | Female: Taylor A.

Year 9

Male: Samuel S. | Female: Sofia P.

Year 10

Male: Finn M. | Female: Jill H.

Year 11

Male: William L. | Female: Clemence P.

Year 12

Male: Michael M. | Female: Kenza P.

Year 13

Male: Roméo P. | Female: Aurélie T.

Junior Overall Sportsman: Samuel S.

Junior Overall Sportswoman: Sofia P.

Senior Overall Sportsman: Finn M.

Senior Overall Sportswoman: Jill H.

Junior Sports Personality Boy: Howard B.

Junior Sports Personality Girl: Ines E.

Senior Sports Personality Boy: CJ W.

Senior Sports Personality Girl: Jade G.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Leadership Cup: CJ W.

Service Award: Ines I.

Cultural Award: Caroline L.

Yvon Emile Cup: Rebecca F.

Northfields Cup: Hassan D.

Overall Top Ten: Dillon S.

NEW STAFF**HELEN KEETARUT**

Mrs Keetarut has joined us as our new Library Resource Officer. She has settled in extremely well and has already set up our new Library and helped us to foster a healthy culture of reading and research across the school.

**JAYSHREE BABAJEE**

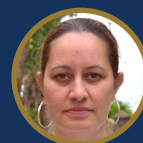
Ms Babajee has joined our Mathematics and IT faculty as our new maths teacher. She holds a BSc in Mathematics as well as a PGCE. She joined us in August with 7 years of teaching experience.

**KERYN THYSSEN**

Mrs Thyssen has joined the school as our new Year 6 teacher. Keryn holds a BSc (hons) in Counselling Psychology, holds a PGCE and has more than 15 years of experience in teaching abroad and in Mauritius.

**FABIENNE RIVIÈRE**

Mrs Riviere has joined the Year 5 and 6 team as our new teaching assistant. She has more than 9 years of teaching experience and previously worked at Ecole du centre, MEP and Martine Ecolette.

**HANÉ VISSER**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Hané Visser as our new teacher in the Nursery Section. Mrs Visser has a Bachelor in Education in Early Childhood Development. Prior to coming to Mauritius, Mrs Visser taught in South Africa and has more than 10 years of experience.



INTERHOUSE TENNIS

Interhouse tennis took place during the beginning of Term 1 and it was a great turn out! Players signed up and went through a qualifying round where we had to narrow the team down to three players for the doubles format. Most of the matches were very close and as a result there was only one point difference between the winning team and second place. With that being said the final results were as follows:

1. Phoenix
2. Eagles
3. Dolphins

Well done to all those who participated and congratulations to the Phoenix team:

Seniors: Jill, Kate, Sydney, Lucas, Samuel and Finn.
Juniors: Taylor, Annabelle, Sonia, Chadd, Jose and Thomas.



CROSS COUNTRY

The Interhouse Cross Country event took on a slightly different format this year due to the pandemic. Students competed during their PHE lessons and not as a whole school event as is usually the case.

Times were taken and compared to students in other classes but in the same age categories. The races were still extremely competitive and the house spirit was still highly evident, even with the reduced numbers. Perseverance and determination were the order of the day and we really proud of every athlete for giving their all.

Congratulations to Dolphins on winning the competition, closely followed by Phoenix and Eagles. The girl's category could not have been closer and resulted in a three-way tie.

The final results were as follows:

1. Dolphins
2. Phoenix
3. Eagles



CONGRATULATIONS

SOVEREIGN ART FOUNDATION

Congratulations to Océane. Her painting "XIX" is a finalist for this year's Sovereign Art Foundation Students Art Prize, Mauritius. A cash reward will be given to the artist's school as well as to the artist with the most votes as the winner of the Public Vote Prize.



ESU PUBLIC-SPEAKING



We were pleased that after qualifying for the semi-finals, Erin H. also made it to the finals of the ESU Public Speaking competition, where she will compete against the best speakers from Mauritius. Over the last few weeks, Erin worked diligently to deliver her speech. She was tasked with recording and uploading her speech and after viewing all videos, Erin has now been selected among eight Finalists in Mauritius by various judges, for the second stage of the competition. The videos will now be judged by another team of judges and results will be announced on Tuesday 27th October 2020. As such Erin, has been invited to a prestigious event; she will attend the Prize-giving ceremony which will be held on Tuesday 27th October 2020 at Shagrila Restaurant, in Curepipe. We are all incredibly proud of her success and will be keeping our fingers crossed for her!

INTERHOUSE BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL

Interhouse basketball (boys) and football (girls) took place on Thursday 8th October. Students participated in their year groups to include as many participants as possible.



The weather played along and conditions on the day were perfect. The excitement was tangible as teams contested for interhouse cup glory. As expected, the matches were tough, close knit affairs with a single goal or a few points invariably separating teams.



Congratulations to all participants and a special thank you to the High School boys who refereed the football matches and to the YUT coaches who officiated the basketball matches.

The final results were as follows:

Interhouse basketball

1. Dolphins
2. Phoenix
3. Eagles

Best Junior player: Dimitri D.
Best Senior player: Michael M.

Interhouse Football

1. Eagles
2. Phoenix
3. Dolphins

Best Junior player: Jessica S.
Best Senior player: Ines E.

