



NORTHFIELDS NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



It has been a real pleasure seeing our first half term this year pass with such a variety of events and opportunities for our students to shine academically and through a wide range of activities.

One aspect I am particularly proud of is our school community's dedication to helping others in need. We have held several events already this year in support of charities, not least of which being our recent Mr and Miss Northfields competition, where we have been able to raise a substantial amount for donation to SOS Children's Village, Mauritius. It is very good to see that we can come together for such worthy causes while at the same time appreciating the many talents of our students here at Northfields.

I am also pleased to see that overall, our students have shown substantial progress this term in their studies and for the most part have achieved encouraging mid-term grades as a result of their efforts. I encourage them all to continue aiming to improve as we complete the term, especially our Year 10 and 12 students who will be sitting their first examinations in just a few weeks' time.

Balancing a strengthened focus on academics with our ongoing appreciation and participation in sporting and cultural events that enrich our students lives and those of our community remains an important goal for us at Northfields.

With that in mind, I do hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter, in which we share just some of the many good things happening every day at our school.

Phyllis Philogène
Head of School

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome our newest employees who joined us recently:



Chelyn Giddey,
Geography and Science Teacher

Chelyn is our newly appointed Geography and Science Teacher who previously worked in Korea and South Africa as a teacher. She has recently relocated to Mauritius with her husband.

Sanjeev Cunsaper, Maths Teacher

Sanjeev has more than 5 years of experience as a Maths and Physics Teacher both nationally and internationally. He is well versed with the Cambridge Curriculum and IB Diploma Programme.



Sheena Kishnasamy, School Nurse

Sheena has more than 7 years of experience in the Nursing field and has worked with children with various backgrounds in the UK. Sheena will be working closely with the Heads of School from a nursing perspective as well as providing counselling sessions to our students as required.



Portia Farjon, Executive Assistant

Portia has more than 20 years of working experience in Mauritius and Poland. As an Executive Assistant, Portia will be supporting the Heads of School with their daily management duties.



Kishan Chowbay, Accountant Clerk

Kishan has more than 2 years of experience in the accounting field. Our newly appointed Account Clerk will be working with the Accounts Department to support Northfields and its subsidiaries.



Emilie d'Alfort, House Assistant

Emilie is currently studying at CTI and was a previous Northfields student. She will be working as a House Assistant in the Boarding House.



INTERHOUSE GIRLS FOOTBALL

A lot of improvement has been seen in the level of girls' football, although the younger year groups are still learning the rules and skills of the game and often find it difficult to control their enthusiasm once the whistle goes.

Yr 5&6 made a huge effort in all their matches and some were able to put into practice what they have learnt. Each match had at least 1 goal scored with Mila from Dolphins being the top scorer. Most importantly there was good team spirit throughout and all teams walked away with a smile.

For Yr 7 there was a lot of following the ball around the field rather than actual football being played, but they all seemed to enjoy their games. For Dolphins Tatiana and Kiara worked together in attack and had a few shots at goal. For Phoenix Sofia and Amy dribbling their way up and down the field, but were unable to get any decent shots on goal. Eagles had a strong defence with Tara clearing the ball every chance she got and Maelle was fearless in goal when it came to diving down to save the ball. There were no goals scored amongst the Yr 7s but fighting spirit was definitely shown.

In Yr 8 Dolphins and Phoenix played some really nice football, with great attacking play between Sarah and Victoria for Dolphins and Jill, Krystina, Celeste and Sydney for Phoenix, but with great goal keeping for Eagles by Calypso and defence by Lucie, neither team were able to score. In the end it was Eagles who came out winners after a lucky break in the last minutes of the final game when Ilona played a lovely ball through the defence for Laetitia to score.

Yr 9s showed a much better understanding of positional play and there was a nice flow to the games, all of which were closely contested. However, in the end, it was Eagles who came out on top scoring 2 goals against Dolphins and one against Phoenix. Tireless chasing and harassing by Clemence was one of the main reasons for their success, although Jasmine, Victoria and Amber also played well. The Phoenix powerhouse was Maria who scored their only goal of the games, linking up well with Oceane and Victoire to make some great forward runs and when the play broke down they had Shana on hand to clear the danger. Dolphins were very unlucky not to earn any points, as they had many shots on goal from Robyn, Fleur and Jade who were constantly attacking but just unable to break down the

defence or the good goal keeping by Vanisha and Eshwari.

In Yr 10 Eagles were the strongest team, Dolphins the most discipline and Phoenix the bravest. For Eagles Nikita, Maddie, Caroline and Leonie were a strong attacking force who relentlessly put pressure on their oppositions goal scoring 4 goals in all. Dolphins and Phoenix drew their game 1-1 with goals from Kenza and Arissa. For Dolphins Eliane was very much in control every time she had the ball and although Phoenix played their hearts out they did so as individuals and not as a team

Yr 11 Dolphins, with new student Zak joining ranks with Roxy and Kayla B, were a true fighting force and they completely overpowered Phoenix in the first game winning by 3 goals to Nil. Phoenix picked themselves up in the next game against Eagles, with Janine working tirelessly in both attack and defence, but intelligent play by Lin in defence prevented them from scoring and Eagles won 2-0 with goals from Aashika and Aurelie. The final game between Dolphins and Eagles was a much stronger affair with end to end action and both teams had chances to score. However, it all came down to a great goal by girl of the tournament, Zak who scored to seal their win.

The matches between the older girls were a very tight affair with the teams winning a game each and all teams coming away with three points.

The highlight of the games was the performance between Pip, Kayla M and Kimberley of Phoenix. They worked amazing well together and it was their combined efforts that led to the best goal of the whole tournament. However, a mention must be said about the defensive work of both Eagles and Dolphins led by Sophia and Mari, who kept Phoenix from running riot.

1st EAGLES
2nd DOLPHINS
3rd PHOENIX



INTERHOUSE BASKETBALL



This year we changed the format of the basketball inter-house competition to ensure more student participation. Each year group (apart from 5/6 and 12/13 who were combined) competed separately for the Basketball Inter-House cup.

The matches were highly competitive and played in excellent spirit with no one house dominating throughout. The quality of basketball was outstanding as the skills which had been taught during PE classes were certainly evident.

The final results were as follows:

1. Phoenix 15 points
2. Dolphins 14 points
3. Eagles 13 points

Congratulations to Phoenix on their narrow victory as well as to all the participants who contributed to a successful and enjoyable week of Interhouse basketball.



HUMANITIES EXHIBITION DAY



On the 11th of October, our Year 5 and Year 6 students hosted their Humanities Exhibition Day.

The Year 5's had just completed their unit on the ancient Greeks and all came to school dressed in togas. They brought along some traditional Greek food like olive bread, feta cheese and tzatziki to share with their classmates. We held a mini Olympics and the Athenians and Spartans competed against each other in egg-and-spoon races and water balloon shot-put.

The Year 6's had just completed their unit on the Shang Dynasty. They all came to school in traditional Chinese dress and they shared delicious Chinese food like dumplings, fried rice and noodles. They were invited to participate in the Ancient Greek Olympics with the Athenians and Spartans of Year 5.

A wonderful day was had by all and we were so impressed with the effort made by students and parents to create interesting and inventive costumes.

MR AND MISS NORTHFIELDS

Our Mr and Miss Northfields competition was a great hit on Friday 27th October 2017. Students, friends and families arrived in great numbers for an evening of funky frolic fun!

Contestants presented a dance item each; they were then dressed in costumes using recycled products, followed by a talent item and lastly with questions from the judges.

Congratulations to our winners:

Prince: Louis

Princess: Robyn

Mr Northfields: Rikard

Miss Northfields: Leah

The auction show was a real success and we are so happy to have raised a significant amount of money for the SOS Village children.

Thank you to Miss Charlotte and team for all their hard work. And a big thank you to our hosts: Clément, Domenico and Hugo.

It was a great evening indeed!



DIVALI CELEBRATION



A wonderful Divali celebration took place on the 13th October. The Year 5 students decorated the diyas while the older students helped doing the rangolis outside of the hall. The ceremony was full of colour and amazing performances. There were two musical acts performed by Sarah, Yr 8, and Vidya, Yr 10. Also we had stunning dance shows from Yr 7 Danai, Nefertari and Sofia, and Yr 8 Laetitia, Victoria, Hannah, Elisyo, Axelle and Honisha. For the second year in a row, the Yr 13 had put together a dance (choreographed by Mr Gopaul), and this year the teachers also decided to join the celebration and performed a beautiful dance (choreographed by Mrs Manikum) that all the students really enjoyed. The celebration ended with our traditional fashion show that always reaches the same success. Many thanks to our great MCs: Sophia, Tayla and Adliti

JUNIOR LEADERS

We are pleased to announce that Junior Leaders for Prep and Middle School were nominated this month. Huge congratulations to the following students:

Prep School: Sydney, Amira, Matthew, Krystina, Sia, Jayden, Tayyibah and Sarah.

Middle School: Kovishen, Catherine, Saphia, Olivia, Arissa, Victoria, Dillon, Sarah, Kayla and Rikard;

Junior Leaders will be working in close proximity with Sixth Form prefects. We congratulate all those students who were nominated today and look forward to their contribution to the school community.



CAMPS

Our students have embarked on a series of exciting camps so far this year. The camp experience offers our students valuable opportunities to develop their teamwork skills, appreciate nature and discover more about their strengths outside the campus setting. Camp also is a time to have fun with classmates, build friendships and create lasting memories!



YEAR 10

Day 1: I was really looking forward to camp this year, having been to Domaine de la Grave before. After an eventful bus ride, we arrived at 9am and set up our tents. This in itself was a challenge for some of us; an abrupt start to our camping experience. After unrolling our sleeping bags, we were all divided into four teams: Green, Yellow, Black and Red. I was one out of twelve people on the Green team, and had the pleasure of being the team leader!

"Dizzy kick" started the activities, getting dizzy and aiming for goal is not as easy as it sounds! However, the biggest challenge of the whole camp was cooking spaghetti on an open fire. Each team had to cook their own pasta and it was judged on tastiness and speed of delivery. Unfortunately, my team lost badly. Special credit to Mrs Canakiah and Mrs Maunikum, our chefs extraordinaire! After barely touching our disastrous meal, our team along with the three others, set off on the amazing race around the grounds of Domaine de la Grave! With only a compass and a map to guide us, this activity presented yet another challenging experience. After coming second in the challenge, it was time for dinner and dancing. By far the most enjoyable, relaxing time of the day!

Day 2: At 8.30 we set off on an eight hour hike across the national parks, the dams and along the road. At approximately mid-day, we arrived at the park and were served fried rice for lunch. After resting there for an hour, we headed back to camp. It was so interesting to see all the wonderful sights and sounds of the great outdoors. The beautiful scenery along with the singing birds gave an exquisite picture of the Mauritian landscape, along with the native flora

and fauna. After dinner, it was time to have some fun around the campfire. Together we sat down, talked and roasted marshmallows. The crisp evening air seemed to fade away by the warmth of the fire.

Day 3: By morning, we were all refreshed and ready to enjoy our last activity: Capture the ribbon. In order to succeed, strategy and speed were required. Luckily for me, the green team won! Shortly after celebrating our success, we returned back to camp and had morning tea. Before we knew it, it was time to pack our tents away and roll up our sleeping bags. We were later served lunch and told the final results: the yellow team won overall, with a total of just 5 points ahead of our team. It was sad to leave camp. I would like to say a huge thank you to the teachers, our guides, and the staff at Domaine de la Grave for making our camp experience as wonderful as last year. I speak on behalf of the whole of Year 10 by saying that we had an epic time at camp this year.

Tom Burton- Yr 10V



YEAR 9

The Year 9 students had a fulfilling camp at Domaine de Lagrave just before the midterm break. After arriving on Wednesday, they were divided into teams and each team decided on a team name, a captain and a war cry. As the camp progressed these teams competed against

one another with "fill the bottle", "dizzy kick" and hilarious games and sketches hosted by the teachers. On Thursday it was off to the mountain where the entire Year 9 class hiked up Mount de Lagrave. The hike was tough; but the view was worth every step and every slip. The evening activity was "Year 9's got talent" and we were entertained by various performances. Unfortunately, all fun and games must come to an end and after the final battle of "Les Quatre Bras" on Friday we ended the camp with a prize giving. Victoria's Red Team was victorious in the end and received their trophy.

Mrs Marlize Visser



YEAR 6

The Year 6 camp was a true adventure. The weather was wonderful and allowed the learners to enjoy a short hike which was followed by doing obstacle courses. The learners bonded as they competed against each other in challenges and activities like general knowledge, musical chairs, war cries, defending their team ribbons and dance battles. They were enthusiastic and enjoyed being out in nature.

Mrs Tebogo Maneli



YEAR 5

Last week, the Year 5's went on their first ever camp. Everyone was very excited to board the bus on Monday and arrived at Domaine de Lagrave to some very rainy weather. We were stuck inside the whole of the first day but had lots of fun playing teambuilding games. The next day saw some sunny weather come our way and we were finally able to explore the mountain. We started with a 3km walk and followed that with some outdoor games. Lots of fun was had by all.

Mrs Laura Nixon

FOUNDERS' DAY



Founders' Day was celebrated in great pomp as per the Northfields tradition on Friday 6th October 2017. Students were recognised for their wonderful academic achievements as well as their sporting and cultural talents. We also had three excellent performances by Aidan for a poem recital, a short story by Jayden and a song by Saphia and Aaron. Our guest of honour this year was Mr Robin Mardemootoo, Attorney-at-Law and founder of SPEAK. A number of special nominations were awarded on the day to staff and students which makes our Founders' Day ever so special. Congratulations to all of our prize winners:

Academic Awards

Year 7

1st – Louis M. - Joint 2nd – Diotime P. and Ilona K.
3rd – Krystina K.

Year 8

1st – Robyn A. - 2nd – Maria F. - 3rd – Amber F.

Year 9

1st: Kushy Chuttoo - 2nd: Tom Burton -
3rd: Hassan Duffaydar

Year 10

1st: Aislin C. - 2nd: Aashika C. - 3rd: Aurelie T.

Year 12 IB

1st: Elise S. - 2nd: Yasmine J. - 3rd: Candice P.

Year 12 AS and A Level

1st: Shankaren M. - 2nd: Jonathan T. - 3rd: Rohan T.

IGCSE Examination Results

1st: Rohan T. - 2nd: Megan A. - 3rd: Domenico S.

Special Commendation: Habiba S. for Outstanding IGCSE Examination Performance.

IB Examination Results

1st: Christopher P. - 2nd: Liam B. - 3rd: Ryo J.

AS & A-Level Examination Results

1st: Sakshi P. - 2nd: Saakshee R. - 3rd: Grace T.

Commendable progress:

Yr 7 – Sacha P. - Yr 8 – Amir O. - Yr 9 – Sarah Vallet
Yr 10 – Tein M.

ICE Certificates- May 2017

Firas D- Georgianna G.- Jasmine H.- Kayla M.- Sacha P.- Michael P.- Hugo P.- Adam S.- Habiba S.

IB Diploma

Liam B.- Ryo J.*- Alban L.*- Francois M.*- Christopher P.*- Yael S.*

* Bilingual Diploma

IGCSE RESULTS - BEST IN SUBJECT

Art and Design: Jasmine H

Biology: Megan A.

Business Studies & Design and Technology: Thomas E.

Chemistry, History, ICT & Physics: Habiba S.

Economics: Jordan M.

First Language English: Leah C.

English as a Second Language: Hugo P.

Environmental Management & Geography: Kayla M.

First Language French: Rohan T.

Foreign Language French & Literature: Adam S.

Mathematics: Alexis L.

Physical Education: Millie B.

IB EXAMINATION RESULTS – BEST IN SUBJECT

Visual Arts: Yael S.

Business Management & English B (joint): Alban L.

Chemistry & ESS: Francois M.

English A, French A, History (joint), Mathematics,

Physics & Geography: Christopher P.

French B & History (joint): Liam B.

Biology: Ryo J.

English B (joint): Matteo S.

A-LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS – BEST IN SUBJECT

Biology & Chemistry: Grace T.

Business & Economics: Sakshi P.

Physics & Advanced Information Technology: Irfan C.

French: Florian L.

Geography & History: Luc L.

Mathematics: Saakshee R.

English: Alexandre V.

SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Yr 7- MALE: Sebastian K. / FEMALE: Jenna R.

Yr 8- MALE: William L. / FEMALE: Uliana D.

Yr 9- MALE: Malcom D. / FEMALE: Arissa D.

Yr 10- MALE: Noah G. / FEMALE: Aurélie T.

Yr 11- MALE: Stéphane D. / FEMALE: Millie B.

Yr 12- MALE: Hugo W. / FEMALE: Hannah B.

Yr 13- MALE: Liam B. / FEMALE: India S.

Junior Overall Sportsman: William L.

Junior Overall Sportswoman: Jenna R.

Senior Overall Sportsman: Liam B.

Senior Overall Sportswoman: Aurelie T.

Junior Sports Personality Boy: Dillon S.

Junior Sports Personality Girl: Maria F.

Senior Sports Personality Boy: Haashim D.

Senior Sports Personality Girl: Roxanna N.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Leadership Cup – Cynan C.

Service Award – Yaadav R.

Cultural Award – Max R.

Yvon Emile Cup – CJ W.

Northfields Cup – Shankaren M.

Overall Top Ten – Cyrus P.



On Thursday, 12th October, we were very pleased to welcome the British Council Director, Tris Bartlett, and their Projects Officer, Hafiza Jepaul, for a Mini-University Fair from 12:30 – 15:30 here at school.

It was a wonderful opportunity to receive personalised attention about some practical information about courses, accommodation, scholarships as well as visa and language requirements from the representatives from five UK universities:

- The University of Buckingham
- Nottingham Trent University
- Canterbury Christ Church University
- University of Central Lancashire
- British Council: Teaching Centre & Exams, and
- Local UK Visa & Immigration representatives

There were many interested students who attended and took this opportunity to ask their first questions towards embarking on an interesting course of study. We were thrilled to see a few parents join us for this event as well.

We now look forward to hosting our next Uni-Fair on the 23rd November, when we will be welcoming representatives from nearly 30 universities located around the world.



IB GROUP 4 PROJECT



The purpose of the group 4 project is to introduce students to the idea that research in science is a group activity performed by teams. This year the group comprised 13 IB and A-level students who carried out an investigation on Bras D'Eau ecosystems. On the first day, students measured wind speed with an anemometer (which they had constructed in the lab) and explored the biodiversity of the forest of Bras D'Eau. They also calculated the concentration of oxygen and nitrates in a lake through the collection of different samples of water. On the second day, students repeated the same experimental procedures with sam-

ples at the coastal region near Bras D'Eau. On the final day a presentation was held where students brilliantly discussed their analyses, comparisons, findings and conclusions.

Mr. M. Gopaul (Group 4 Coordinator)



MERAKI PRESENTATION



The Meraki Entrepreneurs Programme has been designed this year for the senior students of Northfields International High School. Jason Barr and Evan Hurwitz brought the course to life with the aim of inspiring our students to go out and become the leading entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

Throughout the duration of the nine-week course, with the help of various experienced and successful guest speakers, we worked on developing innovative ideas that would bring our business concepts to life. The course included an entertaining and engaging four weeks of theory lessons that covered what Jason and Evan truly believed the role of an entrepreneur to be, gifting us with their knowledge and experience which would help us to conjure our own business ideas.

The next five weeks were focused on the de-

velopment of our ideas. With the close guidance and counsel from our mentors, we were able to actively identify needs in society and constructively find solutions to those needs in an ethical and sustainable way.

At the end of those nine weeks, five groups presented their ideas in front of parents, teachers, students and the panel of judges which consisted of various influential figures in their individual professions in Mauritius. Despite the extreme competition and display of creative ideas and diverse business models, there could only be one winner to receive the prize of 50,000 Rupees. This team brands itself as Alleviation with a plan that revolves around offering better services to the working population of Mauritius.

Meraki has been an eye-opening experience with the aim of inspiring young entrepreneurs to continue to be innovative and determined and all students of Northfields can benefit from participating in this enlightening and engaging programme.

Thanks to the help on this programme, we are truly inspired to work at becoming the next generation of successful entrepreneurs.

Joshua Gibson & Team.

HALLOWEEN BAKE SALE



On the 31st October, Northfields International School witnessed Halloween mania. Learners dressed up in creative and dare one say 'bloody' costumes in the spirit of Halloween. Some learners looked truly horrifying in their zombie make-up while others were quite original and dressed up as maths homework - it is true, mathematics does scare most of us!

Sincere thanks go to the Parent Committee for being so generous with their time and resources. They coordinated a beautifully decorated cake sale stand and sold scrumptious cookies, cupcakes and treats. A special mention also goes to the Hataloskys whose homemade cupcakes were beautifully decorated.

The learners enjoyed a fun-filled break time buying cakes and treats as well as getting their faces painted. There was a Polaroid picture booth which was run by the prefects, and it was a raving success. Many interesting pictures were taken and now, Halloween 2017 will be remembered for years to come!

The funds raised will be going towards a non-profit dance programme that is being established at Northfields. Thank you for the support!

Mrs Maneli

