



NORTHFIELDS NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Celebrating 50 years of Mauritian independence has provided us with a wonderful way to end our second term! You'll see from this issue of our Newsletter that we have been able to incorporate many creative, enriching and fun opportunities for learning through our celebrations this month. The enthusiasm, pride and collaboration we've seen from our students, teachers and parents have been wonderful and show the great spirit we enjoy at Northfields.

This month it also has been exciting to see the continued development of many projects across the school, particularly those promoting the protection of our environment. We have a dedicated eco-club working hard to help our school become more aware of the problems of pollution and the importance of waste reduction and recycling, and we are all looking forward to coming together for our upcoming eco-film night on our first Friday back in Term 3. This will be a fantastic way to kick off the term and to renew our commitment to making positive changes and taking better care of our environment.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl also have been busy in bringing forward ideas for clean-up projects in the community. Following their recent meeting with the Prime Minister, Elise and Shankaren wrote a letter to various Ministries to present their proposal for school-led clean-up campaigns across the island. This has led to an invitation from the Ministry of Youth and Sport for a meeting to discuss their ideas further, and the Ministry now have asked that Northfields students form part of a working committee for the organisation of ongoing environmental projects in Mauritius. We are very proud to have such principled and proactive student leaders at Northfields and we look forward to our newest group of Prefects carrying on with this tradition.

Although I have only highlighted one area of development here, the long list of amazing efforts and achievements our students and staff work toward every day is a great source of pride for Northfields. I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the development of our school academically, culturally and through sport and service. We have been able to acknowledge many of these efforts in this newsletter, but please do check our website and Facebook page to follow much more of the great things happening around the school on a regular basis.

Finally, as we enter the last term of the school year, I encourage all of our students to continue building on what they have learned and aiming to achieve their utmost in all areas of their school life. In particular, we wish the very best to our IGCSE, A Level and IB examination candidates, who have been working very hard over the past months and are now in the final stages of preparation for this challenging and important period of their studies. They have our full support and we are confident that they will make the most of this opportunity to demonstrate their academic strengths and move on with success to the next phase of their education. Bon courage to all!

Phyllis Philogène
Principal

MARCH 2018

MEETING THE PRIME MINISTER



On the 15th March, our Head Boy and Head Girl, together with other schools student leaders, were invited to attend a meeting with the Honourable Prime Minister, Mr Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, at the MGI auditorium in Moka. The meeting was organised by the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research headed by Hon Mrs Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun. The aim of the meeting was to encourage leadership amongst youth. Presentations were given by students of four secondary schools. The themes were Climate change, Road safety, Building a Nation, and Leadership.

This meeting gave a platform for the students to express their opinion on these important issues. The Prime Minister offered to speak to any students having an idea to propose. Our Head Girl, Elise, and Head Boy, Shankaren, seized this opportunity to discuss the possibility of having a national event to promote the cleaning up of Mauritius. It was a great experience for our two school leaders to meet and to be heard by such an important person of our government. We hope that their project will go forward and that their idea will make a positive change. "Lame dan lame, together we can do it."

DUKE OF EDINBURGH



On Wednesday 28th March, Northfields hosted the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Ceremony for those students who achieved their bronze or silver awards. The event was attended by the Honourable Stephan Toussaint, Minister of Youth and Sport, who was our guest of honour. We are very proud of all our students who received certificates and badges. It has been a long journey for them and they have made many sacrifices along the way in order to log their required hours. Annie, Aislin, Janine, Leo and Shankaren all spoke about their experiences regarding the service, recreation, skills and adventurous journey components and the life skills they have learnt as a result. They spoke beautifully and did the school proud. Roxy stole the show with a wonderful rendition of "Read all about it". Congratulations to all our students on a remarkable achievement.



The Year 8 History students were invited to the Middle School Assembly to present a Mauritian history general knowledge quiz. The assembly was a buzz as the Middle School students racked their brains to answer questions like 'what is the title of the

Mauritian national anthem?'

It was an exciting inter-curricular exchange among junior and senior students which has helped to enhance school moral as well as celebrate the independence week at Northfields.

WINNING ARTWORKS

During the Independence week celebration, the Art Faculty held an Art competition with Mauritius as the theme. The artworks sent by the students were brilliant and the competition was tight. The winners were:

Danai Mandangu, Year 7

Oceane Saddul, Year 9

Victoria Fraiss, Year 9



WINNING POEMS

L'ILE MAURICE MON PAYS, DE TOUTES LES SAVEURS
By Dimitri Davis (Year 6)

Quand j'entre dans la tabagie, quel bonheur !
Une paire de faratas avec un bon curry !
Il y a aussi des samoussas, et des pains frits avec
un bon chatini !
Sans oublier le gâteau piment avec un trou
dedans.

Dans la marmite créole, se dégage un doux
parfum de curry de cerf.
Le salmis de lièvre accompagné de riz et une
salade verte remplie de fer.
Que dire d'un juteux cochon marron rôti !
Un peu plus loin, Kala prépare un délicieux
briani,
tandis que chez Popo c'est un bon « mines
bouillies »,
sans oublier les boulettes, comme je les aime !

Pour un menu plus élégant, quoi de mieux qu'un
bon canard laqué !
Et pour bien terminer la journée de l'été,
quoi de mieux qu'un bon « glaçon rapé » !
Et chez « Mamamia », une rafraîchissante glace
bien glacée !!

MAURITIUS
By Jill, Ilona and Diotime (Year 8)

As the waves kiss the shore,
Our peacefulness will restore.
This calls for a time of celebration,
50 years of our island nation.
The trees are like an island fair,
We let our hearts and souls repair.
The island blazing with sunlight,
To us, it's a wondrous sight.
We are protected by the reef,
Which we swim above and beneath.
The island and its charm
Brings us serenity and calm.
Worries, we can release without care,
As they float away in the salty air.
It seems to be a summer haze,
Sunsets, a bright but fading blaze.
Our ancestors tried to float,
Going to this paradise on a boat.
We amble slowly on the sand,
So lucky to live on this beautiful land.

Let's celebrate 50 years,
Without anger, hurt or tears.

The inter-faculty challenge competition was aiming to get Northfields teachers to plan learning activities around the theme of the 50th anniversary of Mauritius for Year 7 and 8 students.



All faculties participated and the Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to vote for the faculty that they felt should win.

It has been a very successful and enjoyable experience for teachers and students. The languages faculty who planned activities on the impact of French in Mauritius was very proud to win the competition.



NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



On Friday the 9th of March, Northfields celebrated the 50th year of independence of Mauritius. We had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Jean-Claude de l'Estrac as our Guest of Honour. It was a lovely celebration full of joy and pride.



INDEPENDENCE WEEK

MAURITIAN FLAG

As part of Northfields Independence Week celebrations, the whole school community got together to recreate the flag of our country!



MAP OF MAURITIUS

The Mathematics and ICT Faculty celebrated the Independence Day in its own unique way by creating the map of Mauritius on the football field using coordinates. First, we researched which coordinates will help to create the shape of Mauritius.



This was tried and tested in the class with the students as they were studying coordinate geometry. Once, we were happy with the shape, we used the sketch with its coordinates to divide the football pitch into grids and plot those points. Finally, Year 7 students were given coordinates they had to stand on to create the outline of Mauritius.

The different houses together with the teach-

ers had to go inside each of the 4 regions formed on the map. The Year 12 and 13 students showed great leadership skills to guide the students and coordinate the event. As a school, we are very proud of them. A big thank you to Alexis Harvey and Michael Childs for bringing their drones and taking good overhead pictures.



MAURITIAN FOOD FEST

During the Independence week, Northfields held a Mauritian Food Fest. It was a good opportunity for all of our students to discover some of the amazing Mauritian food that we have here on the island, inspired by all of the different cultures, and also a chance for all students to simply enjoy their favourite snacks once more.

Our sincere thanks go to all the parents and members of the Parents Committee who helped in making this event a success.



ICT POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

The Faculty of Mathematics and ICT organised a poster design competition for Northfields students to celebrate the 50th Independence of Mauritius. The theme of the competition was "The path to our 50th Independence".

Many posters were submitted and the following students won the competition:

Kushi Ramjuttan (First prize)



Ablgall Starker (Second prize)



It is important to note that both students are from Year 7.

The Faculty would like to thank all the participants for their creativity, dedication and interest in the competition. A special thank you to Mr Parayag for guiding these students.

INTERHOUSE TENNIS



This year InterHouse Tennis was reintroduced to the students. This has proved to be a great success and students have shown enthusiasm for the game. The competition consisted of Junior and Senior Girls and Boys Doubles and matches were played during Pre Cas.

There was good team spirit throughout and some of the matches had the teachers on the edge of their seats. There wasn't much margin between game difference, and all the teams were very competitive.

However, there could only be one winner- Congratulations to Phoenix!!

RIMUN TRIP



Day 1 of the RIMUN conference had our delegation of 17 attend the opening ceremony at Campidoglio in the heart of Rome. Finlay and Alexis gave speeches as the delegates of USA and Palestine respectively. Following the ceremony the group enjoyed some typical Italian food before taking in the sights of the Pantheon and Spanish steps.



On day 2 of the RIMUN conference Northfields students were in lobbying sessions in their individual committees. A number of our students including Tom, Hugo and Leah were main submitters of resolutions.



On the third day in Rome our students spent the day debating resolutions which they submitted. It was a fruitful day even though the weather was grey, cold and wet. Georgina, Adam, Leah and Hugo had their resolutions passed. Mrs Daby and Mrs Rungasamy also worked hard on checking and correcting conference resolutions throughout the morning. The evening was spent at the student party enjoying a more relaxed aspect of the conference.

The final day of RIMUN was held at the auditorium Massimo in Rome. Students spent much of the day in plenary sessions of the

General Assembly and ECOSOC. Adam and Leah had their resolutions on organ trafficking and harmful traditional practices passed by the Human Rights Council. At the closing ceremony Tom performed *Come Fly With Me*, which was met with a standing ovation from the audience of 500. Tom was also voted Best Delegate of the Legal Committee. We are very proud of all our delegates. They conducted themselves with dignity and respect being perfect ambassadors of Northfields.



When the hard work of the RIMUN conference was over, Northfields' students spent a few days on a cultural visit. They took a guided tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Mrs Rungasamy and IB student Adam who will be studying Julius Caesar had a unique opportunity to visit the cremation site and temple of the famous emperor. The evening was spent on a panoramic night tour of the beautiful illuminated sights of Rome. The night culminated with students testing their culinary skills with a pizza making class.



On Thursday the RIMUN group continued the cultural tour with a guided visit to the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica. In the evening students took in the sights and sounds around the Trevi Fountain.

SPORTS DAY WITH LE BOCAGE

The Year 12 and 13 students from Le Bocage joined us on the 28th March for a wonderful day of sporting and cultural activities. The morning commenced with a highly entertaining spelling bee in the hall. This was followed by football matches on the field. These were fun-filled but also very competitive and our boys and girls did extremely well against the Le Bocage teams who edged the football results. Northfields turned the tables in a thrilling basketball match watched and cheered on by the whole school.

The atmosphere was electric as the lead changed hands constantly. Northfields finally won a brilliant match 24-22. At the end of the day the scores really didn't matter as everyone agreed that it was an unforgettable day of sport, culture and the forging of new friendships. We hope that this will become an annual event and expand to include other sports and age groups.



PI DAY

Pi day is celebrated on the 14th of March every year. π (Pi) is a famous irrational number. We cannot write down a simple fraction that equals Pi. The popular approximation of $22/7$ or $3.1428571428571...$ is close but not accurate. The Faculty of Mathematics and ICT celebrated Pi day through learning activities with the Years 7's and 8's engaged in activities which helped them to discover the relevance of pi.



They were asked to bring circular items (containers, lids, pringles containers) including food (apple pie, chicken pie, cookies). Using strings, the students measured the circumferences and diameters of the items to find the value of Pi. To celebrate their discovery, they had a Pi party with pies and cookies.

DANCE SPORT

Northfields is delighted to announce the appointment of the following prefects, who were awarded their prefect badges before the Easter Break.



Congratulations to:
Domenico Senatore
Leah Cridlan
Thomas Espitalier Noël
Kayla Manning
Finlay Hunter
Georgianna Gibson
Hugo Poupinel
Katharina Lejuge
Adam Sall
Sofia Robens
Clément D'Unienville
Jasmine Hare

We are confident that they all will thrive in their positions, taking on challenges and serve as role models for our students. We wish our new leaders the best of luck.

SCIENCE INTERHOUSE



Phoenix stole the show in our Year 10 and 11 interhouse science competition, coming first in both Chemistry and Biology, and joint second in Physics. Our teams were challenged to complete a practical in each of the science subject areas and it was evident that Phoenix house had their thinking caps (and safety glasses and lab coats!) on this time. Our leading team gained a combined score of 8 points, while Eagles came in second with 6 points, followed closely by Dolphins with 5. Well done to all those that participated!

Phoenix - First
Eagles - Second
Dolphins - Third

On Monday 26th March, Northfields hosted the first inter-primary school DanceSport School League fixture between Northfields and IPS. It was an exciting afternoon for many of the dancers. Northfields dance athletes did the school proud. There was great sportsmanship and enthusiasm as dancers took to the floor to compete in the U/9, U/11 and U/13 categories.

In the U/13 category, 8 dancers qualified to make the team that will represent the north of Mauritius in the Inter-provincial tournament taking place in Durban, South Africa in July 2018. The U/13 international squad consists of Jessica Lanfranchi (1st place), Danai Mandangu (2nd place), Amelie Lagesse (3rd place), Esme Mendel Roe, Ce-

line Beckers, Taylor Axten, Annabelle Iversen and Madison Mira (IPS). Congratulations to all the dancer athletes who participated. A special thank you goes to Mrs Le Roux who was the Head Scrutineer at the fixture and worked very hard to ensure that results were fair and valid. Another special thanks to all the parents who supported the event.



LOWER PREP SCHOOL HUMANITIES EXHIBITION



In term two, the Year 5 learnt about different aspects of ocean geography. Different groups of students were given a topic to research and were tasked with building a 3D model that they could use to present their research. On the 28th March, parents came to view the projects and to learn about oceans from each group.



ART EXHIBITION



NORTHFIELDS
Virtus et Honor

INTERHOUSE SPELLING BEE



Throughout the last week of term, students across the school competed in the annual spelling bee organised by the English department. Contestants were asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty. These competitions also determine who would represent the school at the ESU spelling bee competition in May 2018. We are delighted to announce the winners as follows:

Year 8 - Diotime Pellet
Year 9 - Maria Fox
Year 10 - Vidia Hurdowar



The Art exhibition showcased the talents of the Year 13 IB and A Level Art students. Our 6 artists impressed with a range of individual art styles that included drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, video art, installation and digital art. The vernissage happened on the 27th of March and scheduled visits were held for the students of Northfields the following days.

The well-known Mauritian artist, Henry Coombes, opened the exhibition and delivered an inspiring speech to our young artists. He also gave each



student advice and encouragement on their artworks.

Congratulations to Candice, Pip, Ameydi, Kim, Kimberley and Hannah.

GEOGRAPHY TRIP YEAR 7

I really enjoyed the outing to Mon Choisy with 7R. At the beach, we got into groups and we did experiments on the ocean e.g. long-shore drift and the direction of the wind.

After all the experiments, the whole group had a fun break by playing tug of war which made everyone soaking wet! We also played volleyball and Splat. Overall, I enjoyed our outing as much as everyone else did. Also, I would like to say thank you to Mrs Giddey, Mrs Marrier D'Unienville, Mrs Van Zyl and Mr Bundhun for supervising us on our trip.

Written by Danai Mandangu (7H)



The year 7 Geography field trip to Mont Choisy beach was a success. The students participated in various data collection activities and had lots of fun. Thank you to all the teachers involved.

Kathy and Chelyn
Geography Department

ARCHERY

Archery has been a popular addition to the PreCAS curriculum in the last few years with professional coach Sunjay Chooramun providing expert training and high quality equipment for the students to use. This term we had our first competition.

Unfortunately, three students were absent, but the remainder did some very good shooting. Sunjay brings archery to hotels all over Mauritius and runs sessions on Saturdays at the Northfields Sports Club.

Medal winners were:

Rémi Dalais 1st Gold with 75 points
Tommy De Ravel 2nd Silver with 68 points
Daniel Mcfall 3rd Bronze with 67 points

Steven Carpenter (Organising teacher)



BOARDING AT NORTHFIELDS



Boarding at Northfields centres around achievement, fun, friendship and independence in a family style environment. Our dedicated boarding staff ensures a caring, warm, family atmosphere during our students stay with us.

Our boarders have a structured routine to help them maintain a healthy balance by ensuring they get enough sleep, have scheduled study times and manage their use of technology. There are also organised activities each week such as cultural evenings discussions and movie nights.

Our goal is for boarders to learn to manage their time and grow in personal responsibility, preparing them for life after school.

If you would like your child to board at Northfields for the coming academic year 2018/2019, please send an email to Reneeta.sandhu@northfieldsinternational.school for more information.

You can also join us on our
**BOARDING SCHOOL
OPEN MORNING**
on Saturday 21st April
(from 9.00 till 11.00)