



NORTHFIELDS NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



I must say that this term so far has been no less than eventful! Despite the slow start we experienced due to severe weather early in the term, we have managed to pack quite a bit of learning and activity into our programme since then. We have supported our senior students through a challenging period of mock examinations and now continue to guide them as they prepare for their final examinations in just a couple of months. This is an important

time for them to draw together all that they have learned over the past two years, and we can see that they are working hard to achieve excellence.

In addition to our normal lessons this month, we have also been able to enjoy a variety of sporting and cultural events. Our wonderful swimming gala and Chinese New Year celebrations as well as our Valentine's Day festivities have been a real treat for our students and teachers alike. These events are always fun but the amount of work that goes into making them such a success cannot be overestimated. Northfields is very fortunate to have such a strong and motivated school community who work together, not only for our academic achievements but also for special events like these.

We now look forward to another month of productive lessons together with activities which showcase our students' sporting abilities, leadership skills and cultural awareness. We wish our swimmers great success in the upcoming national swimming competition and also wish our Year 12 Prefect candidates all the best throughout their current campaigns. It is a pleasure to see such enthusiasm and engagement from our students as they strive to attain the highest levels of personal growth.

Northfields is also gearing up for a fantastic week as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mauritian independence. Our staff and students have planned exciting activities to bring Mauritian history and culture to the fore throughout the coming week with themed lessons, poetry and art competitions, a Mauritian food fair and of course our Flag Raising Ceremony. We do hope that our whole school will enjoy this time as they gain a deeper appreciation for the beauty and diversity of this island we call home.

Phyllis Philogène
Principal

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2018

ENHANCED BOARDING PROGRAMME

The Northfields Enhanced Boarding Programme is aimed at Year 11 and Year 13 students who will be writing exams in April / May 2018. Under this programme, students will stay in our boarding school and follow a structured, supervised programme aiming to prepare them for the exams. Students will have the opportunity to engage with learning at a deeper and more personal level through extended study sessions with personalised learning support.

Benefits of the Enhanced Boarding Programme are as follows:

- Supervised programme focusing on exam preparation
- Structured and disciplined environment
- Small groups with individual attention given
- Ability to study in groups with classmates after dinner
- Learning to work independently in preparation for tertiary studies

If you would like to find out more or would like to speak with us regarding our Enhanced Boarding Programme, please send an email to:

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IGCSE/A- LEVEL AND IB SUBJECT CHOICES

Year 9 and 11 students had special sessions with Mrs Philogène, Mrs Rungasamy and their Form Tutors about their choice of subjects for the next academic year as they embark on the IGCSE/A-Level or IB programmes. All students were eager to learn more about the curricula and had many questions. The Sixth Form Information Evening will take place on Thursday 8th March 2018, starting at 18.00 pm. The IGCSE Evening will take place on Wednesday 25th April 2018, starting at 18.00 pm.

SWIMMING GALA



Friday, 9th February dawned a beautiful day. The rain which had been with us for most of the week had disappeared and the morning silence was soon broken by a cacophony of cheers, war cries and chants. After the 3 houses had paraded around the swimming pool, we got down to the serious business of swimming. The standard of swimming throughout the day was outstanding.

The spirit on the stands was incredible as each house went tooth and nail to win the Spirit Trophy. The Houses were neck and neck throughout the gala and by the time the relays came around, only one point separated 1st and 2nd place. The cheering throughout these relays could be heard from miles around and once the dust had settled it was time to announce the final results. Congratulations to all the trophy and medal winners on a wonderful celebration of swimming talent and house spirit.



The final results were as follows:

	Category winners
<i>Poussin:</i>	Luca Hecker Taylor Axten
<i>Benjamin:</i>	Guilio De Bendetto Jenna Rousset
<i>Minim:</i>	Sebastian Wong Chap Lan Cheyenne Maurel
<i>Cadet:</i>	Noah Gruter Aurelie Tang Yan
<i>Junior:</i>	Michael Peters Arissa Daby

Junior Victor Ludorum:	Sebastian Wong Chap Lan
Junior Victrix Ludorum:	Jenna Rousset
Senior Victor Ludorum:	Noah Gruter
Senior Victrix Ludorum:	Aurelie Tang Yan

Spirit Trophy: Phoenix

Final Results

1. Dolphins 561
2. Phoenix 554
3. Eagles 504



DANCE WORKSHOP

DanceSport has made many moves in the past couple of months. The number of dancers has grown every week with students from Year 5 to Year 10 getting involved. It has been introduced as a PreCas and students have enjoyed this new opportunity to learn how to dance.

Recently, Craig Bullock and Kirsten Dan Jensen visited Mauritius to run a dance workshop and introduce the International Dance Organisation to the DanceSport School League Mauritius committee. It is an exciting venture for Northfields

as the dancers have opportunities to travel internationally to compete in Street Dance competitions.



CHRISTMAS BOXES

Last holiday season Northfields community got together and contributed generously towards the Christmas Box donation drive in support of Caritas. In all, we were able to deliver 115 boxes of groceries and household items to Caritas in Solitude and Flacq.



Members of the student representative council were delighted to lend a hand in delivering the boxes on 6th December.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the parents committee for driving this initiative and also to Mrs Dawn Leroux for all her help and effectiveness in getting the kids involved in packing and loading!



“THEY CALL ME PEST”

On Tuesday 9th January we were delighted to welcome former student Diane Gueho back to the school for a screening of



her documentary 'They Call Me Pest'. The documentary outlines the methods used in Mauritius to try and control the population of flying fox bats who feed on fruits.

Diane, who graduated from Northfields in 2011 attended the University of Bournemouth where she studied film production. She is currently a freelance cinematographer and producer based in London.



VALENTINE'S DAY AT NORTHFIELDS

ESU PUBLIC SPEAKING



On Thursday, 8th February, the Year 12's, with the generous support of the Parents Committee, hosted our school's annual Valentine's Day bake sale, civvies day and Valentine's rose delivery.



The roses were ordered by students and teachers throughout the previous week and were delivered on Thursday by our Cupids: Domenico, Sophia, Georgi, Adam, Leah, Soman, Jasmine, Clement, Kenya, Thomas, Kayla, Finlay, Hugo and Tayla. Other Year 12's who played a big role on the day include, Jordan, Katharina and Sabah.

All of the Year 12's really showed great teamwork

and leadership skills, and they managed to raise more funds than expected. The money raised will be going in part toward sponsoring our Senior Prom, with the remainder going to charity.

The Year 12's greatly appreciate all the enthusiasm and participation shown on the day and would like to thank each and every one who contributed, whether by buying the roses or cakes or just by contributing to the friendly atmosphere and fun spirit.

Leah and the Year 12's



Kenya Mamet proudly represented Northfields at the competition and her speech 'Art Is Universal' was a beautifully crafted piece of writing. Kenya articulated her argument and demonstrated her knowledge on her subject with great vigour in front of an audience and a jury. She was then asked some questions about the subject and managed to impress with her answers.

Competition however was very stiff and Kenya did not make it through to the next round.

We would like to thank Kenya for her participation and we are sure she left the competition having built confidence and experience in articulating her ideas and sharing them with others.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Northfields community gathered on Tuesday, 20th February to usher in the Year of the Dog. In Chinese astrology, each year is related to a Chinese zodiac animal according to the 12 year cycle, 2018 is an Earth Dog Year, which is said to be very prosperous and successful in terms of education.



To celebrate, our students put together a real treat for everyone. Our two very poised MC's, Julie of Year 7 and Adam Sall of Year 12, welcomed all the guests. The first performance was a ribbon dance by our lovely Year 6 girls Annabelle, Celine, Isabella, Mila and Taylor. We then had Alex, Jacques,

Rehan and Senthil from Year 6 give us a nice Kung Fu demonstration. Max from Year 5 and Julie from Year 7 continued by mesmerizing us with their rendition of a beautiful Chinese song. To end the student performances, the Year 12's performed an umbrella dance led by Sophia Robens.

Finally, to bring good luck and fortune, a lion dance troop was brought in.

All in all, everyone enjoyed the show and were captivated by the lion dance.



YEAR 8 VISIT AT THE APRAVASI GHAT



As part of their History Learning Journey, Year 8 students visited the Aapravasi Ghat & Mahatma Gandhi Institute on Friday 23rd February.

The visit is aimed at helping our students expand their thinking and empathy in terms of being able to identify and understand the experiences of the indentured labourers and the challenges they faced.



NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome eight employees who joined us since the beginning of the term:



Michael Childs
House Assistant & Teacher of PE

Michael holds a BA (triple major) in History, Economic History and Film & Television studies. He has completed his PGCE in FET teaching. Michael was a former student of Northfields and studied in South Africa. He is currently working as a Boarding House Assistant for the boys and a teacher of Physical Education.



Neelesh Gurjoo
Teacher of Mathematics

Neelesh has joined our Mathematics Faculty for this term. He holds a Bachelor of Education (Hons) in Mathematics from the Mauritius Institute of Education and has gained 2 years of experience in teaching Mathematics through his training.



Drishtee Marday
Teacher of Business Studies

Drishtee has more than 12 years of experience in teaching Mathematics/ Statistics and Economics at foundation level and diploma level in the UK. She has taught at London College of Accountancy and Management, Regal International College, and Zaskin College.



Jaivin Ramkissoon
IT Services Manager

Jaivin is our new IT Services Manager who will be heading our new department 'IT Services'. The IT Services department will be dedicated to enhancing our IT provisions throughout the school. Jaivin has more 10 years of experience in the IT technical field with significant project management background.



Sachin Leckram
Network and System Administrator

Sachin has worked more than 9 years in the IT field with hands on experience in the UK and Mauritius. He has been working at Northfields as an outsourced IT officer since 2016. We are pleased that he has now joined Northfields as our Network and System Administrator..



Soudha Parsan
Librarian

Soudha holds a degree in Marketing Management and a Master in Communication. She has been engaged in writing and publishing blog articles on books and fandom culture, and providing advance reading for publishers prior to their book's publication. With her love of literature and digital experience, we are looking forward to enriching our students library resources and modernising our library management.



Amber Korimund
Teacher of English

Amber holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (first class) in English and recently completed her PGCE at the Mauritius Institute of Education. She has more than one year of teaching experience.



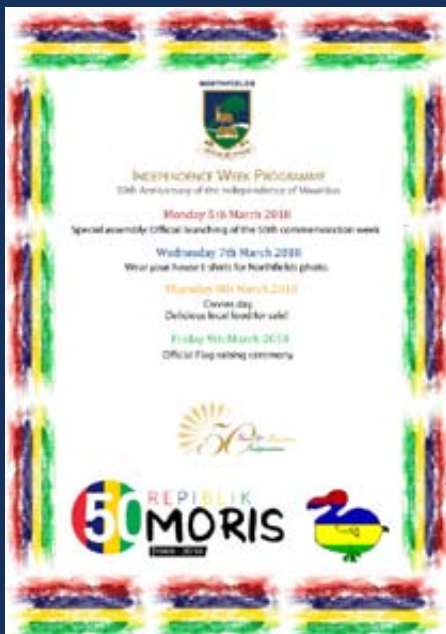
Lauren Aspelling
Year 6 Teacher

Lauren is our Year 6 teacher. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree, an Honours Degree in English Literature and a PGCE from Rhodes University. Lauren has quickly established herself as a key member of the Prep School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

INDEPENDENCE WEEK

To commemorate the country's Golden Jubilee, Northfields will be carrying out a series of activities throughout the coming week.



OPEN MORNINGS

Do not miss this opportunity to visit our world-class school in action. Experience a tour of our campus and meet our highly qualified and dedicated members of staff, whilst your children enjoy various workshops.

