



Please note that the school will be closed from Wednesday 23rd December through Tuesday 5th January for the festive season.

Admin staff will be back to work on Wednesday 6th January. Teachers will return to work on Monday 11th January.

We wish you all a blessed and safe festive season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 12th: First day of term for Years 5-13
- 13th: First day of term for Pre-Nursery, Nursery & Primary
- Year 9 Parents Information Session
- 14th: Year 8 Parents Meeting
- 18th: Year 10 Parents Meeting
- 28th: Public Holiday: Thai Poosam Cavadee

FEBRUARY

- 1st: Public Holiday: Abolition of Slavery
- 3rd: IGCSE Subject Choice Evening (Year 9)
- 8th: Sixth Form Subject Choice Evening (Year 11)
- 11th: Midday Closure for Staff inset
- 12th: Mid-term break
- 16th - 4th: Mock Examinations: IGCSE, AS, A-levels and IB

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020



This year has truly been one to remember, for tragic difficulties and for remarkable accomplishments alike. At Northfields, we have been faced with new situations across the whole spectrum, and I can only say how proud I am of our community for coming together through it all to end this year on a high note. This final newsletter of the year is just a small testament to that spirit.

"We have shown we have strength and perseverance, creativity and dynamism, optimism and teamwork"

It is great to see that our students have shown continued resilience and determination throughout the year to learn and succeed. They have shown their talents in myriad areas throughout the term and our latest set of reports reflect their commendable progress academically. Congratulations to you all on your achievements this term!

Huge thanks go to all of our teachers and staff for their dedication in helping our students come back with success this academic year and for supporting them in settling back into normal school life. This has meant delving into studies safely together on campus while also carrying on as much as possible with our extracurricular activities and community based work. I am very pleased with the commitment everyone has shown in maintaining our holistic approach to education in all areas of our school.

I must also say a huge thank you to our parents for their endless support this year, not only for their own children but for the entire school and the wider community.

Our Parent Committee have been able to achieve amazing things this term in fundraising for our school projects as well as several charities to help those in need. The whole-school effort to participate in these as well as several student-led initiatives this term has meant a great deal to all of us and shows how much we care and support each other.

In reflecting back on 2020, with its incredible unfolding of events in so many areas of the world, I am proud that at Northfields we have risen to our best in meeting the challenges thrown our way. We have shown we have strength and perseverance, creativity and dynamism, optimism and teamwork, and most importantly care and compassion for our environment and for those in our community. With these virtues, we can only continue to grow and succeed as a school as we look to the future and meeting its new challenges together.

I wish you all a joyful holiday season with your families and friends and all the best for a safe, happy and fulfilling year ahead.

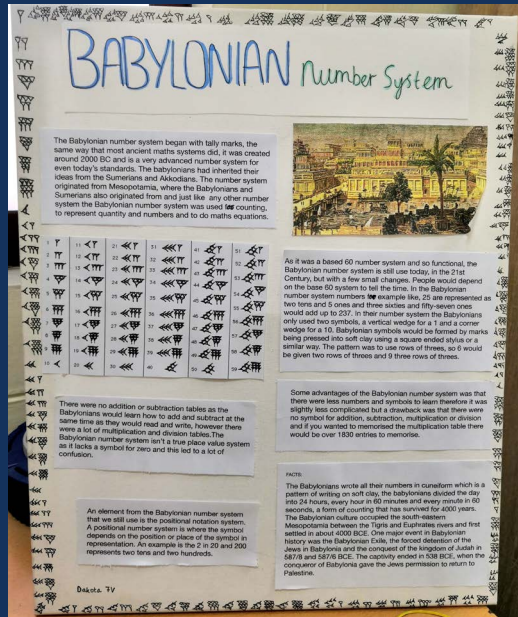


Phyllis Philogène
Principal

MYP MATHEMATICS

NUMBER SYSTEMS

Under the MYP framework, Year 7 students were encouraged to research, appreciate the cultural diversity in connection with Mathematics and compare the different number systems which exist in Mathematics. The Year 7 students did an amazing job by doing very thorough research and producing high quality posters and presentations. We are very proud of them and expect to see the same quality of work in their next projects.



WAKASHIO OIL SPILL PROJECT

The Year 9 students completed a project in Biology- to evaluate how the oil spill could affect our mangroves, and showcased their amazing work in an exhibition that was held on the 28th of October, with Reef Conservation Mauritius in attendance. The topic focused on the effect of the oil spill on the mangroves' ability to photosynthesize, as they were completing a unit on Plants in Biology.



The students had to conduct their own research, and had complete autonomy over the format of their project - we had posters, models, videos and power point presentations. The students made connections between individual plant health and the health of entire ecosystems - on a local and global scale. A representative from Reef Conservation Mauritius provided invaluable ex-

perience and information with regards to the effect of the oil spill on our vulnerable ecosystems - which includes mangroves - as well as providing information on what each individual can continue to do to help with the recovery of our ecosystems.



The students have risen to the challenge admirably, and their projects and presentations were of outstanding content and creativity, and have exceeded expectations. They can take immense pride in the quality of their work!



GET YOUR COOKIES DELIVERED!

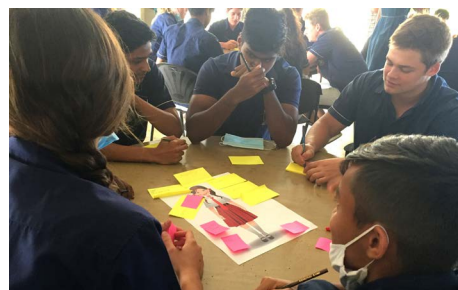
The Statement of Inquiry: Financial, personal and economic change can be understood and simplified using proportional relationships like ratios and percentages. This falls within the Global Context of Globalisation and Sustainability.

The Year 8 Maths Group had their unique way of bringing this Maths Unit alive in their classrooms. They were assessed on 3 criteria: their Knowledge and Understanding of the Maths, how to communicate their findings and how they can applied it to real life context. Well done Year 8, they have done a marvellous work and We, Maths teachers, are very proud of you!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

As part of Anti-Bullying week from Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November, Sixth Form students were introduced to the long-term impacts of bullying as well as the importance of acts of kindness as one way of combatting bullying.



During the assembly run by Mrs Daby and Mrs Leahy, the students did activities which culminated in them writing kindness messages to their peers, teachers and members of the wider community. These messages were delivered by the Prefects throughout the week. A messages of kindness box was set up in the Sixth Form room so that everyone continues the trend of recognising the importance of understanding how we make others feel.



UNESCO Club on Anti Bullying Week
No child should have to worry about being teased, excluded or the subject of lies and rumors – especially not at school. It can lead to isolation and depression, causing kids to miss classes and even drop out. Let's take action -Students at UNESCO club created Posters to make awareness on stop bullying once and for all.



DIWALI CELEBRATION

The celebration of Diwali 'The festival of lights' came alive at Northfields when the whole school wore a festive look. The students showcased the spirit of Diwali through mesmerising dance performances held at the basketball court during lunch break.



The day started with a rangoli making competition, where students created stunning designs using recycled materials.

The beautiful designs of the rangolis by our participants were truly outstanding.



The winners of the rangoli competition are as follows:

- Most Ecological – Year 12
- Most Natural – Year 8
- Most Detailed – Year 13
- Most Colourful – Year 9
- Most Creative – Year 7
- Most Harmonious – Year 11
- Most Innovative – Year 10
- Most Decorative – Lower Primary
- Most Original – Year 1



An overall winner for Prep, Middle and Upper school were also chosen as follows:

- Upper School – Year 12
- Middle School – Year 11
- Prep School – Year 8



ROTARACT

We were honoured to have amongst us Rotarian Jeevesh, the Interact and Rotaract Officer of Mauritius, and President Isabelle from the Rotary Club of Grand-Baie, the parent club of the Northfields Interact Club, on Wednesday 4th of November.



As the Rotary family celebrates the Interact week and the 58th anniversary of the first Interact Club, Rotarian Jeevesh presented 'What is Interact?' and the principles of the Rotary International to our Year 10s and 12s. While speaking about the important role of the Interactors within our community, he also elaborated on how our students have an important role in the society and how being a member of the club will allow them to grow as individuals and leaders of tomorrow. We thank Officer Jeevesh and President Isabelle for their valuable time and presentation and look forward to working in close collaboration with them as the Club keeps growing.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Every year we commemorate Remembrance Day at Northfields on the 11th November, but this year, since we are not holding whole school assemblies, Poppy Day looked a little different. A group of Year 12 students worked together to ensure that Remembrance Day activities still took place this year. They put together a presentation for students to access in form time, which consisted of interviews the Year 12s had conducted with students and teachers around the school, as well as some information about Remembrance Day itself. The students focused on the importance of striving for peace to ensure that the sacrifices made by so many around the world have not been in vain. The Year 12s distributed poppies to all students and teachers of the High School and students were encouraged to spend time in silent reflection.

TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES

YEAR 12

The Year 12's enjoyed a rewarding team building session on Mont Choisy beach on Friday 23rd October. The sun was shining. The sea was sparkling. The sand was warm. And the students; so enthusiastic! They had to utilise their problem solving skills, and they were encouraged to communicate effectively with each other, lead and listen, as well as work together to complete a range of beach activities specifically designed to get them talking and collaborating. All in all, a good time was had by everyone!



YEAR 13

On Wednesday 9th December, Year 13's took a break from their usual activities to take part in Team building activities at Mon Choisy beach. They used to take risks, showed excellent teamwork and great communication skills by completing several activities over the course of the afternoon including a mine field, dance challenge and bucket task. Well done to all students and special thanks to sixth form team for organising.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

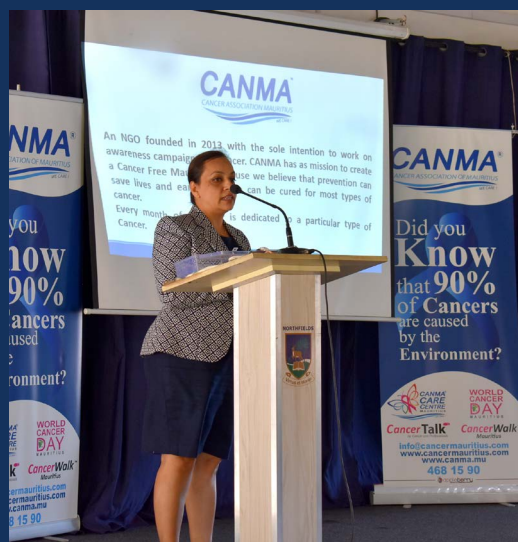
On the last day of school, our Year 12 CAS students organized a Christmas Fair for the whole school. Starting from the children's house till the Year 9. The CAS students planned activities from art and craft, cake pop decoration, pie a teacher and not forgetting our famous take a picture with Santa.

The fundraising for this was to raise money for the annual prom. It was such a lovely fun and amusing day.



CANMA

This year, the school again has participated and supported "Movember", a month dedicated to raising awareness on men's health. As part of this initiative, our senior students have collected a total sum of Rs 3000, which was donated entirely to the Cancer Association of Mauritius, CANMA. We are very grateful for that association to have sent three ambassadors to speak on behalf of CANMA. On the final day of November, the upper school all attended a very unique presentation in order to draw attention on how little we may know about such a fatal disease. We are very thankful to have been granted this opportunity and hope to remain in close cooperation with CANMA for future "Movembers".



EVENTS

UNESCO AND CAS TRIP

On 10th December 2020, the UNESCO students along with several CAS students showed exemplary behavior towards society at their trip to Ecole Mere Theresa, where their main aim of the day was to spread Christmas joy with the underprivileged children who attended to half-day 'Christmas fair'.



The Northfields students spent a bonding time with the children through fun activities such as musical chairs, Colouring workshops, football, and many more.



The students gifted Christmas boxes to the elderly and children. They would like to thank the Global Rainbow foundation along with Mr. Parasuramen for their guidance and support. Special thanks also go to the Parents Committee, without whom the great act of giving wouldn't have been possible.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

BRONZE

When they embarked on the bus to start their Bronze Adventurous Journey, our participants were not much aware of the challenges ahead. All packed with tents, sleeping bags, necessary items to prepare their meals, the smiles were many, despite the scorching sun. The walk through the health track to the first stop around the caves at the end of the track was completed much sooner than planned. With spirits still high after the lunch, they set off for the second half of the day which would prove to be the biggest challenge. The weight of the bags slowing them down and the midday sun would only add to the difficulties. Yet, by 4 pm, all were at Belle Mare Outdoor Centre. The fires were soon lit to prepare dinner.



The highlight of the trip was the bonfire that the boys made together. By gathering bricks and sticks, lit the fire, had the marshmallows, waited for it to die out and tidied up the whole space by the next morning. The team spirit was also at its peak- they helped each other make the tents and undo them; they carried each other's bags; they kept encouraging one another the whole time.

The next day's walk to Flacq was amazingly completed in around 2 hours, instead of 4, but that came as no surprise, given that they were all set to finish the whole track as soon as possible. The school bus picked up the students at around noon in the parking space of Flacq's market place and by 1 pm, the students were all back to school. It was definitely a memorable experience.

SILVER

Our Duke of Edinburgh Silver participants embarked on their 3-day Adventurous Journey on Saturday, 12th December. Though they started their journey in the scorching sun of Camp de Masque, they were showered by the non-stop heavy rains of Belle Mare by the end of the day. Yet, the tents were pitched up and the food was cooked quickly when the rain would stop for some time only.

After tidying up the next morning, the students then started off from Belle Mare to head towards Riviere du Rempart Swimming Pool where they were to spend the second night. Lunch was at Bras D'eau and on the menu was 'Mine Apollo dans bol', tuna in bread and even bread with peanut butter and jam. They picked wood sticks to cook the food in a wood-fire at night- Spaghetitis for most- two opted for mushrooms and sausages instead. We started off the next day to head back to Northfields on the last day- We reached school a couple of hours earlier as they were in such a rush to get back home that they were sprinting back to school.

The team is to be commended for the team spirit and camaraderie that prevailed throughout the journey. By carrying each other's bags, helping one another out, and just spending quality time with one another, the team was impressive. Well done for completing the Silver AJ!



LIBRARY UPDATES

We've had a busy Term 1 in the Library. We started with Eco Month, celebrating our Partnership with 'Let's Do it Mauritius' and the Keep Mauritius Clean initiative. Then we moved into Roald Dahl month giving away Free bookmarks with every book borrowed from the library that month, and a vote for your Favorite Roald Dahl Quote. The winner was "If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books"- Roald Dahl, which was the perfect result for Library!

Then we moved into Spooky Halloween, with lots of decorations and some scary Book reading sessions in the dark library with help from some of our very talented Drama students, the students that attended were thrilled with the experience!



Still moving on we step into a calmer Poetry month encouraging students to write some Lyrical delights. We settled with the following three winners:

1st Place – Chiara T. - Y8

2nd Place - Arina D. - Y7

3rd Place – Mae H. - Y7

Finally, to end Term 1 with some festive fun we launched a Design your own Christmas Card competition, and were overwhelmed by the number of entries. Special thanks to the Modern Languages Department, we had entries in French and Spanish and even from Students who's second language is English.



It was very hard to narrow down to 9 finalists, from which the Teachers and Northfields Staff voted for their top 3, and we are very proud to announce that the winners of The Beautiful Centenary Edition 'Letters to Father Christmas' by J.R.R Tolkien Hard back book are:

1st Prize Luna S. and Sophia A. - 6H

2nd Prize – Dhruv D. - 9V

3rd Prize – Anjali L. - 8R

Looking forward to next term and more Literary fun...

POETRY CORNER

A poem by Medha P, 8I completed during her PSHE lessons on the topic of vaping and e-cigarettes.

I used to think it was alright
 But that was before she died
 Under the influence of cigarettes
 I couldn't save her, so I cried

Vapes ended her
 Murdered her without mercy
 Covering their crimes with cancer,
 It happened many times in this country

I should have known
 Should have put her in rehab
 Now my chances have blown
 I lost everything I had

Aldehydes, nicotine, heavy metals
 All part of the same gang of murderers
 Killing their victims slowly, silently
 They even affect the witnesses and bystanders

She was my angel
 Now she's only an angel
 I will never forgive e-cigarettes
 Nobody should

GUEST SPEAKERS:

MR. PARASURAMAN

Mr. Parasuramen, UNESCO representative in Mauritius and ex-Minister of Arts, Culture, Education, and Sciences visited our school on 21st October 2020. He shared his career journey and motivated students to get involved in service to the community.

During his interaction with Year 11, 12, and 13 students he emphasized on CAS project and other ways that can support those in need. We are looking forward to working with his foundation in the near future. This will give our students immense experience and exposure to community service.

MR. BURTENSHAW

On Thursday 29th October we welcomed designer and maker, Mr Jon Burtenshaw from beaumru to talk to our Sixth Form students about his career path and provide insight into setting up his own company based on a field he rediscovered passion for.

From reflecting on his skills-set to highlighting some of the work he has created, Mr Burtenshaw inspired our students to strive to find a career which is fulfilling and which they have a love for.

PREFECTS MEETING

Our Prefect body meets weekly on Wednesdays to discuss a range of issues, from organising supervision of events to discussing areas of concern, planning for upcoming events etc.

Dillon and Kushy led a short communication activity which they themselves learned at the Global Day of Giving training event on communication and relationship skills held by Dale Carnegie Mauritius in October. All Prefects showed that they are willing to be risk-takers, going out of their comfort zone and demonstrating that they are open-minded to new learning experiences. Communication and collaboration skills were also developed through this activity.



CONGRATULATIONS

SENIOR PREFECTS

Congratulations to our Senior Prefects appointed for 2020-21.



Head Boy: CJ W.
Head Girl: Kushy C.
Deputy Head Boy: Dillon S.
Deputy Head Girl: Caroline L.

We wish them all the best as they assume leadership of the Prefect body and look forward to working collaboratively with them for the remainder of the academic year.

ESU PUBLIC SPEAKING NATIONAL CHAMPION

We are all so overjoyed at Erin's prominent award; she has been named national champion of the ESU Public Speaking competition this year! Hard work and dedication does pay off - She worked extremely hard on her speech through many break and lunch times and taken on feedback from her teacher with an open mind.



Erin's talent and hard work have obviously set her apart from the other finalists and she was presented with a lovely trophy at the prize-giving ceremony in Curepipe. Well done Erin! We could not be more thrilled and delighted for your achievement!

SONGWRITING COMPETITION CHAMPION

We are thrilled to announce that Ella has been named the National Winner of the Let's Do It Mauritius Songwriting Competition. She gave a beautiful performance at the ceremony on the 20th November and wowed the judges. Congratulations to her and to all the Northfields participants!



INTERHOUSE FOOTBALL AND NETBALL

In Netball, all three Houses demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and quality of play. Although all the girls worked hard as a team, an overall senior and junior player of the tournament was recognised. Our senior girl was Clemence P. and our junior girl Taylor A. Congratulations to these two girls and to all those who participated!

The results are as follows:

- 1st- Phoenix
- 2nd- Eagles
- 3rd- Dolphins



In Football, students competed in their year groups and the matches were keenly contested. The support from the side lines during each match seemed to encourage the players and the teams in most matches were separated by only one goal. Thank you to the captains who managed their teams efficiently as well as to the referees who officiated, often under difficult circumstances. Once all the matches were completed, prize giving took place on the field.

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

Best junior players:

- Antoine B. and Stanislas L.
- Best senior player: Lucas K.

Football House Cup results:

- 1. Eagles
- 2. Dolphins
- 3. Phoenix



TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Over the last few weeks the School Tennis Championships took place. It consisted of four categories: Junior boy and girl and Senior boy and girl and only singles were played. We had even

more participants this year which made it very exciting and competitive. The players showed huge determination throughout and it was also pleasing to see the support from their friends.

The results of the competition are as follows:

- Junior girl runner-up: Briseis J.
- Junior girl winner: Taylor A.
- Junior boy runner-up: Doruk K.
- Junior boy winner: Thomas G.
- Senior girl runner-up: Laura L.
- Senior girl winner: Jill H.
- Senior boy runner-up: Finn M.
- Senior boy winner: Lucas L.

Well done to all the players!

NETBALL

On Monday 9th November Northfields welcomed 2 netball teams from Le Bogue to play matches against our Year 10 and 8 netball teams. Although Le Bogue have only recently started playing netball, the matches were good preparation for further challenges next year when we start competing more often.

For the last round of matches the teams were mixed and the girls enjoyed participating with some fresh faces in their teams. It was a most successful morning of netball and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

QUADRATHLON

Congratulations to Sam S., Chadd N. and Howi B. who represented the U16 Poudre D'Or Athletics club team at the Youth Championships held at Reduit recently.

It was a team event (including 3 girls) and included the following events: High jump, shot put, 100m and 1000m.

The team performed brilliantly and achieved silver medals on the day. They have now qualified for Nationals which takes place in December and we wish them well for this event.

It is a new journey for a family to start school. For most of the first part our children spend quality time at home with their parents or a nanny; until it is the beginning of a new journey in the child's life. In starting school. At Northfields Pre-Nursery we are proud ourselves in building a relationship with our parents and children in catering for the needs of the child and that of the parent. As the first day can be daunting and with separation anxiety taking hold of both the child and that of the parent; we work in assisting as much as possible in the transition of all. As the school year was about to start, the pre-nursery organized an orientation for our new students to engage and get to know their new school.

On the first day of school, we were greeted by new as well as familiar faces. All were back after months of being confined at home. Sanitary measures of hand sanitization, temperature checks and wearing of face masks were in place to welcome old and new parents to Northfields. We had a student who brought her friend Barbie along with her to assist her back into her school routine. She insisted that Barbie

has her temperature taken to ensure she was fit to attend school with her. We are happy to report that Barbie was in good health and was able to accompany her friend on her first day back at school.



The Pre-Nursery focus theme for this academic year is "I am Special and I Belong". As our children are still in the egocentric stage we guide our students in attaining them to know their world, through engaging and socializing with their friends at school, by belonging to a community and being a special part of Northfields. During the first term our students learnt who they are and more about their bodies through their senses and movement. In the Walker class we borrowed the skeleton from the biology department of the high school and our students learnt that they have a skeleton and it is made of bones. Most importantly they learnt that they move with the help of their own skeleton.

CHRISTMAS OUTING

It is unbelievable that we have come to the end of our first term. All our students from both the Toddler and Walker class have progressed well in their development. We as a school organized a fun-filled Christmas event with the staff from Les Ecuries de Mon Rocher on the 2nd December. Our families arrived early and we got underway with some exploring and singing of Christmas songs.



Thereafter our students were entertained through games, feeding of the farm animals and not to mention the pony rides with the guidance of Stephanie and her team. This was a sensory exploration day for our students as they internalized so much through their senses. By the time it had ended our little students were exhausted and fell asleep in their parents car on their way home after a busy morning out in the country.



THE WORLD OF LITERACY

One of our areas of learning is languages; introducing our students to the world of phonetic sounds with objects and picture cards. As we are a bilingual school, this is done in both English and French. Our students are continually absorbing vocabulary from around them through touch and repetition and are building onto their language skills.

One of Northfields literacy event is celebrating the life and work of Roald Dahl during Roald Dahl day. In the settings and stories, he has written, he instills the love of storytelling both in the young and old. This year we joined in with the cel-

bration in a different way by guiding and introducing the world of books to our children. It all needs to start somewhere. At the Pre-Nursery we have a famous shady tree that our students like to sit under and do a variety of outdoor activities. On this particular day our students enjoyed "reading" their books both in English and French on a blanket outside.



OUR EXPLORERS

Our little students are movers and are naturally surrounded by an enormous world filled with new experiences. They are natural explorers of that world -- seeking to understand everything around them. In Montessori, we recognize that it happens through the development of the senses. As Maria Montessori said in the Absorbent Mind, "The senses, being explorers of the world, open the way to knowledge." At the Pre-Nursery we are opening the gateway to learning through our student's senses. These are some of our activities that we have done recently; working with our chromatic sense, exploring different textures and introducing our students to the world of "Writing".

INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATIONS

We all live in a diverse and multi-cultural environment and so we used the international celebrations from the United Nations as a learning experience for our students. During the past term, our families and students from the pre-nursery got involved in the celebrations from around the world. Some of the celebrations that we have done this term was to dress as a farm animal for Halloween on Friday 30th October. We also celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights. International Children's day which was on Friday the 20th November was also celebrated and closely linked with our anti-bullying week.



PREFECTS VISIT

On our last day of term, we organized a morning for our prefect body to spend some time with our pre nursery students. It was about uniting the students and giving them an opportunity to learn from one another. The prefects grouped together to organize some entertaining activities for the younger students of the school. As the prefects walked into the pre nursery, they were greeted by wide-eyed little students who were very curious in who they were. After splitting the children into their classes, the prefects engaged with them through games and music. By the end of the morning the little students of Northfields were disappointed to see their new friends leave as they had had so much fun with the "big" children of the school. It was a day to remember for all.



UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY - 20TH NOVEMBER



Universal Children's Day is celebrated every year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

We were able to link this event to conclude the Anti-Bullying week by emphasizing the importance of unity and accepting and celebrating our international and cultural differences. Children were asked to bring something that represents their home country or culture such as a flag, an artefact, a food dish, some photos or a book for a Show and Tell moment of sharing.

Thank you to parents for your usual co-operation in helping your child prepare for this special day. We had a fantastic day celebrating Children's day and learning about our different cultures. We ate some delicious international food, learnt a lot about different countries and LPT ended the day with an impromptu sega dance and drumming session. A wonderful way to celebrate our different cultures and international mindedness!



CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

After a challenging first term, it was such a pleasure to welcome all of our Nursery and Primary parents and friends to attend this heart-warming Christmas assembly.

The students had prepared a repertoire of Christmas themed songs and poems in English and French. They all looked amazing in their costumes and definite kick-started the festive season.



The aim of our Annual Christmas Assembly is to give the children a relaxed opportunity to be on stage and have some fun. The expectation is not a seamless performance, but rather an opportunity for some children to experience their first performance on stage, others to feel just a little more confident than last year and finally, the chance for some of our natural performers to shine.

Thanks to the input of the teachers to prepare the children and to the cheerful, animated and supportive audience, the event was a great success.

A sincere thank you to the Children's House and Lower Primary team for all your efforts for the Christmas Assembly, for everything you have all done and in particular the love and support you have given to the students during Term 1!



Lower Primary Students who were awarded certificates for Term 1 based on the Northfields Values:

- Excellence: Emilie T.
- Respect: Yohann R.
- Independence: James G.
- Perseverance: Olivia S.
- Community: Evie B.
- Discipline: Ava Z.
- Honour: Dasha M.



PARENTS' EDUCATION SESSIONS - 24TH AND 25TH NOVEMBER

These two sessions were held to share with parents of the Children's House and Lower Primary information about the Montessori method of education and philosophy.

Six of the basic concepts and principles were explained: Respect, The Prepared Environment, The Absorbent Mind, Sensitive Periods, Freedom Within Limits and The Montessori Teacher. Parents who attended learnt how we implement this philosophy here at Northfields in our two sections – the Children's House with 3-6 year olds and the Lower Primary with 6-9 year olds – and how the environment is prepared based on the needs of the children during these two specific planes of development.

The sessions ended with some concrete ideas on how you can support and promote your child's development

by implementing some activities in your home. Activities to develop independence are the cornerstone of the Montessori method. Teaching a child to be self-sufficient can be a daunting task but with a little preparation, it is worth the outcome of a confident, competent and independent child!

"The child looks for his independence first, not because he does not desire to be dependent on the adult. But because he has in himself some fire, some urge, to do certain things and not other things." —Maria Montessori in The Theosophist.

N.B. If you were not able to attend the Parent's Education Session but would like to know what you missed, the hand-out is available on the Edana Parent Portal.

MESSAGE

Dear Parents,
I would like to say a very heartfelt thank you on behalf of myself and the Parents' Committee for your tremendous support of our fundraising projects this past term. We have had an incredibly successful term raising just over Rs900,000 through our various projects.

The Golf day was a massive success raising over Rs550,000. Thank you to all who supported it through buying raffle tickets, sponsoring prizes, sponsoring holes and also playing in the Golf day itself.

The projects that we were fundraising for included the refurbishment of the library, shade for the Primary school and water filters for our charity that we chose, A.P.E.I.M. Just to update you on what we have achieved so far; the shade was erected in the Primary school a few weeks back and looks fantastic. The library refurbishment is underway. New shelving, tables and cupboards have been ordered and we look forward to seeing the results in January. The water filters for A.P.E.I.M have been ordered and will be installed in 10 locations this month.

The Halloween cake sale, once again, was a huge hit. Thank you all for your generous donations of cakes, sweets etc. we raised over Rs36,000.



Our Swimathon last month was a project initiated by a student to help Mr Gopaul and his wife in their battle against cancer, and to support a cancer charity, Link to Life. We raised an incredible Rs300,000. Thank you to everyone who swam, and to everyone who sponsored the kids.

We are giving Mr Gopaul Rs250,000 to assist with his wife's surgery and ongoing treatment, and Rs50,000 will be given to Link to Life in the new term. From Mr Gopaul, a very big thank you to everyone for their generosity and support of him and his family. He feels humbled by the outpouring of love and very blessed. Thank you.



The Christmas box project was completed yesterday when we delivered, together with the UNESCO club, 175 children's boxes And 80 boxes for the elderly.



Thank you to all the students and teachers for the amazing job that they did putting these Christmas boxes together. They were so well done and very gratefully accepted by the recipients. It was a very humbling experience delivering these boxes yesterday. Thank you all.

The water machines at school have been problematic this term, but we have hopefully come up with a solution and all should be working well when we return in term 2. This is an ongoing Parents' Committee project and is a continuous expense with replacing filters and maintenance.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Parents' Committee for all their support and hard work this past term. You ladies are incredible! Thank you! Thank you to Meena and Reneeta for all their assistance in pulling these projects together. And to Loanna, thank you for everything. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Happy holidays and we will see you in 2021.

Madeleine Axten

GOLF DAY



Northfields Parents' Committee once again organized a fabulous golf day on Saturday 24th October at Mon Choisy Le Golf.

There were 96 players on the course, sponsors for all 18 holes, and an incredible number of prizes donated for both the raffles as well as for golf prizes. A massive thank you to Andy Bean and Jeremy D'Argent from Mon Choisy Le Golf. And a very big thank you to all the ladies on the Parents' Committee who have given up so much of their time over the past 2 months helping to organize the golf day. Awesome job everyone! The 3rd hole was the Parent's Committee hole and was a "Flamingo watering hole" - so much fun!



Thank you to all our sponsors and donors of prizes. We were overwhelmed at the generosity of people willing to support our fundraising project. We exceeded all of our expectations and look forward to getting on with the various projects earmarked for this golf day.

