



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2019

- 8th: First Day of Term 2 for Years 5-13
- 9th: First Day of Term 2 for Nursery
- 10th: Parents' Evening Year 7
- 16th: Start of Mock Examinations
- 17th: Parents' Evening Year 10
- 18th: Senior School Coffee Morning
- 21st: Public Holiday: Thai Poosam Cavadee

FEBRUARY 2019

- 1st: Public Holiday: Abolition of Slavery
- 4th: Chinese New Year Celebration (TBC)
- 5th: Public Holiday: Chinese New Year
- 6th: Prep School Coffee Morning
Parents' Evening Year 12
- 7th: Swimming Gala
- 11th: Parents' Evening Year 11 & 13
- 15th: Mid-Term break

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018



The holidays are now in full swing and it has been a pleasure looking back on our accomplishments since mid-term. Once again, I am delighted with the quality of learning and engagement that our students have shown through their lessons and the many activities they have taken part in. Academic reports have been sent and are also now available on our Parent Portal. I hope that all students have been able to reflect on their progress and begin to set new goals for the coming term.

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I am happy to say that we are making progress as a school with our CIS membership preparations and our MYP implementation. Both require a great deal of effort and collaboration from the whole school community and are leading to very positive developments in teaching and learning for our students. Likewise, our online learning environment is continuing to develop, and we have just added new resources for our students to investigate careers and university options and to engage in safe online research, both in English and French.

I am also very pleased that so much has progressed with our Eco-School projects this term, including our transition to reusable containers at the canteen and our ongoing efforts with recycling and to reduce paper and electricity consumption overall. Together with our Eco-School committees led by Mr Gooljar, we can

look forward to continuing in further projects in the coming terms.

With so much happening, this newsletter is a joy to read. It includes reflections on everything from sporting and academic accomplishments, to camps and trips, to our cultural celebrations and talent show, to our amazing charitable efforts together with the Parent Committee.

Congratulations and thanks go to all of our students, staff and parents for your enthusiastic participation and generous contributions in all of these areas.

It is now time to enjoy a well-deserved break, proud that we have accomplished so much and looking forward to a promising year ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the holidays with a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Phyllis Philogène
Principal



MYP PRESENTATIONS



On the 29th November, the Year 7 French 2 students who started their MYP unit this half-term had their final presentation. The unit was "Les fêtes et Festivals à travers le monde". The first few students namely, Anabelle, Celine, Riley, Emma, Rayhaan and Jonas did their presentations which were very informative.

It was a real treat to see their progress and imagination taking place in the classroom.



VISIT FROM PAUL CHOY

We are very grateful to Paul Choy, a travel photographer who came to speak with our Y12 Geography and Global Perspectives students on the 3rd December. He has spent time in the European refugee camps and he ran an inspiring session with our students focussing on the stories of the individual refugees he met. He did a wonderful job at questioning our perspectives of refugees and we look forward to working with him in the future.



CAMPS

YEAR 6



On the 31st October the Year 6 students went on Camp to Domaine de Lagrave.

It was a great success, thanks to all the support and extra treats from the Parents' Committee. Definitely, the highlight of the camp was the mud fight in the rain, even the teachers joined in the fun, which was followed by a wash off in the rain.



The evening was filled with various Halloween parties in the chalets, children spooking the other chalets, glow in the dark ghost and pumpkin balloons, and plenty of candy.

The endemic plant treasure hunt, obstacle course, archery and kite making taught new skills - lesson learnt is to never put too much glue on tissue paper.

This camp epitomised the making of new friends, developing team spirit, competitiveness and loyalty to teams.



YEAR 9



The most notable activity was the red track hike, which tested the year group's physical and mental determination in very trying conditions. The camp did a good job of teaching students how to work as a team through communication and self-belief. The students enjoyed time without the use of their personal electronics, which so often detract from their first hand experiences.

The camp provided a daily routine that woke the students early, supplied plenty of physical activity, regular meals and an abundance of time outdoors (weather permitting).

The Year 9's had a wonderful time on the 14th October at Domaine de Lagrave despite the persistent rain for much of the camp. They participated in and enjoyed activities such as: cone games, ball in basket, combat archery and a bonfire evening.



YEAR 12



Year 12 annual camp was held this year for the first time, at Chazal Eco-tourism in Chamouny. Students had three activity days which started with climbing Le Pouce on day 1 before making their way by bus to the camp venue. This climb was a test of endurance but also a lesson in team spirit as students encouraged and supported each other to reach the summit.

After pitching their tents and settling in to their campsite, students were in-

involved in a number of activities done in small groups; this included ziplining, hiking and team-building games.



Evening activities included a bonfire, talent show and more games. Whilst the mosquitos were abundant, the weather stayed good and the students were able to enjoy the outdoor activities.



INTERHOUSE PUBLIC SPEAKING

This term Years 7-10 took part in the annual Northfields Interhouse Public Speaking competition. There were impressive, passionate and inspirational speeches. Topics ranged from deforestation to dance, cookery mishaps to Nelson Mandela. Of note was a very emotional speech on eating disorders and one on the dangers of drug abuse. Each student showed the range of the skills they had honed during English lessons and answered follow up questions thoughtfully. All finalists had clearly prepared well and showed great maturity. All competitors should be very proud as it is challenging to speak in front of your peers about your passion. The English Department would like to thank all students for their contributions, whether they were part of the attentive audience or speakers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Next term we will be introducing two new learning resources: Britannica, an online research platform equipped with learning tools meant to assist students with their curriculum, and Universalis, the French counterpart to Britannica. Both are safe research platforms that comprise of different learning levels, access to academic journals, in-built dictionaries, age appropriate content and rights cleared images and videos. Both Britannica and Universalis are web-based and will therefore be accessible to students both at school and from home.



As from next term, students will also have access to Oliver, our library system software. Through this interface, students will be able to check their library accounts, see their overdue book loans, search for library resources on their own and even write book reviews.

MISS ECO INTERNATIONAL

Northfields is very pleased to announce that our very own Miss Amber Korimdun was elected as Miss Eco International. She will now very proudly attempt to protect our environment in Mauritius.

Miss ECO International is a beauty contest created by "Let's take care of the Planet" and a project of the UN "Beauty for ECO".



THIERRY AMERY

We are also very proud of our teacher Mr Thierry Amery who featured on a local production on MBC last week. It was a personal interview on how he started making portraits and his passion for drawing and Art.

READ LEAD SUCCEED

The English Department is keen to promote reading within the school and as part of this endeavour, we have introduced the READ LEAD SUCCEED initiative. We welcomed teachers, students and parents on stage to inspire us all to take up reading.

Thank you to all of our presenters this term:

Kushy R.
Eloise R.
Richard B.
Lorraine G.
Tebogo M.
Michael C.
Mannan M.
Sandrine D.
Sheena K.

We look forward to the next round of presentations in the next term. Happy reading everyone!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

In the first assembly after mid-term, students were asked to think about the special importance of Remembrance Day this year. It has been one hundred years since the end of the first world war and to mark this, students had the opportunity to write a poem, song or create a piece of artwork as part of an international competition run by the Royal British Legion. There were entries from a range of students who were very creative in the way they took up the challenge. All entries were recognised by the judges, and students who took part were given a commendation and certificate from the Royal British Legion. Artwork was displayed to mark Remembrance Day and poems read out to the school to mark the occasion.



On Monday 12th November, the day after Remembrance Sunday, the school gathered together for a Remembrance Day ceremony.

This year for the first time the school has taken part in the Poppy Day Appeal and all students received an official poppy. Donations from the students and staff towards this appeal went to charities that support veterans and their families. In the assembly students were reminded that it has been 100 years since the end of the First World War; the war that was supposed to be 'the war to end all wars'. Year 12 students presented to the school some of the horrors felt by soldiers during this bloody war, but also reminded students that unfortunately there have been many wars since and that remembrance is important if we are to move forward in the pursuit of peace.

In the minute's silence we reflected on this and remembered those who have died for the freedom of others.



EVENTS

DIVALI

On Tuesday 6th of November, Northfields celebrated the Hindu festival of Diwali.



The Year 5 painted on diyas that beautifully decorated the entrance of the hall and an amazing rangoli peacock welcomed the students to the ceremony.



The event was an opportunity for the students to learn about the festival of light while having the chance to share traditional musical performance and the traditional fashion show with the entire school. Traditional cakes were shared after the show.



STARZ OF NORTHFIELDS

'StarZ of Northfields'- Our very first talent show, organised by the Northfields Interact Club- took place on the 30th November.

A wonderful array of talented and gifted youngsters in our community was showcased. After over 2 hours of entertainment, the top three performers were announced. They each received a token from our sponsor club, Rotary Club of Grand-Baie, as well as gift vouchers from Rocomamas and Pandora.



The trophies were then handed out for first, second and third place.

3rd place: Victoria F. from Year 10

2nd place: Lorene M. and Ella M. from Year 7

1st place: Danai M. from Year 8

As the first place winner, Danai also received a catamaran day trip from Babaco Ltd.

Some of our staff members also shared

their talents. Josué won hearts with his song as the last performer of the night and also received a token from the Rotary Club of Grand-Baie. Mrs Maneli took the "Superstar" trophy for her amazing dance moves.



Paired with the entertainment which was at its peak, we had amazing food from L'Artigiano who are donating 70% of their proceeds to the Northfields Interact Club for future projects to serve the community.

It was great to see the whole community coming together for the event. Well done to all performers!



INTERACT PINNING CEREMONY

The Northfields Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Grand-Baie, proudly held its charter and pinning ceremony for the new club members on Friday 16th November 2018. We were honoured to have amongst us distinguished Rotarians to pin the club members. We would like to extend our thanks to President Kaviraj Ramdewor and our club mentor, Rotarian Yusha Luchmun, from our sponsor club for their unfaltering support and for motivating the young Interactors to 'serve above self'.

We look forward to working with Pres-

ident Leo E, Vice-President Haashim D, Secretary Aislin C. and Treasurer Aditi N. along with their dynamic team of Interactors.

We wish them all the best for their 2018-2019 mandate.



CHRISTMAS BOXES



Northfields was well represented on the 5th December 2018, as we delivered the school's donations of grocery bags and gift boxes. These were taken to the various homes and were very well received.

It was a wonderful experience to be involved in giving back to the community. We would like to thank everyone who has generously donated as part of this project and a special thanks goes to our Parent Committee for organising the project!



MERAKI PRESENTATION



Throughout the course of the last 9 weeks, I was fortunate enough to have participated in the Meraki Entrepreneurs Program, one that I have truly benefited from. This programme has allowed me to experience first hand the general process of how a business is initially planned, developed and completed; as well as how much work and detail goes into every stage of an organisation. I have learnt to be innovative and have gained more insight into the different types of roles and responsibilities that one has to perform as an entrepreneur, something that I believe is valuable to any person regardless of whether they study Business or not.

Reflecting back on the first day of this programme, all I can remember was feeling overwhelmed by what was expected of us, and also, I was reluctant to put forward any of my ideas. Now, having completed this programme and being part of the winning team, I can honestly say that this programme is rewarding in many more ways than just one. Meraki has allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and put forward an idea that my team members and I were truly passionate about. This programme has also allowed me to grow as a student in terms of my newfound knowledge that has come from this project. This is why I encourage all students who have the opportunity to take part in this programme to do so. My only advice to them would be that if they have an idea that they believe in, they should do all in their power to pursue it.

I truly thank the organisers for allowing me and my peers to be part of this course and hope that this tradition continues in the years to come at Northfields.

Kayla B., Year 12



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Christmas Carols held on the evening of Thursday 6th December, was a truly stunning occasion.

Our students and their families gathered in the hall and were treated to our school choir wowing us with their performance which were sung with gusto.

Special thanks go to Mrs D'Unienville and Miss Ladouce for putting this wonderful event together.



FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

On Saturday 17th November Northfields hosted an U13 and U15 football festival involving Standard Chartered Academy and Lighthouse. The U13 team played some outstanding football, winning their first match easily and progressing to the final where they played Standard Chartered Academy. This was a tough match with chances at both ends. Northfields eventually found a way through and scored the winning goal a few minutes from full time. Well done to the U13 team on winning their section. The U15 team also fared well, winning their first match 1 - 0 against Lighthouse and facing Standard Chartered in the final. This was also a tightly contested affair, resulting in a 0-0 draw at full time. Standard Chartered were declared winners as a result of a better goal difference. Well done to both teams for an excellent morning of football.

The Northfields U17 football team played a football match against Lighthouse on Friday 9th November. After a scrappy few first minutes the Northfields boys settled down and played some scintillating football, winning the match 6 - 0. Well done to all the players!

INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 9th November the Northfield's cross country team competed at Lighthouse School in an Interschool event including IPS and West Coast International.

Our athletes performed incredibly well on the day, winning a number of medals. Congratulations to the following students:

U10/11

Boys

1st place: Stanislas L.

2nd place: Perkin S.

GIRLS

1st place: Emma P.

3rd Place: Mila K.

U12/U13

Boys

1st Place: Samuel S.

GIRLS

1st Place: Victoria L.

U14/U15

Boys

1st place: Dillon S.

2nd place: William L.

3rd place: Christian D.

GIRLS

3rd place: Jade G.

U16/U17

Boys

1st place: Alix P.

2nd place: Marius L.

3rd place: Romeo P.

GIRLS

1st place: Aurelle T.

2nd place: Arissa D.

3rd place: Emma R.

INTERHOUSE TENNIS

Interhouse tennis took place this term and consisted of junior and senior boys and girls doubles. There were some very competitive matches played, but there was always good sportsmanship and team spirit among the players which was great to see. At the end of the competition once all the points were added up, there was only one team that came out on top.

Starting with third place we have Dolphins, second place Eagles and the winning team is Phoenix! Well done to all the players who participated and congratulations to the Phoenix team:

**Alexis H. and Lucas L.
Janine J. and Britt H.
Finn M. and Nico K.
Taylor A. and Jill H.**



INTERHOUSE TABLE TENNIS

The tournament began on Wednesday 21st November with the Year 11s and came to a conclusion with the Year 7's on Thursday the 29th of November. The tournament took 6 days to complete with a rain day cancellation on Tuesday the 27th delaying the final two rounds of fixtures by a day.

Four girls and four boys from each house for every year group volunteered to participate in the weeks building up to the tournament. Therefore there were 12 participants in each round of fixtures for both the girls and boys. The draw worked randomly, ensuring that the first fixture each student played would be against an individual from a different house. Upon winning the first fixture, the victorious student moved on to a second round where they came up against another victor from the first round (the losers in round 1 were eliminated). The three victorious students from the second round of fixtures won the house point for their respective houses, meaning that for each year group there were 6 individual winners.



The winners for each year group are as follows:

**YEAR 7
BOYS & GIRLS**
Sedge (D) & Kylie (D)
Luca (D) & Taylor (P)
Chadd (P) & Anabelle (P)

**YEAR 8:
BOYS & GIRLS**
Rudra (D) & Kiara (D)
Noah (D) & Elizabeth (D)
Samuel (P) & Esme (E)

**YEAR 9
BOYS & GIRLS**
Mikhail (D) & Victoria (D)
Finn (P) & Sydney (P)
Sacha. T (E) & Calypso (E)

**YEAR 10
BOYS & GIRLS**
William (D) & Cleo (D)
Benjamin (P) & Maria (P)
Sebastian (P) & Ileana (E)

**YEAR 11
BOYS & GIRLS**
CJ (D) & Maddi (E)
Matt (P) & Barbara (P)
Christian (E) & Caroline (E)

**YEAR 12/13
BOYS & GIRLS**
Domenico (D) & Aislin (P)
Romeo (E) & Ashika (E)
Alexis H (P) & Katharina (E)

The overall house results are as follows with a total of 36 points available:

In 3rd place: Eagles with 10 points

Tied for 1st place: Dolphins & Phoenix with 13 points each.

Well done to all of the participants.



INTERHOUSE BASKETBALL & FOOTBALL



The Parent Committee kept everyone hydrated by supplying delicious oranges which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. After the dust had settled the final results were as follows:

BASKETBALL

1. Phoenix 17 points
2. Dolphins 14 points
3. Eagles 11 points

FOOTBALL

1. Eagles 13 points
2. Phoenix 12 points
3. Dolphins 11 points

Interhouse Girls Football and Boys Basketball took place on Thursday 8th November. Student participation was at an all-time high as each house gave everything on the football fields and basketball courts to try and claim the trophies on offer. The matches were highly competitive but played in an excellent spirit.



The support from the side-lines was appreciated by all the players doing their absolute best on the fields and courts.



UNI FAIR

Again this year Campus Abroad organised a University Fair at Northfields on Thursday 22nd November from 12:30 – 15:30. This year it was our biggest University Fair ever, with over 55 representatives from all over the world.

Students from Years 9 – 13 attended the event. The representatives were impressed with the level of engagement of many of our students who had prepared questions to ask about future courses and their prerequisites.

It was also pleasing to see a few parents here at school taking advantage of this opportunity.



INTERHOUSE DANCESPORT

The first interhouse DanceSport School League competition was held on Wednesday, 21st November. It was an energetic and exciting affair as students from Years 7 - 13 danced for their respective houses.



The competition was judged by Mrs Maneli who is the coordinator of DSSL at Northfields, Craig Bullock who is an internationally recognized dance choreographer and judge and Mandy Bullock who is a 2011 gold medalist dancer as well as an internationally recognized dance coach.

The dancing was incredible with students having to learn the necessary steps in less than a week. They did a brilliant job but only one house could

come out on top. In 3rd place was Dolphins, in second place was Eagles and in 1st place was Phoenix.

The following students ranked in the top 4 for the junior and senior categories:

- Juniors: 4th - Annabelle Iversen
 3rd - Esme Mendel Roe
 2nd - Danai Mandangu
 1st - Taylor Axten

- Seniors: 4th - Rebecca Forlee
 3rd - Tegan Chambers
 2nd - Gerard Pegoue
 1st - Adam Sall

A huge thanks to all the students who participated.



MATHS RELAY

The Mathematics Department organised an Interhouse Christmas Maths Relay during the last week of the term for Year 7 and Year 8. The students had to work collaboratively in their house to answer questions one after another. Those who answered any question wrong were penalised as they had to wait for two minutes before moving to the next level through a new question.

Year 7 students were very motivated to win. Eagles showed great teamwork and won by affirming that "United We Stand".

Year 8 students were confident with their reasoning and critical thinking. Dolphins were the most prepared and winners at all levels.

We congratulate all the winners.

