



School Bulletin for Friday 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Need

Last week The North School organised a couple of events to help raise funds for Children in Need. The first event, held on Tuesday 13th November, was the Duck Race Sweepstake. Students from each tutor group paid £1 to pick a random duck during form time. The draw was made live on Radio 1 on Friday 16th November and the winning duck was James Pond. The winner from each tutor will receive a big chocolate bar.

The second event was Spotacular Day on Friday 16th November. Students were invited to come in with a spotty t-shirt or jumper, or wear a spotty headband or some spotty socks. There were lots of Pudsey ears, some very vibrant socks and very creative homemade t-shirts. It was great to see so many students participate and support a good cause. Those who participated also donated £1 to help raise funds. The total money raised from both events accumulated to a total of £298.13.

Another very successful fundraising event at The North School coming off the back of Macmillan's Coffee Morning. We appreciate your support and hope to continue the culture of helping those in need.

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 13th December

The Menu for our Christmas Lunch has been published by the Canteen and is:



*Roast Turkey
or Potato, Cheese & Onion Filo Puffs (V)*

Peas & Carrot Roundels, Brussel Sprouts and Roast Potatoes

Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

*Iced Chocolate Brownie
or Chocolate Coated Ice Cream Trees*

Free Glass of Squash

Students can book and pay for their lunch in the Canteen during Break or lunchtime from Monday 26th November. Tickets must be purchased by end of lunch on Friday 7th December. The cost is £2.49 for students.

Please note that the Canteen will not be serving any other food options that day (either hot or cold) or opening the Kiosk at break or lunch. Students not participating in the Christmas Lunch should bring their own packed lunch in that day.

Science Taster Day at Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU)

On Wednesday 21st November, Mrs Spreadborough took fourteen Year 11 students to a Science Taster day at Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU). Students were selected as a reward for completing a good Science research project during the summer.

Students were given access to a teaching lab where they extracted DNA from strawberries, amplified DNA fragments from the Bacteria E coli by PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) and checked their results using electrophoresis. Our students were very successful at using all the techniques.

After a quick lunch at the university canteen, students were taken on a tour of CCCU. They saw a recording studio in the media department, lecture theatres, teaching labs as well as research labs, radiography labs. They had a go at using some of the equipment in the sports science lab, saw spider's exoskeletons, observed rats about to be dissected, handled stick insects and learnt how samples from hospital are treated and analysed (for example when a tumour needs to be analysed).

The staff from CCCU were very complimentary about our students who were "*very mature and able*". We hope this insight into university life will encourage them to join further education in a few years' time.



Sixth Form

Last week the school held a very successful Open Evening which was well attended by both our current Year 11 students and their parents but also by the largest number of external students we have ever received. This reflects the continuing success of our Sixth Form that this year has five students who have applied to Oxbridge.

It has come to our attention that some providers (Sixth Form, College or School) have told parents and potential students that they can make only one application for their Sixth Form studies. This is not the case. Whilst students can only make one application to each provider, they can apply to as many different providers as they wish. We would always encourage students to look at all options that may be of interest to them and ensure they have made more than one application so they have a 'Plan B'.

Sport and Exercise Sciences Taster Day

On Monday a group of Year 11 PE students went to Canterbury Christ Church University to complete a Sport and Exercise Sciences taster day. The morning session involved students taking part in fitness testing within the fabulous Sports Lab facilities the university has created. The main focus was on testing VO₂ MAX and students had the opportunity to also test their reaction time and body composition with the latest technology available to the sport science community. In the afternoon students completed a range of field tests in a specially created fitness testing suite, had

to consider correct protocol, and from this had to analyse their results against normative data to determine their personal strengths and weaknesses. The students were an absolute pleasure to take to the university; the staff working in the labs were extremely impressed with how well the students worked throughout that day. A huge well done to all involved.

Literacy Update – Year 7 Best Work Bookmarks

This term the Literacy Team and I have issued all Year 7 students with personalised bookmarks. The bookmarks have, on one side, a piece of their best work either from primary school or their first few weeks here at The North School. On the reverse the bookmarks have a personalised writing target.

Students keep the bookmarks either in their standard cards or in the reading book they bring to school each day. (It is a requirement of the school that all Year 7 students bring a reading book to school every day). The bookmarks are placed on desks along with standards card in all lessons, where students use them as a reference for presentation in all pieces of work and refer to the personalised writing target on the back of the bookmark in all pieces of extended writing produced across the curriculum.

Please take a look at your child's bookmark and feel free to use the information it contains to support your child's homework. Please also ensure that the bookmark is packed every day and brought to school as it is now an essential part of Year 7 school equipment.

There has been a very positive approach to the bookmarks from our Year 7 students and they have so far looked after them with care and many have been very diligent in presenting and using them in lessons. However, should your child mislay their bookmark, please use the literacy@north.kent.sch.uk email address to inform me so a replacement bookmark can be issued. (You can also use this address for any other literacy concerns or questions you may have).

The Literacy Team look forward to continuing to work with you, supporting the literacy of all of our students.

With kind regards

Cathy Martin – Whole School Literacy Lead

Christmas Jumper Day

Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Thursday 13th December. This will be on the same day as the Christmas Lunch so we really want to create a festive spirit. Full uniform must still be worn with jumpers worn over your shirt and tie.

To participate we would like students to donate £1 which will go to Great Ormond Street Hospital charity.

Sports Results

Handball

The PE department took eight Year 8 students to participate in the Under 13 handball tournament at Folkestone Academy. The eight boys had very little experience playing handball competitively and were both excited and nervous. The students found it very tough in the first two games and lost them both, however managing to score a few times in each game. In the third game, the team showed excellent progress and started to press the ball quicker and move the ball up the court to create more scoring opportunities, however they were just beaten. Still showing good spirits and determination the boys went in to the last game looking to come home with a win. They dominated the whole game and really impressed by showing huge progress yet again. It was only for some good goalkeeping and the crossbar that stopped the team winning their first game and unfortunately came out losing 2-1. Huge credit to all the boys who went in not knowing what to fully expect, however they showed great determination and progress throughout the whole evening. Well done to the team.

Basketball

Excellent news from the Varsity this week: Sean Trumper was named as the National Player of the Week in the Academy Basketball League after leading The North School with 33 points in a narrow Week 7 win over St Thomas the Apostle College by 91-89.



The team followed this up with an outstanding performance in their Kent Cup quarter final away to Hayes School. The North won 124-48 to book their place in the semi-final against Canterbury High. Jay Parnell led all scorers with an impressive 36 points and Kai Potts was named as the game's MVP for his outstanding leadership.

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