



## Headmistress's Message

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Dear Parents

The Summer term has been full of laughter, outstanding performances and learning experiences. Unfortunately, the weather has not been on our side, but this has not stopped us from learning beyond the classroom.

This bumper edition celebrates Speech Day, Careers Day, Sports Day and our ISA sporting success, the Year 6 Graduation Party and much more. It was a pleasure seeing so many parents at these events.

I hope you enjoy the final edition for this academic year. Once again, we are grateful for the very kind comments and emails we receive, and we are reminded daily how special the Normanhurst community is and the people within it.

With my best wishes

**Mrs Jacqueline Job**  
Headmistress



## EARLY YEARS CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR

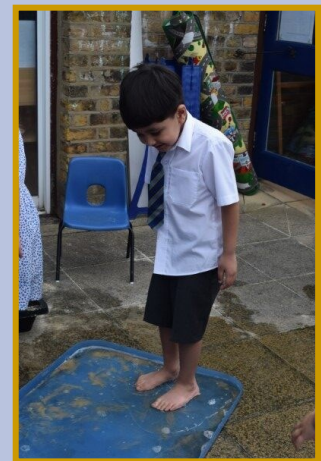
Our Early Years Celebration was all about 'growing up'. Lower Kindergarten recited a lovely poem, Reception talked about the different jobs they would like to do when they grow up and Upper Kindergarten thought about visiting space in the future. It was lovely to see the children's occupation costumes and the fantastic artwork on show. The children worked hard to learn the lines and actions for the songs and received well-earned certificates for their great achievement across the year. Well done everyone!





## EARLY YEARS NEWS

In the **Early Years** we are all looking forward to the summer holidays and enjoyed an afternoon all about holidays. Some children shared photos of holidays they had been on and we discussed the different types of holiday we might go on. We had some lovely holiday activities, including splashing our feet in water and sand, creating our own passports, making the sea in a bottle and playing with the sea creatures.



## MOVING UP DAY

Moving up day is the day at the end of the school year in which Year 6 have the opportunity to meet their new class, experience new subjects and meet some of their new teachers. Pupils were met in the hall at the start of the day and introduced to senior school life by Mrs. Job and the Senior Leadership Team. They then experienced interactive Art and Science lessons and met their new classmates before experiencing fun team building activities both in form and with the PE team in Epping Forest. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 7 at the start of the new academic year on 3 September!





## JUNIOR NEWS

**Year 4** have been working on a Rubbish Orchestra project this term - creating cross curricular links between music and eco awareness!

They have worked hard to create their own instruments from rubbish they collected from home and recycled and then created their own music, learning about time signatures, rhythm and instruments of the orchestra.



### Normanhurst Junior Pupils Shine in Shakespeare Week Competition

In a remarkable display of talent, three **Year 6** pupils from Normanhurst have been highly commended in the annual Shakespeare Week Competition. **Kuzey, Nina** and **Daaniya** captivated the judges with their imaginative and engaging diary entries, written from the perspective of Judith, William Shakespeare's daughter, focusing on the tragic events surrounding the death of her twin brother, Hamnet.

Their entries demonstrated not only a strong grasp of Shakespeare's family but also outstanding creative writing skills. The judges highlighted our pupils' ability to make their narratives engaging and authentic, noting the impressive blend of factual accuracy and imagination.

As Normanhurst, we are immensely proud of them for their outstanding achievement. Their success in the Shakespeare Week Competition is a testament to their hard work, creativity and passion for Shakespeare Week. It is also a great addition to our special invite to Shakespeare's Birthplace where Lachlan, Mason and Diana visited to take part in special celebratory events and workshops leading up to Shakespeare's Birthday. We are already looking forward to next year's competition!



# YEAR 6 GRADUATION PARTY

On the evening of Monday 8 July, our Year 6 students celebrated their Graduation from Primary School in a joyous event attended by family, friends, and staff. The graduation ceremony was a resounding success, thanks to the diligent planning of our prefect team, with some assistance from Mrs. Job and Miss Stone. The prefects' meticulous attention to detail and excellent financial management ensured a memorable evening for all.

The ceremony included a heart-warming segment where pupils nominated each other for various awards. The awards, along with yearbooks and leavers' hoodies, were presented to the pupils, marking their achievements and commemorating their time at our school. After the formalities, the students enjoyed an evening of dancing and spending quality time with their friends. The highlight of the night was undoubtedly the chocolate fountain!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and wish them all the best as they move on to the next exciting chapter of their lives. Congratulations to the Class of 2024!





## EYFS AND JUNIOR HOUSE TRIP TO LEGOLAND

As part of our end-of-year celebrations, the **Early Years** and **Junior** children went on their House Trip to Legoland. Thankfully, the rain held off and the children were able to have fun on the rides in the sunshine.

The children from the Early Years went on a train ride, watched an exciting pirate show and saw miniature versions of buildings from around the world in 'Mini Land'. To end the day, they enjoyed a special workshop where they worked in teams to build castles and decorated them with flags and the Legoland dragon.

The Junior pupils took part in an interactive workshop where they were able to put their coding skills into practise. They built a mini Legoland ride, then coded it to make it move and play music.

Well done to all the all the pupils for their fantastic behaviour on the trip and for having so much fun.





## SENIOR NEWS

An imitation of Dragon's Den took place on 2 July. Aspiring young entrepreneurs from **years 7 to 10** presented their ideas of an exciting product or service to the senior school and a guest judge. It was an impressive event that encouraged individuals to go outside their comfort zone, while enhancing their public-speaking and persuasive skills. This event also helped them to prepare for the "real" world.

The participants were: **Aurora** (7BK), **Kaleemullah** (8B), **Sayfullah** (9JR), **Yusuf** (9D), **George** and **Adam** (10S)

We hope we will have more of these enterprise events to encourage friendly competition with many more participants in the coming years.

Huge congratulations to Aurora, who took the spoils with an excellent presentation, impressing the guest judge with her idea of selling skin-care products through an app.

Thank you to the teachers who gave students their time to work on this project, and to all the participants who showed great interest. A special thank you to Mr Kelley for accepting the invitation to be our guest judge.



## Year 10 Careers Day

The **Year 10** careers programme culminated in the annual careers and mock interview day on Friday 5 July. In the morning, the pupils had the opportunity to listen to seasoned professionals who introduced them to their respective professions. The speakers were: Han Newman (Sport Psychology), Virginia Fernandez (Finance), Matthew Newman (Marketing), Sinead Greenaway (Media), Paul Newman (Journalism), Andrew Holmes (Property) and Ricardo Ellcock (Sport/Aviation).

In the afternoon, after the pupils and the speakers were treated to a drinks reception and lunch hosted by Mrs. Saint, the pupils were subjected to 30 minutes of one to one interviews, during which they had to talk about their ambitions, interests and involvement in everyday school life.

The interview panel was very impressed with our pupils and gave them some constructive feedback. They gained valuable experience in how to conduct themselves in a formal interview scenario, an experience that will be extremely useful for the imminent sixth form application process. The year 10 pupils would like to thank everybody who made the day possible.





## SENIOR HOUSE TRIP TO THORPE PARK

On 8 July the seniors went to Thorpe Park for their end of year House Reward trip. This was the first house trip with 4 houses and being in smaller groups made it easier to decide what rides to go on. Pupils had the opportunity to experience over 30 thrill rides, family attractions and unique events on a day trip at one of the UK's best theme parks. Despite the weather pupils enjoyed roller coasters, rides and amusement activities. Staff supervised pupils around the park and also took part on some of the less scary and more sedate rides!



Here are some comments from the Y10 Head Prefects Charlie and Sophia:

“I loved the rides and others were supportive and motivating when going on them.”

“It was a great experience as it is something that we don't normally do within school life.”

“Despite the bad weather, that did not stop me from having fun with friends and teachers.”

## STAFF vs STUDENTS NETBALL MATCH



On Tuesday 9 July we had our annual staff vs students netball match. It is always highly competitive and students and staff played well. Once again the teachers were victorious beating the students by 12-3.

Well done to the teachers!



## JUNIOR SPEECH DAY

On Thursday 4th July, Normanhurst proudly celebrated the annual Junior Speech Day at St Peter and St Paul Church. The afternoon was filled with pride and joy as students were recognised and awarded for their exceptional achievements in various categories, including academic excellence, significant progress, and outstanding performance in sports, as well as House successes. These awards were a testament to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance our students demonstrated over the year.

We were honoured to have our guest speaker, Mrs Bissett from Highams Park Food Aid, present the awards and speak to our pupils and guests. Her inspiring speech about her work and dedication to the community left a lasting impression.



We were also treated to performances from our talented students including The British Sign Language (BSL) Club, The School Orchestra and the Choir.

Parents, teachers, and pupils came together to celebrate and support each other, making the day truly special. Well done to all the prize winners, we look forward to another year of achievements and celebrations.





## SENIOR SPEECH DAY

Normanhurst School held its annual Senior Speech Day and Prize Giving on Thursday 4th July, the perfect opportunity to celebrate the many achievements and successes of our pupils throughout the year.

As well as the huge array of prizes that were awarded, the event was filled with many performances and musical numbers, such as 'Ode to Joy' by our String Group, 'Follow that Star' from our Senior Choir, and vocal solo of 'Where is the Love' from Lachlan in Year 6.



We are very proud of our Head Prefects who both gave very moving speeches about their time at Normanhurst. We wish the new Head Prefects, House Captains and Prefects the best of luck next year.

It was a fantastic afternoon full of proud pupils, staff, friends and family. Congratulations to all of our prize winners!





## SPORTS DAY

Our annual sports day event was faced with a number of challenges, however, the children and staff made this year a success, marked by the debut of an exciting new house system. For the first time, our pupils competed in four houses, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition. The introduction of the houses added a new layer of excitement and engagement to the event, making it a memorable experience for all involved.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the event winners and participants. Your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship was commendable and did not go unnoticed by staff and parents alike. The enthusiasm and effort displayed by everyone truly embodied the spirit of Sports Day.



### Special Mentions

**Bella (8R):** A special mention goes to Bella for winning the prestigious Victrix Ludorum award. Bella's outstanding performance across multiple events showcased her versatility and athletic excellence.

**Joshua (10S):** Congratulations to Joshua for winning the Victor Ludorum award. Joshua's determination and skill were evident throughout the day, earning him this well-deserved honour.

**Bobby (9JR):** Bobby set a new javelin record for Year 9/10 with an impressive throw of 33.95m. This remarkable achievement highlights Bobby's talent and new dedication to the sport.

**Raghav (8R):** Raghav set a new high jump record with a leap measuring 1.47m. Raghav's exceptional performance in the high jump event was a highlight of the day.

**Rangers House:** A big congratulations to Rangers for winning the senior sports day shield. Their teamwork and consistent performance across various events secured them the top spot.





## SPORTS DAY continued

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their participation and achievements. Each of you contributed to making this sports day a wonderful and memorable event. Let us continue to strive for excellence and look forward to even greater successes in the future.





## Summer Music Concert

On 20 June we held our annual Music Concert. The weather was glorious and we were able to host the event outside, which made it a lovely, summery experience. The tables and chairs were set out bistro style for the audience, and before the performance they were able to enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink and delicious cheese and biscuits. The performance was spectacular, with a wide variety of acts from different year groups. There were solo instrumentals on the violin, guitar, piano, trumpet, clarinet, viola and drums. We also had some solo singers. We had duets, trios, and a number of pieces from the Junior and Senior Choirs. What a





## PUPIL NEWS continued

**James** (9JR) travelled to Worksop College in Nottinghamshire to play in the National ISA Golf Competition. It was played on the challenging College Pines golf course - a 6,800 yard par 73. James played well considering he only started competitive golf this year. He finished his round with a birdie 3 on the last green to secure 5th place in the overall Y7-13 individual competition.

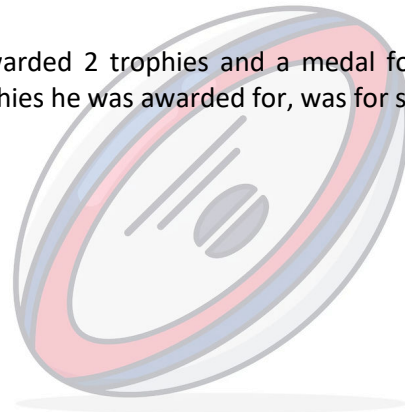
James really enjoyed his experience at ISA Golf and cannot wait to do a little better next year!

Well done James!



**Henry** (Y2) has been awarded 2 trophies and a medal for playing rugby recently. One of the trophies he was awarded for, was for sportsmanship.

Well done Henry!



On Sunday 23 June **Imogen** (9D) competed in the Queen Mary Junior Open Regatta in Surrey. The water was packed with 55 boats in total.

In challenging wind conditions she finished 13th in the first race, improving to 6th and 4th in races 2 and 3 respectively. This gave her 7th place overall in her class and 2nd in the girls' category. She was delighted with this result.

Well done Imogen - what an amazing achievement!





## PUPIL NEWS continued

On Saturday 22 June **Sylvie** (Y5) and **Esme** (Y2) completed a 5 mile WWF Charity Walk in Epping Forest before heading to the school BBQ!

Well done Sylvie and Esme for raising £190 for an amazing cause!



## NSPA

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Barbecue on Saturday 22 June. We enjoyed the performance from our pupils and, as a community, the chance to get together with our families.

We have already started making plans for the new term and it would be great to see as many of you as possible at NSPA meetings and future events.

Please do contact us at [normanhurstschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:normanhurstschoolpa@gmail.com) if you would like to join the NSPA team or if you would be interested in supporting any of the events. New ideas are always welcome so please do get in touch if you feel inspired.

With best wishes

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