

## 1st XV: unbeaten, unbowed.



The Northwood Prep XV have been honing their team skills in what is proving to be a triumphant season. Their fluent intelligent style is being complemented by a commitment to 15 man rugby, a combination that is proving to be irresistible, as the latest match report suggests:

"Recently the 1<sup>st</sup> XV played St John's School. NP won the first maul and the forwards powered halfway up the pitch, until scrum – half, **Neel Bhalla** passed the ball to **Alex McCormick** who wove in and out of the opposition to score beneath the posts. This was expertly converted by the team's kicker, **Oliver Redman**. This was followed up by a quick succession of two more tries and conversions from **Alex** and **Oliver** that gave us an additional 14 points. The next scrum was turned over by NP, getting the ball down the line quickly. Winger, **Rishav**, and outside centre **Thomas** ran through the defence supported by the strong running **Bayes. MacLean** also featured strongly. The ball was delivered quickly to the other wing, which resulted in the captain, **Henry Douch** diving in and scoring a try. This was converted by **Oliver** with outstanding accuracy. This was shortly followed by a scrum in which their scrum half was taken by surprise by powerhouse locks **Kemp & Mandair** and speedy **Kishan Radia**. The whistle then blew, which took us up to half time leading 28-0. In the second half. St John's got their first break through the defence and ran down the pitch but a brilliant tackle from full back **Gus Machado** prevented them from scoring a try. Unluckily, we passed the ball forward, giving St. John's a scrum. But a very strong push by our two props, **Kyan Karashah** and **Karan Soni** once again turned it over. The ball was passed to **Beveridge**, who once again steamed through the defence, this time on his own to score a well deserved try. Yet again this was converted by **Oliver Redman**. Soon after, **Chaneil Patel** was introduced to the match in place of **Rohin Shah**, who had a very good game. Finally, **Kyan, Alex** and **Oliver** rounded off the game in style, giving us the winning score of 56-0. Credit must go to **Oliver Redman** who scored 8 out of 8 conversions and Man of the Match **Alex McCormick** who scored 5 tries. Thanks to Mr. Lambden and Mr. Todd for preparing us for this match and getting us to this position." **Report from Kishan and Sevir Y8**

Very well done boys.

Dr. Trevor Lee | Headmaster

## Diary Dates

**Mon 09/11/2009 - Tue 10/11/2009**  
Revision for Senior School Examinations  
**Wed 11/11/2009–Fri 13/11/2009**  
Senior School Examinations (Y5–Y8)  
**Tue 17/11/2009**  
7+ Assessments (pm)  
Nursery Parents' Meeting 3.15pm–5.15pm  
**Wed 18/11/2009**  
Junior School Recital 9am Junior School Hall  
Nursery Parents' Meetings 3.15pm–5.15pm.  
**Thu 19/11/2009**  
Y3, 4 & 5 Music Recital 8.50 am New Barn Theatre  
Nursery Parents' Meeting 3.15pm–5.15pm.  
Y8 Domesday Workshop at the National Archives, Kew  
Governors' AGM 7.00 pm  
**Fri 20/11/2009**  
Y6, 7 & 8 Music Recital 8.50 am New Barn Theatre  
**Mon 23/11/2009**  
Y8S Parents' Evening 5.00 – 7.30 pm Senior Hall  
**Wed 25/11/2009**  
Whole School Staff Meeting 8.00 am  
**Thu 26/11/2009**  
Y8W Parents' Evening 5.00 – 7.30 pm Senior Hall  
**Fri 27/11/2009**  
Parents' Association Secrets' Room  
Year 5 & 6 Spelling Bee

## MVP & MIP

### *Most Valuable Pupil*

This time we congratulate:

**Amal Barot Y8**

**Alex McCormick & Oliver Redman Y8**

**Patrick Davern Y4**

### *Most Improved Pupil*

This time we congratulate:

**Alexander Saunders Y3**

**Amar Shah Y5**

**Joe Stein Y5**

## KEY STAGE 2 NEWS (Y3-Y6)

### YELLOW PAGES

Many thanks to everyone who brought in Yellow Pages for the Yellow Woods Challenge. We collected 117 Yellow Pages which is great and is our record to date! We came 4<sup>th</sup> in the competition held between 20 local schools and were 'highly commended'. Thank you for all your support.



Mrs S Nathwani | Y3 Form Teacher

### Firework Night



A big "thank you" to the P.A. for organising such a wonderful Fireworks Evening last night. Thankfully the weather was dry so that the amazing display could be seen in all its' glory. The food and drink were delicious and enjoyed by everyone. An enormous amount of teamwork goes into preparing an evening like this and it is much appreciated by the whole school community.

T.D.Lee | Headmaster

I hope that you all had a good half term. It was good to see so many parents at target setting on the Friday before half term and thank you for giving up your time. This is a very valuable session for pupils, Form Tutors and parents alike.

Caroline Lawrence, the author who wrote the Roman Mystery books, came into school recently and gave a fascinating and informative talk to the boys. Thanks go to Mr Waddington for organising this visit from such a popular author.

The mufti day and cake sale went very well. Thank you to the parents who helped for all their hard work in organising and running the stalls, and to all of those who supplied the wonderful cakes.

On November 5<sup>th</sup> the P.A. organised bonfire night with a firework display and your support for this explosive event was very much appreciated.

Thank you to those who made up a shoebox for 'Operation Christmas Child'. These boxes will give cheer to children who otherwise would not receive a gift at Christmas.

**Rishav Shah (8W)** and **Julian Man (8W)** will represent the school at the Remembrance Service in Northwood on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November and will lay a wreath at the war memorial. Thanks in anticipation to all those staff, parents and boys who will attend this important event. During the week before, poppies were on sale and the money collected goes towards helping support the British Legion to care for the soldiers who have been injured in wars. Year 4 were recently invaded by Greeks when Portals from the Past came into school. They learnt about myths, legends and the wars with the Persian Empire.

Mr I Rice | Deputy Head

### House Digital Photo Competition.



This year, in place of the House Art Competition, we will be organising a House Digital Photography Competition.

The event will be open to all boys in Year 3 – 8 with separate sections in each age group.

The theme of the competition is 'Water', and will be judged by staff from the Art, ICT, Geography and Science Departments.

Subjects can range from a drop to a deluge.

Images can be manipulated using Photoshop or similar and boys can be guided and advised by parents, all we ask is that the image is all the boys' own work.

Date and full details for the competition will be announced later, but will be after the Spring Half Term, so you have plenty of time to pick the best from your portfolio!

As with any activity near water, an adult should always accompany children; boys must not be by themselves. Before allowing your son to explore or play in the area, point out the dangers and explain where they are allowed to go and where they are not.



Mr S Newton | Head of ICT

This half term ended with Target Setting as usual and the opportunity for boys to begin their exam revision over the break. Revision Packs were distributed. Year 7 & 8 pupils attended the excellent Study Skills session by David Thompson of Futureminds and parents enjoyed the stimulating lecture by Will Ord on Philosophy for Children (P4C).

Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV for two fine victories against St John's. There have been unbeaten NP teams in different sports over the years but a season of wins is quite rare so fingers crossed for the 1st XV in their remaining matches against Gayhurst and Belmont. Thanks to the Parents' Association for the scrumptious Cake Sale and the fantastic fireworks recently.

The main focus since half-term has been revision and preparation for school exams (Wed 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 13<sup>th</sup> November). Parents' Evenings for Year 8 will follow in November (23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>) and in January (11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>) for Year 7. All parents will receive an end of term interim report. There will be my usual Post Exam Challenge and the solution will be posted on the school website.

Mr A Crook | 2nd Deputy Head

## Junior School News

Thank you so much to the many parents who attended Will Ord's Thinking Skills talk before half term. It was such a successful evening and I am delighted that so many parents were able to hear about how to unlock their child's learning at home as well as find out about what we are trying to achieve at school with our Philosophy for Children (P4C) lessons. It was also great to have so much positive feedback about the usefulness of this talk. That was a busy week, because it was also a pleasure to welcome some of the new parents for the Governors' talk about the aims of Northwood Prep and I am grateful to parents who gave up two of their evenings in one week. In the same week, we also saw parents for the Junior School Consultations. It is always a pleasure to share the boys' achievements and targets with parents. Year 2 boys had an enjoyable visit to the National Archives in Kew before half term (photo of Sachin included) and were given the opportunity to investigate the Great Fire of London. Today, Year 1 boys

have visited the Toy Museum and I will include more information about this in the next newsletter. A big thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help with both of these visits - we could not do these days out without the help! Also today, Nursery has been closed for our annual 3+ assessments, which is probably one of the busiest and hardest working days of our school calendar! Next week, we start our rehearsals for the Junior School production and we have sent home a letter about requesting tickets for this event. It is not to be missed!

Miss K McNerney | Head of Junior School



## THE ANCIENT GREEKS COME TO NP

'The Greek Day was very close to my best day in the world! This was how **Nicholas Notley** described our Ancient Greeks day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 'Today was a cracking day, I learnt lots of things about the Greeks and we also did the Olympics!' this was how **Veron Shah** described the visit of Theron of Corinth from 'Portals to the Past' to Year 4. Many of the other boys also wrote in similarly enthusiastic terms about the day their history studies came alive. In the morning Theron, dressed in the armour of a Greek hoplite, told the boys all about Greek myths and legends and ancient Greek gods and heroes. He also taught the boys about the Peloponnesian War and the wars the Greeks fought against the mighty Persian Empire. The boys also completed a quiz on Ancient Greece.

In the afternoon Theron talked to the boys in more detail about Greek weapons and armour, he described to the boys about battle tactics and the life of a soldier in Ancient Greece. Later on the boys were able to try on some of the armour themselves. Theron also talked to the boys about the amazing life and achievements of Alexander the Great and the huge empire that he conquered. At the end of the afternoon the boys took part in their own version of the Olympic Games and 4E narrowly beat 4K by the closest of margins! The boys all had an enjoyable time and learnt a great deal to enhance their history studies about Ancient Greece.



Mr N Watts | Head of History

**SCHOOL ETHOS:** 'A Christian caring environment in which each pupil is valued for himself, in which each is given the opportunity of full development, and in which all pupils, Staff and Governors strive for excellence.'

## Hockey Steps Up A Gear at NP



U.S International Rob Schilling has joined us this term to further our development in Hockey. The Hockey League at Merchant Taylors' has been a source of inspiration for our students, who now have the opportunity to play and train on a weekly basis. Additionally, Paul Louden from Merchant Taylors' and former Great Britain Ladies Coach, has been working with our goalkeepers and is presently coaching here at the school on Wednesdays. More and more students are discovering and enjoying the game and with more matches planned for the future, Hockey is fast becoming a major sport at the school.



## Nursery PE Flying High



Our Nursery students are already setting high standards in all aspects of their PE curriculum. The standard of hand to eye co-ordination is excellent and their capacity to learn and acquire new skills is a pleasure to see. The group has already bypassed parts of last year's curriculum and at this pace will be ready to tackle Reception PE skills by the end of the Spring term. A big thank you goes to all the Nursery teachers for their support

without which such progress would not be possible. A fantastic start, well done!

## Sporting Achievement Beyond NP

Congratulations to **Darshan Shah** in Year 5 who was invited to the Middlesex Club Tour Finals, having achieved one of the top 8 positions (6<sup>th</sup>) on the Middlesex County leader board for his age group. A very respectable 5<sup>th</sup> place finish put Darshan in a good position for his transition into full court tennis in the near future.

**Krishen Shah** has also been chosen as one of 18 boys selected by Hertfordshire for the County U12 Winter Excellence training squad. The programme commences in November through to the end of March at which point a final squad of 14 will be selected for the 2010 season.

Congratulations to all the boys who were put forward for both Hertfordshire and Middlesex District trials. We await news!

Congratulations to **Rishav Shah** Y8 who was runner up in the Hertfordshire U13 boys doubles badminton tournament this October.

Smashing!

Mr D Todd | Director of Sport

## Another Award Winning Author visits NP

On October 15th Years 7&8 met the fantastic author Marcus Sedgwick. Every book Marcus has written has been nominated for at least one award and he is acknowledged as one of the finest living writers for young people.

The presentation focused on his historical novel: 'Blood Red, Snow White', a true story about the adventures of Arthur Ransome, author of 'Swallows and Amazons', when he was a young journalist working in Moscow during the Russian Revolution in 1917. The boys gained valuable insight into the techniques of researching historical material and Marcus was very gracious and informative when being questioned about his writing and the different approaches he takes to each book.

Mrs S Smith | LRC Manager

