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Norwood News



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THE ARTS FESTIVAL IS BACK AS A HUGE SUCCESS

Norwood's Arts Festival, which has been held every three years for at least the last thirty years, returned to be a brilliant success yet again. The classes moved away from the usual curriculum timetable and explored a wide range of Arts activities including dance, music, art and drama with special performances from each other, high school students, ex-pupils and visitors.

This year's theme was Celebrations around the World and each year group chose a country or continent to focus on: *Reception - Spain; Year 1 - New Zealand; Year 2 - Africa; Year 3 - India;*



Year R with tomato paintings



Year 3's Indian dancing



Year 5's orchestra of brass and woodwind

Year 4 - Latvia; Year 5 - Philippines and Year 6 - Brazil. Today each year group was given the opportunity to put on a show for other classes. What a fabulous week it has been, and the biggest THANK YOU to Mrs. Healy, Mrs. Jenkinson and Miss Mills for their incredible organisation of the event, and to all the staff for their enthusiasm at a very busy time of year.

We would also like to offer our Norwood thank you to the following people, who gave their time to be involved in the event:

Evan Thorpe, Abby, Emma Gregson Burt at Stanley High, Brooke Shotton, Natalie Rice, Vinnay Lakshmikanth, Carol Dempster, Gaynor Dunn, Jo McNally at Meols Cop, Emma Roberts at Birkdale High, Tappy Toes, Linda Harrison, Karen Leach at Marshside Dance, Mrs. Campbell, Julie Rowlandson, Katie Gall, Les, Hannah and Heather Gomersall, Tim Browne, Sonja McCardle, Joan Hughes, David Bowen and Taylor.

There have been some fabulous memories created for the school, as well as showcasing so many children's talents, which hopefully might motivate others to ASPIRE. More photos will be added to the website over the summer holidays.

SCHOOL OUT FOR SUMMER ON FRIDAY AT 2.00PM

Gates open at 1.50pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be released from their classrooms

Year 3 to be collected from the astroturf MUGA.

Year 4 to be collected from the hardcourt MUGA.

Year 5 to be collected from their usual area.



TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO SOME VERY FAMILIAR FACES AND WARM WISHES FOR AN EXCITING FUTURE

As you will know from a previous newsletter, there are a number of staff moving onto pastures new. The end of the school year always brings some sad farewells and this year is no different with three long serving and valuable members of staff leaving Norwood for the next stage of their lives.

Mrs. Sumner came to Norwood back in 2000, and in those twenty five years she has been a superb teaching assistant working away across the whole school with her inimitable sense of humour and her dedicated care for the children.



Mrs. Sumner

Mrs. Rigby arrived with us at Norwood in 2002 as a part-time teacher and bit by bit she initially taught across KS2 classes, but her marvellous teaching and her passion for PE and Sport saw her teach across the whole school. Her passion for sport has seen Norwood thrive in this area. What a legacy she has given us!



Mrs. Rigby

Mrs. Jenkinson has been teaching at Norwood since 2010 and those fourteen years saw her predominately teach in Reception and KS1, with her love for drama and the arts being evident in all those years. The success of this year's Arts Festival is testimony to her passion and desire to keep these subjects at the forefront of children's education.



Mrs. Jenkinson

Other staff leaving for new ventures are Miss Van der Spuy, Miss Roberts and Mrs. Severs. Miss Van der Spuy started as a teaching student, then worked as TA in Year 5 and Year 6 before spending a year teaching in Year 4. Miss Roberts and Mrs. Severs have been fabulous additions to our TA team particularly supporting children with additional needs. We would like to thank them for the contributions they have made to making Norwood an inclusive school.

Finally, we would like to wish them ALL lots of excitement and happiness in their new ventures and want to thank them for everything that they have done for the children, staff and parents of Norwood! Keep your time with us close to your hearts.

PACKED LUNCH REMINDER FOR FRIDAY

As previously mentioned, there are no hot school dinners available this Friday so please make sure your child has a packed lunch.

Children eligible for Free School Meals will be given a packed lunch by the kitchen.

PARENTAL SURVEY RESULTS

Recently we asked parents to complete the annual survey. There were 161 replies and we thank those parents and carers for their contributions. Governors will analyse and identify any next steps.

The main headlines were:

99% felt we had a happy atmosphere
96% felt that their child was happy
99% said they would recommend Norwood

SCHOOL OPENS IN SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September are INSET days, so school opens for children on **Wednesday 4th September at 8.30am**

The school gates open at 8.25am and children can enter the school building from 8.30am

Start and finish times will be remaining the same.

LOST PROPERTY WILL BE CLOSING

Despite reminders, we still have a mountain of clothes in the Lost Property area in the front office, all with no name in.

Please check as we will dispose of these items over the Summer holiday.