



Normanhurst School

68-74 Station Road, North Chingford
London E4 7BA

Tel: 020 8529 4307
Fax: 020 8524 7737

HEADMISTRESS

MRS CLAIRE OSBORN MSc., B.A. (HONS), PGCE

E-mail: info@normanhurstschool.co.uk

Website: www.normanhurstschool.co.uk

October 2016

Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

I hope your children have enjoyed the first few weeks of term, particularly if you joined us for the first time in September. The pupils have settled very well and I have been delighted to see them rising to the challenge of the new school year.

The newsletter published last week gave a sense of how much is going on in school. We had the Early Years 'getting to know you' parent event and Harvest Festival. Last week I read the settling-in reports for new pupils and this week we are welcoming the Year 7 pupils and parents for a 'meet the teacher' evening, so that pupils can introduce their parents to their subject teachers. The first junior parents' drop-in morning has been held, Year 10 pupils and parents have had an introduction to GCSE meeting and Year 11 pupils and parents met to consider life after Normanhurst, including where to study for A Levels and further education.

New Initiatives this Term

The prefect team has started a new 'Drop-in' meeting each lunch time where pupils can go for a chat with the peer mentors. You can see posters around the school, designed by Harrison, which promote the 'Drop-in'.

In response to requests from parents and pupils, we now have a Senior Breakfast Club up and running, but we have room for more pupils. There is a buffet style breakfast with cereals, pastries, toast, fruit and yogurt as well as juice, tea and hot chocolate. Mrs Walledge supervises the club and brings the morning papers with her so that pupils can keep up to date with current affairs. The cost is £3 each day.

Year 1 and Year 2 have been enjoying a new opportunity to have some Science, Art and Big Writing lessons in mixed groups. We began this last week and the pupils produced excellent work. It was very rewarding to see the pupils working together in such a constructive and positive way.

We now have a junior band and a newly formed orchestra. Both of these are being run by Mr Henderson-Jones. If your child plays an instrument, even at beginner standard, please let him know. We would like to invite your son or daughter to join an orchestra or band. There is something special about playing in an ensemble and we are constantly looking for opportunities for the pupils to perform together. In March we have the Oak-Tree Festival of Music and Dance which will take place in Walthamstow Assembly Hall and this will be a wonderful opportunity to play together.

We have our first Money and Economics Super Learning week beginning on Monday 17 October. Mr Peter Baglee from Barclays Bank is delivering a number of interesting workshops for pupils from the juniors up to Year 9. Topics include: Where does money come from? Keeping Money safe, money choices; do you really need it, to introduce the concept of needs and wants and enable pupils to think of ways that they can save money, as well as how to open a bank account.

Open Evening Thursday 6 October and EYFS Open Morning Friday 7 October

Open Evening is a highlight in the school year, as I am sure you will agree if you have attended one. We are using a large number of pupils on the evening chosen from Year 6 up to Year 11. Some will be touring prospective families; others will be volunteering in classrooms. Whatever job each pupil is doing, I am sure they will be wonderful ambassadors for the school: their enthusiasm for school life, the articulate way in which they talk about school, their friendliness and good manners are among the best expressions for what Normanhurst School is all about.

As parents, you too are welcome to visit on Open Evening and to look around the school. In particular if your child will be moving from Reception to Year 1, Year 2 to Year 3, or from juniors into seniors in the next year or so, this can provide an opportunity to see and hear more about the different parts of the school.

Oak-Tree Schools Annual Fireworks Display

Parents have already received a letter about this lovely event. The display will take place on Sunday 13 November 2016 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm and will be held in the grounds of Oaklands School in Loughton. It is an excellent evening for all the family.

Due to the enormous demand (over 1000 tickets were sold last year), tickets will only be available to purchase before the event, and should be bought by Monday 17 October.

All profits from the evening will go back to the Parents' Associations, with the teams from Oaklands, Normanhurst, Coopersale Hall and Braeside joining together to help run the event. If you would like to join us, please remember to contact the office about tickets before the deadline.

House Music Competition 2016

I hope that your children have been talking to you about House Music. Each House is preparing their three items for the competition which takes place at 8.50am on Monday 17 October. For the first time this year, we are inviting parents to come and watch the event, which will be judged by a panel of 'experts'. Please contact the office to request your tickets. There are 60 seats available. Look out for pictures in the next newsletter!

Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

Every year we support the work of Operation Christmas Child by filling shoe boxes with gifts to send to children overseas in need of support. Mrs Prior will be telling the pupils all about how to contribute shortly. We aim to send at least 100 boxes and your help will be much appreciated. Please look out for the information leaflets. Half-term is a good time to prepare your shoebox, ready to bring into school after the holiday.

Forest Casualwear Uniform Supplier

If you're looking to pick up some items of uniform from our school outfitter, Forest Casualwear, over the half term break please be aware that the shop will be closed for annual stocktaking on Wednesday 26 October and Wednesday 2 November.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Mon 3 Oct	12:30 – 16:00	Y1&2 Cross Country (Peter May Centre)
Tue 4 Oct	17:00 – 18:00	Y7 informal parents' meeting (Hall)
Wed 5 Oct	All day	Walk/bike to school day
	12:30 – 16:30	Waltham Forest Borough Netball U14 and U16
Thu 6 Oct	18:00 – 20:00	Open Evening
Fri 7 Oct	09:15 – 11:00	EYFS Open Morning
Tue 11 Oct	17:00 – 18:00	Y7 Parent Meeting: supporting learning in Year 7 (Hall)
Wed 12 Oct	09:00 – 15:30	Y6 Imperial War Museum Trip
	19:00 – 20:30	NSPA AGM – all parents welcome (Hall)
Fri 14 Oct	Before 09:00	'Phil the Bag' Collection
	18:00 – 19:30	GCSE presentation evening

Sat 15 Oct	09:00 – 12:30	Y3-6 Orion Harriers Cross Country Competition
Mon 17 Oct	All Week	Maths and Economics Super Learning Week
	08:45 – 09:45	Y1-Y11 House Music Competition (tickets available for parents)
	09:00 – 11:00	Y3 Joint Normanhurst/Braeside History workshop at Braeside
	15:45 – 17:00	Y5&6 Table Tennis at Chingford Foundation School
Tue 18 Oct	09:00 – 15:00	Year 1-3 trip to the Bank of England
	13:30 – 15:30	Y3&4 Rugby at Chingford Foundation School
	16:00 – 18:30	LKG-Y 6 Parents' Meetings
Wed 19 Oct	09:00 – 15:30	LKG-Y6 Black History Month workshops
Thu 20 Oct	09:00 – 15:00	Reception trip to Colchester Zoo
Fri 21 Oct	09:00 – 15:30	Y11 Geography Epping Forest Field Trip
22 Oct-25 Oct		Senior Residential Trip to Rome
24 Oct – 4 Nov		Half Term
Fri 11 Nov	13:00 – 19:30	Y4 & 5 to Harry Potter Studios
Sun 13 Nov	16:30 – 18:30	Oak-Tree Fireworks Display at Oaklands School (tickets required)
Mon 14 Nov	08:00 – 17:00	Reception trip to Rainforest Cafe
Wed 16 Nov	09:00 – 15:30	Y3-6 Talented trip to Tate Modern
Fri 25 Nov	08:30 – 09:00	Rec - Y6 Drop-in morning for parents
Sat 26 Nov	10:00 – 15:30	GCSE English Department Super Learning Day
Mon 28 Nov	09:30 – 15:30	Senior Gifted & Invited trip to the Houses of Parliament
Tue 29 Nov	09:30 – 15:45	Y8 Visit to Museum of London Great Fire of London Exhibition
Fri 2 Dec	09:00 – 15:30	Y11 trip to GCSE Poetry Live at the Apollo Theatre
Mon 5 Dec	13:30 – 14:00	Infant Play Dress Rehearsal
Tue 6 Dec	14:30 – 15:30	Infant Play to Parents
Wed 7 Dec	09:15 – 10:15	Infant Play to Parents (tbc)
Thu 8 Dec	09:00 – 10:30	Infant Christmas Play (tbc)
	12:00 – 15:30	Junior school panto: Aladdin (time tbc)
Tue 13 Dec	14:00 – 15:00	Whole School Carol Service – parents welcome (Parish Church)
Wed 14 Dec	12:00 – 13:00	Senior Christmas Lunch
	13:00 – 14:00	Junior Christmas Lunch followed by Christmas party
Thu 15 Dec	12:00	School ends at 12 noon: Break for Christmas

As always, if you have any concerns or questions you would like to discuss, please contact your child's form teacher or telephone the school office to arrange an appointment. We would be very happy to see you.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress



OAK-TREE SCHOOLS is the group name of:

BRAESIDE SCHOOL, BUCKHURST HILL • COOPERSALE HALL SCHOOL, EPPING • NORMANHURST SCHOOL, NORTH CHINGFORD • OAKLANDS SCHOOL, LOUGHTON

HEAD OFFICE ADDRESS: 6-8 ALBION HILL, LOUGHTON, ESSEX IG10 4RA

GROUP MANAGING PRINCIPAL: MR MATTHEW HAGGER B.A. (HONS), M.ED., PGCE PRINCIPALS: MR NICHOLAS HAGGER M.A. (OXON), MRS ANN HAGGER CERT. ED.

Normanhurst School is the trading name of Normanhurst School Ltd; registered in England at 6 Albion Hill, Loughton, Essex IG10 4RA; company number 9380841

