

Junior School Highlights



NORTHAMPTON
HIGH SCHOOL

We have enjoyed another successful and happy year in Junior School, as you will see from the sample of photographs below. Every year we face the challenging job of deciding what to include and there are always many terrific images and stories on the cutting room floor! As I reflect on the year, my overall impression is that we have been outdoors more than ever, especially with the increased use of our Forest School. We are fortunate to have a wonderful school site which caters for all our needs, but I know that our girls are as happy on the playground as they are in the Science Lab or IT room and we will continue to provide them with as many outdoor learning opportunities as possible in the future.

Ross Urquhart, Head of Junior School

RESIDENTIAL

Ski Trip



The 5th annual ski trip visited Alpe D'Huez, France along with girls from 4 other GDST schools. Four hours of lessons each day provided plenty of opportunity to practise and everyone received their graded ESF badges. Evening entertainment included crêpe night, bum boarding, disco and the ever popular talent show.



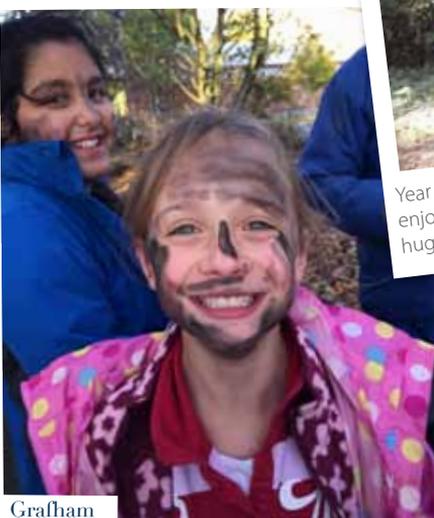
Stibbington

Year 4 had a great residential visiting Stibbington in Cambridgeshire. Girls took part in recycling art activities and running the Crunchy Carrot Cafe. Geography skills were enhanced by participating in field work activities, making decisions if land was appropriate for building houses on and completing comparisons between Northampton and Stibbington. Evening activities included team work games; rat run, blind folding and a pirates treasure trail.

Grendon



Year 3 had a fabulous time on their first residential trip to Grendon. The sun shone on us as we enjoyed low rope activities, orienteering, team building challenges and loads more; ending in a huge water fight on the field soaking the teachers and instructors as well as all of us!



Grafham

Year 5 went to Grafham Water Centre where they enjoyed whammel sailing, mountain biking, indoor climbing, crate stacking, archery and bush craft to name but a few activities!

Osmington Bay



Year 6 made lifelong memories on their trip to Osmington Bay. The girls enjoyed many exciting activities including a zip wire, giant swing, abseiling, climbing and kayaking. They supported each other throughout the week, encouraging and celebrating everyone's new achievements and challenges. Evening entertainment was always energetic with Capture the Flag, enthusiastic singing round the campfire and the teachers 'strutting their stuff' on the dance floor at the disco!

AUTUMN TERM

Author Visit



Louise Robertson came into school to read her stories with the younger girls and share time with Year 5 and 6 talking about writing for a younger audience!

Ellie Robinson



Paralympian medal winner Ellie Robinson came in to assembly and spoke about her exciting time in Rio.

GDST Maths Conference



Year 6 girls attended the GDST Maths Conference where they explored spatial patterns, solved Maths problems and made icosahedrons using truncated tetrahedral.

Wildlife Club



Wildlife Club kept our Forest School area full of animal activity by replenishing the bird feeders and checking on animal habitats.

Butterfly Farm



Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Butterfly Farm as part of our Life Cycles topic in Science. They studied the butterflies, acted out the butterfly life cycle and held a Giant African Millipede.

Diwali



Nursery celebrated Diwali with costumes, dancing and Indian snacks.

Think Tank



Girls visited the Think Tank in Birmingham and were given the opportunity to code robots and use Python to create a game on a Raspberry Pi.

Astronaut



NHS girls were chosen to attend an inspiring talk by Astronaut Tim Peake, they watched experiments, enjoyed a hands-on exhibition and performed a poem entitled 'Tim, Can You Rap' to the whole auditorium.

Hobbies Morning



Inspirational presentations were pitched to the other year groups on the theme of hobbies by Year 5.

Greek Day



Ancient Greek Day was a huge success with wonderful costumes and everyone challenging their taste buds with new food.

Kitchen



Year 2 explored healthy eating in Science by touring the school kitchen. They looked at the equipment, saw how much food was needed for 750 people a day and even walked inside the fridge!

Hockey



Selene won the overall Junior School Inter-House Hockey tournament.

Christmas



Girls enjoyed performing Christmas plays, Christmas decorations day and wearing Christmas clothing in the run up to the end of term.

Forest School



Girls enjoyed Forest School with bug hunting, den making, mud kitchen fun and threading leaves.

SPRING TERM

Shoes



Year 3 had a wonderful time learning about the history of the shoe industry at Northampton Museum.

Bletchley Park



Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Bletchley Park where they attended a codebreaking workshop and were allowed to use a genuine Enigma machine.

IAPS



The Under 10 and Under 11 Swimming teams took part in the IAPS Swimming Gala where the Under 10 freestyle relay team rocketed to victory – a long way in front of the other teams!

Allotment



Girls in Year 6 planted a variety of vegetables at the allotments for the Re:store charity who they have supported all year.



Toilet Twinning

Year 4 led the fundraising in Junior School to raise £300 to buy toilet blocks in Sierra Leone and a Displacement Camp Toilet in the Central African Republic.

Digital Leaders



Girls enjoyed the buzz at the Annual Digital Leaders Conference where they designed and pitched their own product to support language learning.



Holdenby

Year 2 had a lovely time at Holdenby House where they wrote their diaries with Samuel Pepys, sketched Queen Victoria and washed bandages with Florence Nightingale.

Spring Fayre



Girls and their families enjoyed the annual Spring Fayre organised by FoHNS - it was like Christmas on Oxford Street! The jam jar tombola being the favourite stand yet again!

Fire Station



Reception enjoyed a trip to the Mereway Fire Station where they got to squirt the water hose and to climb inside the engine.

Space Centre



Year 5 and 6 had a great day at the Space Centre where they followed the experiences of an astronaut, programmed robots and designed and pitched their idea for a 'Space Snack' in the Business Challenge.

Under 11 GSA



Our netball squad played in the Under 11 GSA (Girls' School Association) Regional Tournament and were delighted to be crowned champions for the second year running.

SUMMER TERM

Science Day



Science Day was great fun using the STEAM rooms to enjoy Atomic Tom's demonstrations of chemical reactions and explosions! Sixth Formers also hosted activities propelling rockets across the school.

Summer Concert



Girls 'Spread a Little Happiness' at the musical Summer Concert showcasing an amazing array of musical talent.

Enterprise Day



Year 6 teamed up with Year 8 for Enterprise Day coming up with ingenious ideas for an ethical product that helps others.

Bugtopia



Bugtopia hosted our Reception class for a trip out to see and hold stick insects, tarantulas, geckos and even a boa constrictor!

Resilience



Challenging team building activities taught the girls to dare to fail and bounce back again in Resilience Week.

Debating



The Day of Debating showed confident speakers and convincing arguments from the girls.

Arts Festival



Our annual Arts Festival showcased an amazing array of talent amongst our girls. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing such bright, bold and creative pieces of art around the school.

Cricket



We took part in our first Cricket matches of the season, where we demonstrated great skill and each of our A, B and C teams won!

Sculptures



Year 5 were led by our Artist in Resident to create 3D sculptures of the Junior School teachers.

Post Office



Nursery girls went to Cogenhoe Post Office to buy a stamp and post a letter - we even managed to have enough change to buy an ice lolly!

Voting



The Year 1 Conservatives formed a shock coalition with the Labour Party in a very busy mock polling day with students, staff and parents casting their votes.

Egyptian Day



Egyptian day for Year 4 girls included making collars, cracking hieroglyphic codes, designing a sarcophagus and building a pyramid.

Tempest



The Junior School production of 'The Tempest' was a visual and audio feast for the audience.