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We are now well into the school year and quickly approaching the Christmas holidays! That being said it was good to look back at all the exciting developments that have taken place at NLGS over the first half term.

One of the main changes that have taken place at NLGS this year has been the addition of the Prep School (Years 3-6) on the ground floor. Our new students and staff have been a welcome addition to the NLGS family, as they have brought a warm and refreshing atmosphere to the school. They have also brightened up the ground floor with a brand new library and colourful exhibitions. Our new prep students have made a great start to the year by taking part in activities for anti-bullying week.

It was pleasing to start the new academic year by inviting new parents to our welcome evening dinner. We hope that you found these sessions to be informative and useful. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas dinner. We have prepared exciting shows for you especially from the music department as they have been busy preparing for our Christmas concert over the past few weeks.

This year we have been putting more and more effort into strengthening our Fine Arts department this academic year and we are glad to see it come into fruition. We started by hosting an art competition where we invited local primary students to design an A3 piece of art celebrating diversity in London. We were overwhelmed with creative and imaginative submissions from more than 120 students. On the 17th of October, we hosted an exhibition and invited Councillor Roberto Weeden Sanz, artist Tracy Davy and school senior leaders to judge the excellent entries.

We have also seen new developments in our PE department as we are now involved with Barnet Partnership For School Sport. Our school teams have been competing in matches and tournaments in football, basketball and athletics so far and we wish them the best of luck for a successful future.

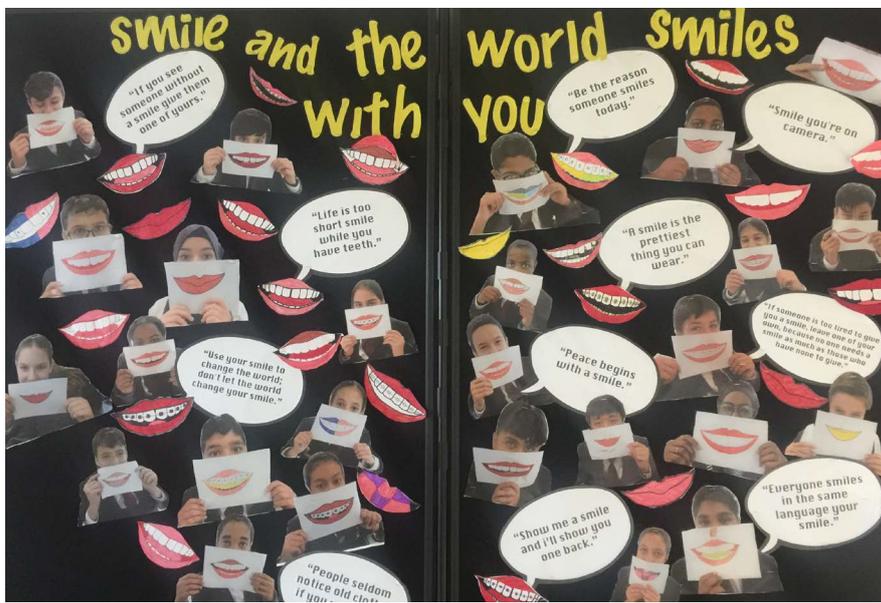
Our interventions have been running regularly after school and on weekends for Year 10 & 11 students. We are happy to announce our weekend interventions are now running at no cost for our students and interventions will also be taking place during holidays. Interventions are a great way for students to spend extra time studying and to spend more time learning with teachers in a smaller class. This means students will be able to get more out of each session and therefore we recommend all students to attend.

In order for our students to continue their development on the global level, we prepare them to compete in Olympiads in numerous subjects. Last week three of our students competed in the Mathematics Olympiad for Girls. Even though these are some of our best students we believe it is key for them to continue their learning and develop their skills.

In addition to this, we are happy to announce that our Olympiads coordinator Mr Zerenturk and our school have been appointed as a National Coordinator for the International Mathematics Assessments for Schools in the United Kingdom. From now on International Mathematics Olympiads will be hosted at our school and are excited for our students to be able to participate!

On a final note, we would like to encourage parents and students to follow us on social media accounts as this is one of the best ways to keep up with all the events, trips and activities that take place at school.

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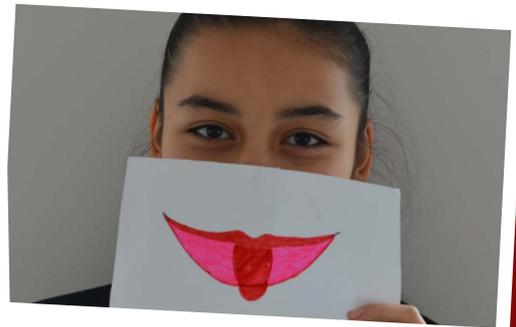
World Smile Day

3rd October 2019

We tried to provide a perfect opportunity to get students smiling, and help them make other people smile too. Take a look at our great big smiles from our students!

“A smile is the prettiest thing you can wear.”

“If you see someone without a smile give them one of yours.”



ParentMail

From next term onwards our school will be accepting only **online payments** for school trips. Payment must be processed through parent mail account. If you do not have an account by now please contact info@northlondongrammar.com to set up your username and password.

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18th October 2019

Halloween Party

Our girls had a great time at the Halloween Party full of spooky costumes and great music! Congratulations to Motunrayo Fashola, Year 7 for the best costume.



A huge thank you to our dining ladies for lovely halloween cup cakes.

5th October

HAPPY Teachers' Day to all teachers, for they do so much to make the future brighter for their students.

Our students surprised their teachers on World Teachers Day by producing cards and presenting those to them at the assembly so as to show their gratitude and appreciation for "what they teach us remains with us throughout life."



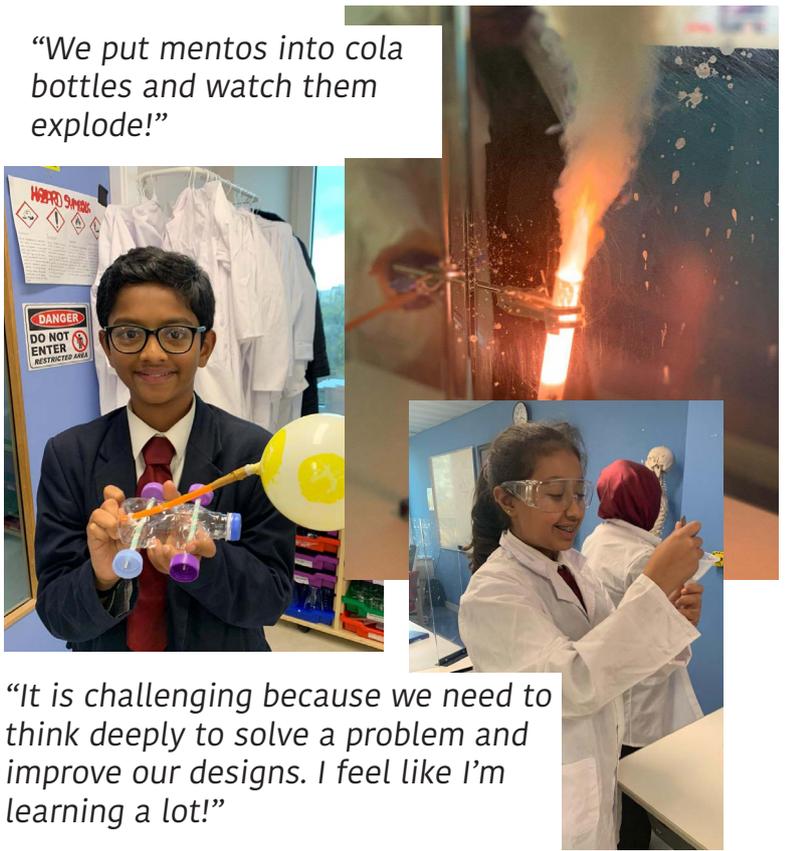
"It was really lovely to feel appreciated by reading the comments students have made to realise, that in a way, we are bound together as a team, both teacher and learner."

Ms Conti
Art Teacher

Club of the week! STEM Club

KS3 STEM Club meets every Monday, after school and we take on challenges and investigate how to solve problems.

We often use a mixture of Science, DT, and Maths to try and improve our solutions. We perform exciting experiments as well as challenging projects to stretch our understanding in Science beyond our current level.



"We put mentos into cola bottles and watch them explode!"

"It is challenging because we need to think deeply to solve a problem and improve our designs. I feel like I'm learning a lot!"

Year 7 Trip to PGL

Our Year 7 trip to PGL was a wonderful time for students to bond with each other and challenge themselves in different activities and adventures.



"I wish PGL was longer. It was such a beautiful and fun time. I am feeling emotional now that I am leaving my friends."

Year 7 Settling in Dinner



Thank you to all the parents who have attended our Year 7 settling in dinner. It was a very warm atmosphere and a great evening.

Important Dates

Human Rights Assembly
11th December

Christmas Concert and Dinner
11th December

Christmas Jumper Day
13th December

The Nutcracker Ballet
18th December

School Holiday
20th December to 3rd January

Art Competition

Tuesday 5th November 2019

North London Grammar School held an Art Competition this summer and invited local primary schools to participate with an A3 piece of art work with the title 'Living Together in London'.

The school was overwhelmed with creative and imaginative submissions from more than 120 students. On Thursday 17th October, North London Grammar School, Colindeep Lane, recently rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, held an exhibition to display the work of all the students. Guests were able to celebrate the pupils' work and effort and it was also an opportunity for the judges to select and award prizes to the three winners. Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Place - Nikhil Mehta from Holland House.
2nd Place - Meesha Bhindia from Colindale Primary School.
3rd Place - Aronis Kibildis from Bell Lane School

The judges included the councillor for Barnet, Roberto Weeden Sanz, artist and illustrator Tracy Davy and senior leaders from the school. North London Grammar School runs a competition every summer, inviting surrounding primary schools from Year 3 to 6, to participate.



"My picture represents all the different and diverse types of people living together in London. The hands on the London Eye represent people working together to move London move forward. They are helping and supporting each other in the peaceful London Skyline. I have included London landmarks, like Big Ben, the Gherkin and Tower Bridge, as these great London monuments represent the history and the modern side of this amazing city, that I call home! I have included pigeons in my representations of London as I see them everywhere, I go. I made my picture a silhouette so that I could also show London in the sparkling, grey shimmer that it often is in the wintery months. I hope that you will see from my picture that it is the diversity, history and uniqueness of London that makes it such a special place where 9 million people chose to live!"

1st Place - Nikhil Mehta from Holland House.



Meet Our Prefects



We are very pleased that Sueda Sahinoglu, Serdar Gokce, Abdul Ghaffar, Bolanle Kazeem have been selected as a Prefect at North London Grammar School.

Through the prefect tasks, they have shown that they can present well, be a good leader and have the ability to work as a team, as well as use their own initiative. Students have recognised them as a good role model through the task that they did with them during form time.

We are certain that they will continue to be a good role model and would like to wish them best of luck as a prefect.

Welcome



North London Prep School is a new addition for our ever growing family.

We have had an amazing start to the new academic year in full speed. With our extended curriculum, we try to ensure that our children are exposed to a wide range of skills in lessons, clubs, workshops and excursions. They get involved in activities from robotics, STEM, art and dance to early career guidance with trips such as Kidzania.

The NLPS curriculum in class is enhanced and structured to follow the National and ISEB Curriculum shaped by our enthusiastic and experienced teachers and staff.

At NLPS we ensure that our children are well rounded and up to date with current events such as the Rugby World Cup and showing our awareness and support against anti-bullying. We also collaborate to celebrate our differences and form bonds in lessons and assemblies, for example, with Yom Kippur, Navaratri and Diwali.

But, we know it's not just about the academics. We have created opportunities to have a lot of fun by dressing up as ancient historic characters whilst we learn about Ancient Greeks and Vikings.

We also know how important, exciting and memorable hands on experiences are at such a young age. This term we have had Zoo4U visit our school. The children were given the opportunity reinforce their learning in science about 'living things in their habitats and interdependence and adaptation' whilst meeting and holding animals such as a Boa Snake and Madagascar Hissing Cockroach.

As I said before NLPS has had an amazing start to the new academic year in full speed. And there is a lot more coming to make this a memorable, fulfilling adventure... a stepping stone to reach their dreams.

Ms Bilici

Rugby World Cup 2019



Wow! What a tournament! A festival of the Rugby game with 20 qualified countries. It was held for a month in Japan and represented the Rugby Core Values of: Respect, Discipline, Enjoyment, Teamwork and Sportsmanship so well.

We (England) reached the final and played South Africa. Even though we lost, it meant so much more to the unity of South Africa. Siya Kolisi is the first black captain of the South Africa National Rugby Team and lifted the Rugby World Cup Trophy. After winning the trophy, the humble Siya Kolisi said: "we come from different backgrounds, different races, and we came together with one goal and wanted to achieve it. "We love you, South Africa, and we can achieve anything if we work together as one". Poignant and profound words from Siya Kolisi for life, not just Rugby - showing the positive power of sport in bringing people together.



Welcome Dinner

Thank you to all our parents for joining us on such a memorable evening. The food, the laughter, the Kahoot game and the surprise performance from our students singing a welcome song in Spanish - all made the evening even more special.

Zoos4U

Researching and presenting one's findings is a great way of discovering the world around us. The pupils in Years 3-6 took their learning to a whole new level when they participated in the Zoos 4 You workshop. The children used that opportunity to share their knowledge about the animal world and fed their curious minds by asking a whole plethora of scientific questions on the subject of snakes, giant cockroaches, parrots, chinchillas, geckos and even a boisterous adolescent meerkat who treated its carer as part of his mob! It was a truly fantastic experience where we faced our fears, clarified misconceptions and deepened our love and respect for the natural world.



What an amazing assembly we have had in October! As part of our history topic, we prepared outfits and presentations about the Vicious Vikings in Year 5 and 6 and the Groovy Greeks in Years 3 and 4.

The pupils, as well as the teachers, shared their findings about their chosen characters and presented their costumes with flair and attention to detail. We had had a great laugh and plenty to discuss when the Greeks met the Vikings!



The Horrible History Show

Happy Navaratri

We celebrated the Festival of Light with a display in our library. We produced Rangoli patterns and celebrated Navaratri. Navaratri is a Hindu festival that spans nine nights and is celebrated every year in the Autumn. It is observed for different reasons and celebrated differently in various parts of Southern Asia. We enjoy learning about other cultures and continue to strive to learn about other people's way of life.



Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Awareness

Why were we wearing odd-sock? 😊

On the 12th November we all wore odd-socks and prepared posters to show our awareness and support against anti-bullying. This also gave us an opportunity to celebrate how different and unique we all are.





YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas Dinner



WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

TICKETS: £25 PER ADULT / £15 PER CHILD

All money will be donated to CRISIS, a national charity for
homeless people in the UK

We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you...



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