

New River College



Summer Term Two - 2024

SECONDARY

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As we wrap up another exciting and productive term at NRC Secondary, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements and look forward to the future.

Year 11 Leavers:

Firstly, we wish our Year 11 leavers all the best for their next steps. Whether you are moving on to further education, apprenticeships, or work, we are incredibly proud of your achievements and confident that you will continue to excel in your future endeavours. Remember, you will always be a part of the NRC community, and we look forward to hearing about your successes.

Year 10 Work Experience:

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who completed work experience this term. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Special mentions go to those who worked at Archway Leisure Centre, MyCycle, Young Actors Theatre, Arsenal, and a local primary school. These experiences have provided invaluable insights into various professions and have significantly contributed to your personal and professional growth.

Staff Farewells:

We also bid farewell to nine of our staff members who are leaving us this term. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours and thank them for their immense contributions to our school. Your dedication and hard work have had a lasting impact on our students and community. Simone, Hasan, George, Jurita, Ali, Karen, Nneka, Gbola & Maureen – Good Luck!

Summer Break:

As we head into the summer break, we hope all students use this time to rejuvenate and prepare for another successful year in September. Relax, recharge, and return with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the new academic year.

Thank you for your support and dedication to our school community. Have a wonderful and restful summer break!

An un-bee-lievable trip!

Year eight and nine pupils got up close with Islington's very own honey bee colony in June during a geography trip to the Gillespie Ecology Centre near Finsbury Park.

The young people, who have been learning in humanities about the threat to nature from climate change, donned beekeeper suits to look inside the hives. Beekeeper, Laurie, introduced the different types of bees inside the hive - the drones and the workers - and excited students were able to spot the queen. Students saw hundreds of bees up close, many landing on their protective suits. Thanks to the caring and knowledgeable approach by the centre staff, nerves were calmed and the young people were inspired by the bees. "The trip was amazing", said Kaya, year nine. "We got to see the bee hive and how they make honey. We also got to see the queen bee, which was cool."

After learning about the vital role the insects play pollinating plants, including many we depend on for food, the NRC group got to taste the delicious honey made by the Gillespie bees, and make candles from their wax. The group also got to explore the ecology park's woodlands and meadow, where busy bees were collecting nectar, before enjoying a picnic in the peaceful, natural environment.

Humanities teacher Neil Roberts said the trip was a "fantastic" way for students get outside and learn about nature and the importance of protecting it. "NRC's young people were brilliantly engaged and curious, asking many interesting questions. Everyone had a great day and learned a lot." He added: "We are very grateful to the Gillespie Ecology Centre for having



us.

Image: NRC students and staff at the Gillespie Ecology Centre's apiary

Girls Trip – Arsenal Tournament

NRC ladies took part in the girls only 5 a side tournament on May 21st at the Emirates Arsenal stadium. Our team had the fantastic opportunity to play on the much-loved pitch. They were ready and beaming to go and met at school to get themselves ready all Kitted up in their Arsenal gear. Google are to thank for this amazing day. The team consisted of Erin (Team Captain/Centre Forward), Sharon (Centre back), Tiffany (Midfield) Harlem (Midfield) Kaya (Centre forward) Maddie (Centre Back) Teagan (Midfield) and Layla (Goal keeper). The girls played phenomenally, with 1 loss, a draw and ended with an exceptional win. Supported by NRC staff Leah, Aston, Joel and Jordan. Thank you to Coach Lizzie for inviting the girls and supporting them during PTD sessions twice a week.

Image: *The girls football squad and staff*



PRIMARY

Thames Class:

In Hudson class in English we have been creating newspaper reports. We worked on a report about a visit to the park. We interviewed each other and played the role of a news reader.



We then began writing our own reports about Evacuation in WW2. We hot seated each other as evacuees.



In science we have been learning about electricity and building circuits. We created our own switches.



We visited Bernard Park for our class reward. We are working on talking with respect to everyone.



Horse riding has been fantastic. Well done to Alice and Rheos for taking part.



Hudson Class

Thames Class:

Thames class have worked so hard this year. We have been on so many wonderful adventures together. Some of our favourites were:

- London Sky Gardens
- London Zoo
- Tower Bridge Walkway
- Cable car journey
- Hackney City Farm

We have enjoyed multiple trips to community gardens, parks, and woodlands. They loved being given a budget to spend in Sainsbury's as part of our maths topic and 'money matters' unit in PSHE.

Cooking was a firm favourite for many! We took a trip around the world to experience different cuisines including:

- Greek Gyros
- Jamaican patties and dumplings
- Italian pizzas
- Kentucky fried chicken
- Japanese sushi
- Dutch waffles

We enjoyed researching the origin of these dishes and exploring what ingredients were needed. Some meals were messier than others... and some meals were a little bit too spicy! Through it all, we enjoyed exploring our taste buds and thinking about how we can adapt recipes to match our senses.

In English, we have shared so many stories together. We loved reading and creating actions for Handa's Surprise and Peace at Last. Using roleplay, art, and music we were able to learn these stories from heart and create our own adaptations. Carol wrote a convincing story about an ant who could not get any peace and quiet! Divine wrote some great instructions to help us make a sandwich! Tristian and Cavalli liked tapping into their food knowledge to create their own delicious foods for Handa's Surprise. And of course, Thomas loved Lost and Found as the main character was his favourite animal – a penguin!

Maths has been a rollercoaster of activities and games. We have looked at measurement, addition and subtraction, place value and length. More recently, we have started to explore multiplication and division. To help us learn the two times table... Carol wrote her own rap to help. Whilst others enjoyed dancing and performing multiplication songs. The lessons were not always easy, but Thames class have shown so much determination and resilience as they have persevered collectively.

On the playground, the learning did not stop. We have been practising communicating with one another, taking turns, and accepting defeat. It has been hard at times, but everyone has worked together to cheer each other on and encourage positive behaviour. Swimming was a definite favourite for many, watching their confidence grow as they swam in a 25-metre pool was fantastic. Everyone can now swim one lap with confidence and strength.

It has been a pleasure working with you all and I look forward to September. I hope everyone enjoys their well-deserved break and summer holidays.

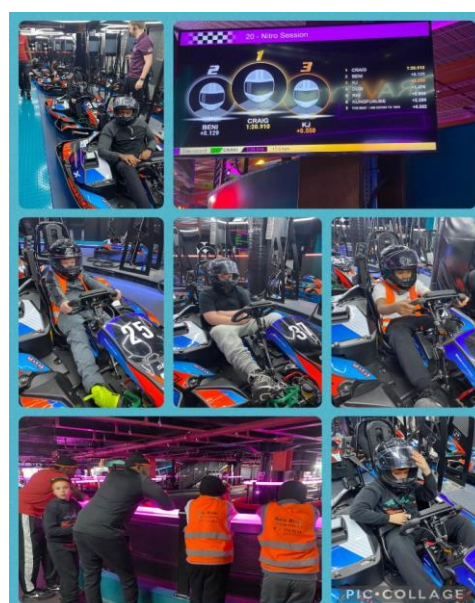
Zambezi Class:

A very busy year in Zambezi class has finished no different, plenty of trips and lots of work. The children have been able to visit the Imperial War Museum – to support their understanding of World War 2 topic. They looked at various artifacts such as, weapons and technology which helped to win the war. They also studied various war hero's and gained a deeper understanding of the sacrifices people made to win the war. The children also have been to visit the Science Museum with a particular focus on human evolution. We looked at how humans have evolved - linked to our science topic evolution and inheritance. Finally, to say goodbye to our year 6's and celebrate the end of the year, we went to Gravity in Stratford. The children took part in a crazy golf competition and also went Go-Karting.

During the summer term, the children have been looking at statistics in math's. We have investigated how we collect data, why we present it in different formats like bar charts, pictographs and line graphs. Even collected our own data and thought about how to present it. The children have linked their learning to how YouTube influencers collect and use data.

For our writing topic this half term, we have been looking at suspense tails. We used Pie Corbett's - Little Vixen Street as our example story. We then box-up our own suspense tail and discussed what makes a good cliffhanger and why? The children worked hard to produce an excellent piece of work and even read them aloud to each other.

In reading, we have been looking at the text Boot – By Shane Hegarty. The children needed to make predictions about the story and give explanations/reasoning for their predictions. We have also studied the book Holes – By Louis Sachar. The children really enjoyed this text and once we finished the book, Zambezi class sat down to enjoy the film production of the book. We then discussed the differences between the book and the film. We spoke about how characters in our mind can be formed from reading a text but a film there is less room for imagination.



Staffing Changes:

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Craig, who has been one of our class teachers for the last few years. We thank him for all of his hard work and wish him well. We will miss you, Craig!

Stay tuned for additional information about classes and staffing for next year! Transition mornings in new classes are being planned for our current pupils and these dates and details will be shared with parents.

Save the dates:

Tuesday 16th July

Parents coffee afternoon 2pm

With TENDER, the charity we have been working with this year. This session will be all about transition.

Thursday 18th July

Sports day at Paradise Park from 10am. **All parents, carers and families welcome!**
Children can meet us at Paradise Park, please let staff know.

Friday 19th July

End of year Celebration Assembly and event

Please arrive for a prompt 11.30 assembly start. Lunch provided, bouncy castle and celebration planned! We will be saying goodbye to our Y6s and celebrating the success of all of our pupils. **Parents and carers welcome, please do come along!**

MEDICAL

GCSE Examinations

Congratulations to our year 10 and 11 students who have sat their GCSE's this summer. Whether it was in the exam hall, the home or community. This is a huge achievement for the students. We await the results in August to celebrate their success and wish them well in their next steps.

The GCSE results can be collected from our Lough Road Site on Thursday 22nd August between 10.00 – 11.00am.

Therapeutic Gardening

In gardening, we now have some fantastic new rotating composters in action thanks to a kind donation to the school. Students have been working well on clearing weeds and setting up a

new raised bed. Nature can be seen in abundance with bees buzzing around the flowers, blue dragonflies darting around the pond and three fish spotted in the pond.



Food Skills

In food skills students have been cooking up a variety healthy feasts including a katsu curry with crispy sweet potato and a roasted vegetable pasta sauce.



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Trip to the home of Freuds house with our Psychology students.

In Psychology this term we have been exploring sleep and dreaming with a focus on Freud's theory of dreaming. On Thursday we had the opportunity to visit Freud's preserved home, now museum, to learn about his story and that of psychoanalysis. Here we saw the world-famous psychoanalytic couch, his desk, and chair that was specifically designed for his preferred seating posture. We also saw first hand pieces of art depicting dreams that have been analysed; most famously the Wolf Man. We also furthered our knowledge by exploring Anna Freud's room and her pioneering work on child psychoanalysis.



Work Experience week

There have been a range of activities taking place in our work experience week at Medical.

KS3 and year 10s took part in a world of work workshop on the 27th of June. Natasha Itzcovitz, a personal stylist and entrepreneur came in to talk to them about her work in the fashion industry. She told the students about various roles in fashion and her experience of starting her own business.



She explained Colour Theory to the students and demonstrated how she carries out fashion recommendations with her clients through colour matching using colour pallets from the different seasons.

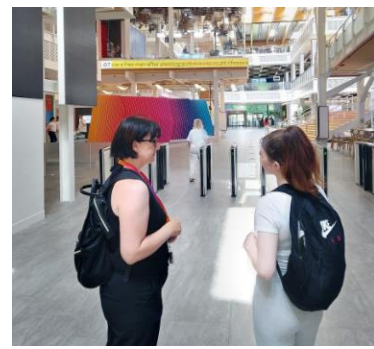
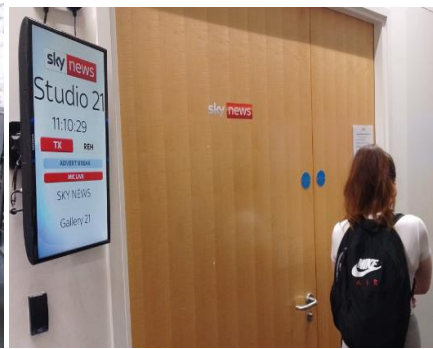
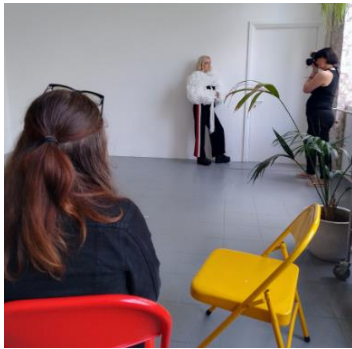


One of our year 10 students attended the Micycle shop in Islington.

This was a fantastic opportunity to learn about business aspect of running a shop.

She was able to learn about basic bike repairs and costing. She was given the opportunity to learn practical skills, such as tyre repair.

Another student attended Vittoria Primary School. She spent two days working with the EYFS students. Understanding how to plan and prepare sessions and supporting their learning.



Lastly, another student had a fantastic week, learning how a business in fashion and beauty works in the media industry. From photo shoots to make up sessions, our student visited Sky TV and learnt how broad this industry can be.



Reward Trips

This term our students used their student voice sessions to share the type of trip they would like at the end of term. A visit to a large zoo or safari park was top of the agenda. Whipsnade Zoo was top of the list. On Thursday all students and staff will attend the trip. We will look forward to seeing the photos in the next Newsletter.



One of the pupils in Years 9, had the opportunity to design and plan his reward trip. The Arsenal tour was his choice for last term. This was such a positive, he then set a goal to visit all the Premiership Stadiums in London. He has planned the route to the stadium, he learnt about how the football team

trains, where the trophies are kept and the history of the club.



Guest Speakers visiting our Btec class



Business studies students were visited by a local entrepreneur who helped judge their business plans, brand designs and presentation skills. Students were pitching in a dragon's den style and received positive praise and feedback for their ideas - ranging from security to specialist advertising services and automation techniques.



Summer Party at Medical

Save the Date



Staffing News and Updates

Farewell to Staff -

At medical we are saying goodbye to the following staff.

Special Intervention Teacher - Micha Wabah

Maths Teacher - Kwaku Amaning

Art Teacher – Karen Stuart

We would like to thank those staff who have been with us over the last year and wish them good luck in their future posts.

PSHE and Special intervention Teacher – Harriet Neely

Harriet has been at medical for nearly 3 years, she is relocation to Ireland. We wish Harriet the best of luck with this exciting opportunity.

End of Term Dates -

Last day of term Monday
22nd July at 1.30

Please be aware that
Summer Term Ends on
Monday 22nd July 1.30 pm

Welcome New Staff -

We would like to welcome
Rebecca our new Art
teacher and Geeta our new
Head of Maths at Medical.

General Information

Summer Term Activities for Families

Please see information for workshops and clubs run by Islington during the Summer holiday.



Click on the link below for more information

<https://www.summerversity.co.uk/>

Arts, Dance, Theatre and Music

Sport and Healthy Living

Media, Film and Technology

Work, Career and Life Skills

Carnival and Video Project

Cooking and Baking

Meal included

Family Support Team

MAKE-DO PLAY

Child-led outdoor play sessions for all ages **Free!**



Waterside Adventure Playground
50 Dame Street, N1 7FR
Term-time Tuesdays
10.30-1.30



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adventure play



Tollyrise Happiness Garden
St Mary's Hornsey Rise, Ashley Road, N19 3AD
Every Thursday
10.30-1.30
March - November
**closed Aug 1st & Aug 22nd*



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Dear parent / carer,

Islington's Holiday and Lunch (HAF) programme is running this Summer Holiday (25th July 2024 – 30th August 2024).

The programme targets Islington resident young people aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

We have over 75 activities on offer across the Summer Holiday, covering theatre, dance, sports, museum trips, playschemes, adventure playgrounds and many more! **All activities provide a free, healthy lunch for Islington's most vulnerable children.**

All activities provide a free meal for vulnerable young people when school is closed.

Kind regards,

Lunch Bunch Team

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme



Parents/careers please don't forget to look at our parent support page on our website. [New River College - Parent support](#). There you will find support with food and shopping, cost of living and emergency support for both adults and children. Pay close attention to our enrichment activities, whereby you'll find information on parenting courses, apprenticeships events and support for Post 16 students, as well as half-term activities.

Please see a link to an edition of 'Family First'. This is the one of the UK's leading Parenting magazines. Full of useful information, tips and guidance.

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