

The Nightingale

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Nightingale Community Academy (NCA) Newsletter. In this edition you'll find out about some of the amazing achievements our boys have delivered this term. We have our first 'silverware' and we have opened our doors to over 120 visitors from partner schools, the Local Authority, Orchard Hill College & Academy Trust and the local community. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a fantastic holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Andre Bailey - Principal

Trip to IMAX



The NCA Sixth Form Literacy group went on a rewards trip to see "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" at the IMAX cinema in Waterloo. Everyone enjoyed the film. It was action packed and full of truly fantastic beasts which were brought to life with excellent special effects. Some parts of the film were quite scary and this combined with the incredible 3D IMAX experience, some of us jumped in our seats. We all highly recommend you to see this film.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Year
05/01/2017	Learners return to school	All years
16/01/2017	Mock exams	
10/02/2017	Last day of Spring Term	All years



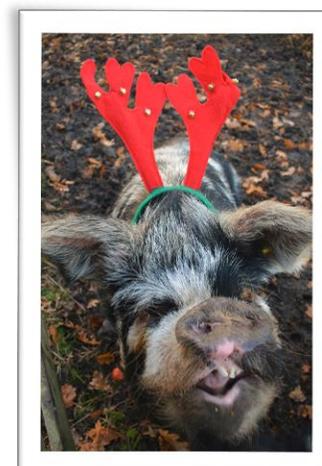
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Meet Buttercup

On the 12th of October 2016 there was a new arrival on the farm a beautiful female Calf. Cherry Pie (one of the farms Dexter cows) became a proud mum. We recently held a competition to find a name for the calf and picked an entry from a hat. "Princess" & "Beyoncé" narrowly missed out meaning that we are now able to introduce you to Buttercup. Since her birth, both Mum and Buttercup are doing really well. Buttercup is looking very healthy and interacting well with both her mum and her aunty in their shared field. Buttercup has also now been ear tagged and is being handled and walked around the field regularly, making her more and more friendly each and every day. We will soon be able to allow children in to the field to spend time with her.

Christmas Imposters?

Down on the farm some of the animals have been getting into the festive spirit. I don't think Rudolph and the gang have anything to worry about just yet!



First Annual Christmas Fair

It was incredibly busy during the penultimate week of term and Nightingale Community Academy hosted it's first Annual Christmas Fair.

Animals were brought up from the farm, Christmas snacks and mulled wine were served, faces were painted, and prizes were won in a raffle that was generously supported by: Sainsbury's Local, Remedy Personnel, Edwards & Ward, Spirited Wines and members of the staff team.

There were some amazing Christmas jumpers on show but the highlight for many of the children was the cream pie stall. After all, who wouldn't want to throw pies at their teachers?



Thank you

Autumn RugbyWorks Tournament



We were delighted to be invited to the inaugural *RugbyWorks* tournament at Grasshoppers RFC on 20th November. Participants from fourteen schools across London played in a series of fiercely contested touch rugby matches. Learners from our year 9/10 & 11 got off to a slow start with poor communication seeing them lose the first two games. In the afternoon session, having had lunch with children from the other schools, the team members overcame their nerves and the earlier communication issues to win their last three games. This success meant the team finished 3rd overall and to top it off they won the award for "Team of the Day"! The boys also had great fun working with enterprise guests **Halfords** who held a "tyre changing competition"



Year 10 Parents Group

The year 10 parents group met again in November and discussed the ways in which we show love and appreciation in our families.

We then created a Caribbean themed meal for us to share. It was a lovely, relaxing and fun morning.

The food was excellent thanks to the year 10 boys preparing and marinating the chicken the night before.



It is always wonderful to have the support of NCA families as sharing the ups and downs of family life with one another benefits all.

We can learn so much from listening to the experiences of other parents and it's so encouraging to know we are not alone in the challenges we face supporting our boys. ***If you would like to join our next Year 10 parents group please contact Audrey Murch for further details. We'd like to involve as many parents as possible so please don't be put off if your child is not in Year 10.***