

Summer 2022 Newsletter



Dear parents,

As this school year draws to an end, I would like to thank each and every one of you for trusting us with your child's education and for all the support you have given both to your child and to all of us here at Numont, throughout this year. Thank you for your patience, suggestions and feedback. This year is a very important year for Numont School as we celebrate its 60th anniversary. We hope to let you know soon about some upcoming celebrations.

It has been such a pleasure to be able to meet up with you all directly again this term, especially at parent teacher meetings and at our amazing summer class shows which we have all missed so much during the last few years. We have enjoyed doing and watching these shows with you all, after all this time. The recorded shows were great but there's nothing like seeing the Numont shows live! I'm so looking forward to being able to do our theatrical performances again in the coming year.

Last Friday evening Key Stage 3 had a disco with pizzas and soft drinks. Mr Hootley was the D.J. and provided the children with music to dance to. Everyone, including all the



teachers, really enjoyed themselves. Key Stage 3 also had a talent show this Monday which showed that Numont has lots of very talented artists.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working staff whose commitment is outstanding. Thank you for providing rich, engaging, well-rounded experiences in our children's education along with the development of social skills, so needed to succeed. For these, and lots of other things, we are truly grateful. Well done to an incredible group of professionals!

We are all very proud of all our pupils here at Numont and would like to congratulate them on completing another successful school year. I would like to say goodbye to all the children who are leaving us and wish them all the best for the future. Please keep in touch.

I would also like to bid farewell to Ms. Heaton and Lulú who are leaving us this year. They will be greatly missed and we wish them both success and happiness in their new ventures. You will always be part of the Numont family.

I hope you enjoy reading about what your children have been doing this term. The children enjoyed their many excursions and outings and the residential stays were a big success.

I wish you all a happy, safe summer and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 5th September.

Kind regards,

Joan Gemmell

Nursery

This term in Nursery we have been looking at the topics "Transport", "Under the Sea" and "Summer".

At the beginning of the term we continued to talk about Spring. The children each planted a sunflower seed which they watered every day and we put in the sun to help it grow. They were very excited to see how each seed started to sprout and they were delighted when they got to take their plant home.

When we looked at the topic of "Under the Sea", the children loved talking about their favourite sea animals. The children had great fun using different materials to make some sea animals for our Under the Sea display.



For the topic of "Transport" the children enjoyed telling the class what forms of transport they have been on. They had lots of fun making different forms of transport in our arts and crafts sessions.





This term we went on a number of fun excursions. They included a trip to the railway museum where the children learnt about different types of trains and they had a ride on a miniature train.



We also went to El Bosque Encantado where we saw a lot of different plants cut into interesting animals, forms of transport and characters from movies. The children all planted some parsley which they took home.



Finally, we had a great trip to the safari, the children loved seeing the wild animals up close. The excitement was unbelievable, it was a great way to end the year!



Lastly, we looked at the topic of "Summer". Everyone was very enthusiastic when it came to talking about what they like to do during the summer, there was lots of talk about going to the beach and the swimming pool and of course eating ice-cream!



This term we were delighted to welcome all the parents into school to see us perform in our summer assembly. The children practised really hard to learn all the songs and dances and the poem about the Five Little Fish. They put on an amazing performance for their mums and dads!

We have had a great year in Nursery filled with fun and laughter and lots of learning too!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very pleasant and relaxing summer break.

Mrs Majella

Reception

This term we have learned about land, sea, and air transport! We have seen that the type of transport we need, depends on our destination and that transport now looks different to that of the past! Reception children also enjoyed learning some facts about Space, discovering that brushing your teeth on a spaceship could be quite tricky! Most

importantly, we learned that Earth is very special, as it is the only planet suitable for us, so we need to look after it!



Towards the last few weeks of summer term, we have learned about the amazing sea creatures that live in the ocean! The children enjoyed learning how to talk like a pirate, and they loved learning the story of Pirate Tom! They drew some fantastic maps, to help Tom find the treasure buried on a secret island!





We hope you enjoyed our first live Summer Show! All the students put a lot of effort into practising the words and actions! During the last few days of term, a link will be sent that connects to our online E-book, containing some memories from each child of their time in Reception and a self-portrait!

All the children have worked so hard throughout the year, let's say a big WELL DONE and we wish you all a lovely summer holiday!

Mrs Katie & Mrs Vinita



Year 1

We have had a fun term in Year 1 and continued to work really hard.

In English we have continued to learn all the phonics needed in Year 1, we have been practising our handwriting lots, and reading and writing lots of sentences. We have also been learning about nouns, verbs and adjectives.

We have also learnt so many new mathematical concepts. Some of the things we have been learning include adding and taking away ten from any number up to hundred, telling the time to the hour and half past, and sharing out objects.

In Science we have enjoyed our plants topic. We read the story Jack and the Beanstalk and grew our own beans. We have also been looking at the changes in different seasons, comparing the activities we do and the clothes that we wear.

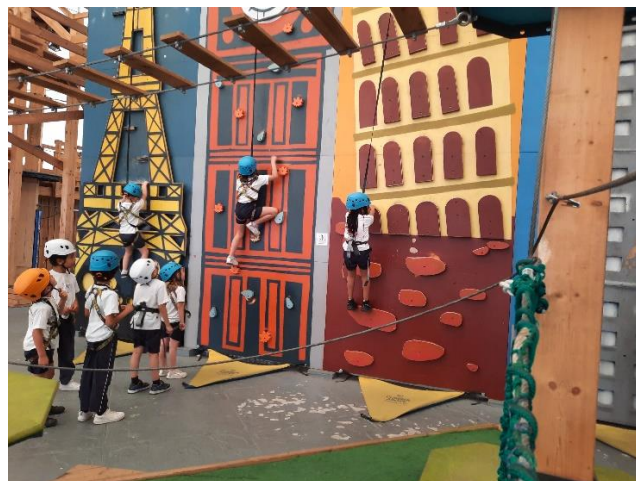
We have been learning about London in Geography. We have really enjoyed learning about another city, finding out all the similarities and differences, compared to Madrid. We have loved looking at photos of some of the most famous landmarks; our favourites were Big Ben, Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace.



In History we have enjoyed learning all about Neil Armstrong and his journey to be the first man to step on the moon.

One of our highlights from the year was performing our first live show for our parents, since the pandemic started, and in the patio. We really enjoyed it. Our show was all about the Planets and Neil Armstrong. We sang lots of songs, remembered lots of facts and danced.

We enjoyed a trip to Vertical Park. We did so much climbing and were really adventurous.





At the end of the term, we invited our teddy bears to school to join us for a Teddy Bear's Picnic. We had a lovely afternoon; the weather was perfect. We enjoyed making our own delicious sandwiches and fruit kebabs.



Everyone deserves a wonderful rest this summer and I wish you all a fantastic holiday!

Miss Cindy

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful final term.

The children worked very hard to prepare for their SATs tests in English and mathematics, which was evident in the results that they achieved. Congratulations to all the children for their enormous effort - you are all super stars!

This term we took an in-depth study of the country of Kenya. The children learnt all about the culture, the geography, the traditions and the different animals that live in this fascinating place.

We complimented our geography topic with learning all about African Art in our art lessons. The children have been really inspired by the colours, patterns and textures in



African Art and that can be seen in the work they have produced - crowns, water jars, colourful patterned clothes and landscape paintings.

They continued to explore their creativity in our Design and Technology topic all about puppets. They were able to investigate different types of puppets and how they work. They also had a lot of fun making their own puppets - finger puppets, hand puppets and sock puppets too!

In History, the children have learnt about thousand year old castles and how they were made.

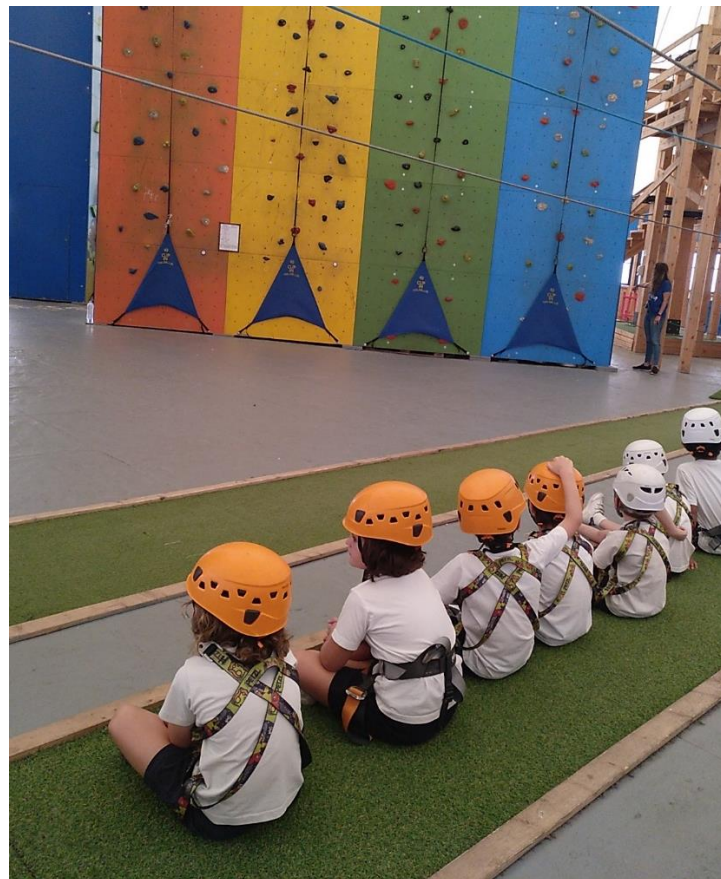
In addition to all the learning and fun that has taken place inside the classroom, Year 2 also got to visit the palace and have a guided tour of the gardens in Aranjuez. Team spirits were high as we competed in different sporting activities in our first Sports Day at the local sports centre. The children had fun and it was lovely to see how they cheered on their friends, classmates and even those in other teams. Our last trip of the year was to Vertical Park. Everybody had fun navigating around the different climbing activities and obstacle courses. It was a great way to finish the year, with many children seeing in a very real way, how they can indeed achieve what at first may seem difficult. All it takes is a bit of persistence and practice! Academically and personally, I'm proud that each and every child can count numerous victories from the past year because of their hard work and mindsets that have continually strived to make their good, better and not to give up along the way.

Well done, Year 2. It has been amazing to watch you learn, grow, smile and shine. Take care and have a safe and relaxing summer.

Miss Franchesca











Year 3

This term Year 3 have been submerged in everything about Egypt!! From learning about Egyptian Gods in History, about the River Nile in Geography, to Making their own Egyptian bread and Ancient Egyptian House in Design and Technology and their very own necklace and Papyrus with Hieroglyphics in Art. Even our end of Year Assembly was about Egypt, and what an amazing show it was!! Egypt all across the curriculum this term.... Lots of fun indeed!!

Ancient homes



Making Bread



Pyramids with lego and bricks



Getting messy making papyrus



And finally our shows!!!!



Trips

This term we went on a nice trip to Aranjuez. We found out about the Palace and took part in some exciting workshops like pretending to be architects when we drew part of the palace building.





We also found out about the Madrid ecosystem at the Fauna del encinar Madrileño.



Finally we had a wonderful time at the overnight stay in Segovia. We went canoeing, played lots of fun games and we also went on a treasure hunt.



Science

Our topic in Science this half term was Light and Shadow. We recognise that we need light in order to see and identified the difference between night and day. We also investigated shadows and how they behave. Finally we explored how light reflects from surfaces. We had great fun using torches and making a shadow theatre.

After Easter we studied forces and magnets and had a fantastic time using them. We looked at the forces acting on objects, investigated the effects of friction on different surfaces and sorted magnetic and non-magnetic materials. We also examined the strength of magnets and explored magnetic poles.

Have an amazing summer holiday!!!

From all your teachers

Year 4

We have made it to the end of the school year and what a great year it has been in year 4! Despite the challenges we have continued to face this year with the global pandemic, the boys and girls have arrived to school with a positive and motivated attitude and worked conscientiously. They have showed great resilience and tenacity in order to prepare themselves for year 5. Below we will tell you about everything we have been learning from the curriculum.

Maths

We have been very impressed by Year 4's great work ethic in Maths during the summer term. The children tried their best to achieve the Times Tables certificate from Mrs Gemmell. We made great progress finding out about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Students also gained confidence using decimal numbers and rounding decimal numbers. They also really enjoyed multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Furthermore we solidified our knowledge of decimals, as well as finding equivalent and simplifying fractions. We also looked at negative numbers and reading temperature on a thermometer. Finally we found out how to find the perimeter and area of shapes. We enjoyed using games and songs to enhance our learning. Now we have to continue to improve our maths reasoning skills and work hard to understand word problems better. Well done boys and girls!



To be ready for Year 5, we hope all students of Year 4 will know their times tables and division facts. Remember to keep practising your Maths over the summer!

English

This term our class novel was the Iron Man. The pupils quickly became engrossed into this book and they were intrigued to find out what was going to happen next. We also became fantastic poets and created our own poems using personification, simile and metaphor. Year 4 had fun writing an amazing mystery "Recipe" poem and presented it to the rest of the class!

We expanded our grammar knowledge and became more confident applying these concepts to writing.

We had a great time celebrating World Book Day and the children did some special activities on this day and designed some fantastic front covers for their favourite books!



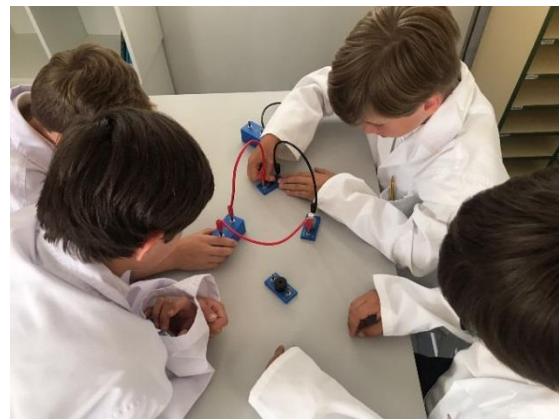
Each week, we continued to go to the library to get new books to read. Furthermore, we read Oxford Reading Tree books to improve our comprehension. We would encourage the children to read as much as they can during the summer holiday and keep a diary to improve their writing. There will be a recommended summer reading list and optional writing activities for the children to practise over summer (it will be published on the Google Page).

Science

In Science the students continued to learn about sound: we learnt all about how sound travels to our ears; we learnt new scientific vocabulary such as wavelength, frequency and pitch; and we had great fun making our own telephones using plastic cups and string. We were able to send secret messages to each other!



In the second part of the term, we have learnt all about Electricity. We know how to make a circuit and what makes a circuit complete or incomplete. The children had great fun going down to the laboratory to make their own circuits using lightbulbs, motors, buzzers and switches. They also had a great time on the trip, completing an electricity workshop at the science museum!



History

Our History topic this term was The Vikings. We found out where they came from and why they travelled to conquer new lands. We also learnt about the Anglo Saxon kings at that time. The children enjoyed finding out about how the Vikings lived and about some of their traditions. There were some very severe punishments for crimes committed in those days and the pupils were certainly shocked by some of them. The children had an amazing time preparing our Summer Show all about the Vikings. We were able to dress up, make Viking helmets, learn more about Viking artefacts, sing some fun songs and do some crazy dancing! Well done Year 4!



Geography

This term we have been studying volcanos. The children have found it fascinating studying the location of volcanos, the causes and effects of their eruptions, and learning all about specific recent and historical case studies of volcanic activity. The children have worked very hard this term and we have been very impressed by their engagement with geography.

Art / DT

This term, as a result of linking our Design & Technology topic and our History topic, the children designed and constructed individual model Viking boats using a range of materials including cardboard, clay, wood and textiles. They showed great care and consideration in the planning and construction of these creations and should be proud of their end product. Children also made small Viking Shields, creating their own original design using paints.



Recommended Summer Homework

The teachers will post the recommended summer homework on their Google Page this week. The suggestions will help maintain the children's progress and prepare them for



Year 5. In the list of recommendations you can find suggested books and reading lists as well as games and activities to improve their spelling, grammar, writing and maths.

Happy Holidays!

Year 4, it has been a pleasure to teach you all this year and we have loved being your year 4 teachers! You have all worked so hard and we hope you enjoy a well-deserved break. We wish all of Year 4 and their families a lovely summer!

Miss Heaton and Mrs Laura.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have performed Peace Child a play set in the fictional land of Mambica. This story, is the story of two opposing tribes with different lifestyles and traditions. The play brought a message of peace and goodwill. We decorated the playground with silhouettes of African animals.



In science we have enjoyed learning about famous scientists. We studied Leonardo Da Vinci's Vitruvian man and Jane Goodall's research into apes.

Year 5 enjoyed our history topic this term, 'World War 1'. Their incredulous nature at how and why the war started demonstrated a sense of injustice and disbelief we would expect. Learning about the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the Battle of the Somme, technological advancements and how the war ended (not to mention the various tangents our discussions took us on) were all listened to attentively.

During this term Year 5 have been on some extremely enjoyable trips. We started with canoeing in which the children learned how to canoe in teams of three. Once canoeing



to the other side of the lake the children swam in the water and refreshed themselves, some had fun trying to splash their teachers. Others had more respect 😊



Then we went on a residential trip for two nights in the Province of Segovia. Year 5 enjoyed this time with their class mates and thoroughly enjoyed some much needed relaxation time after a hard term of vigorous work. Animal hunts, soft play activities, pool time and football are just some of the activities enjoyed by Year 5. Needless to say, the children were very tired.



Mr Hooley and Mr McLeod

Year 6

Time is passing so quickly however they do say that time passes quickly when you are having fun! We can't believe that we are now saying passing on our Year Six students to Key Stage Three. We have performed our show Goodbye My Friends, we have been on two super excursions, some of us have been off on the Residential Course and of course



we have completed the dreaded SAT exams. We would like to take this opportunity to share some of our experiences with you.



In English, Year 6B has loved reading the book *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. It tells the charming story of a little girl called Fern who rescues the runt of a pig litter called Wilbur. The two become inseparable and are guided through the trials of life by a beautiful large gray spider called Charlotte.

In Year 6A the children have been charmed by the book "Who Let the Gods Out" by Maz Evans. It tells the story of Eliot, whose mum is ill and his home is under threat. A shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever.

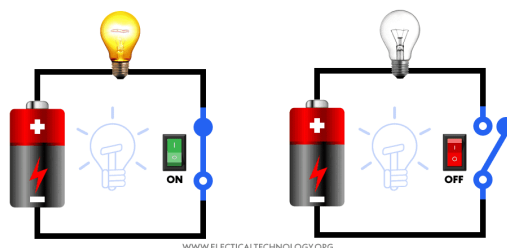
Along with weekly visits to the Library the children have also been continuing to investigate their weekly grammar concepts and spelling patterns.



In Mathematics, the children have continued to follow the abacus programme. During the first half term the children have been learning the difference between mean, median and mode. Additionally, they have consolidated their calculation skills and learned the concept of long division. After the Spring Break we have focused on SAT exams. We have practised how to develop exam technique while building up the confidence to work independently. The children performed so well and showed great maturity in their attitude to these first important exams. Well done to each and every one of you.



What is an Electric Circuit?



The first unit year 6 studied was 'Electricity'. The children have been learning about the main circuit symbols and they have been using these to draw circuit diagrams. Furthermore, they have had the opportunity to investigate how our understanding of electricity has changed over time and the children will gain more experience of planning scientific investigations in the next term.

In the second part of term we have looked at Light, Reflection and Shadow. We have also looked at Renewable Energy Sources. With the growing costs of petrol we have looked at the advantages of being more self-sustained as economies struggle to transport goods around Europe.



The history topic of World War II has taken the children on a journey over the centuries to look at how the Role of Women in Society has developed from Ancient Egypt to modern times. We have had lots of debate and indignation about how unfairly women have been treated and enjoyed the successes that so many women enjoy now. The children were all very interested in this topic.



Finally we were able to have parents and family present to watch outdoor productions of the show entitled Good Bye My Friends. This was a fun play which showed Year Six



children reminiscing about their primary school days. The music was fun, the children sang so well and the performances were outstanding. Congratulations to each and every one of you.



This term the children have had three school field trips. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Sputnik Climbing Centre. The children were respectful of rules and regulations and were praised by the monitors for their excellent behavior. We returned to the Science Museum for a Work Shop on Light and Colour which tied in perfectly with our second unit of work. On our third trip we had fun in the crazy Illusions Museum. Three fun trips enjoyed by all.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation and support over the past term. This term has been a roaring success for every child in year 6. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful summer break.

Mrs. Kennedy & Ms. Smith

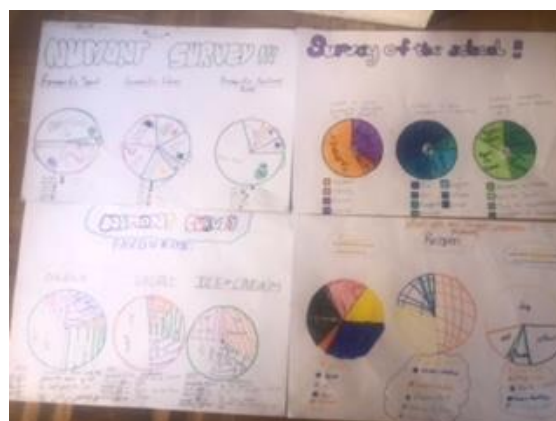
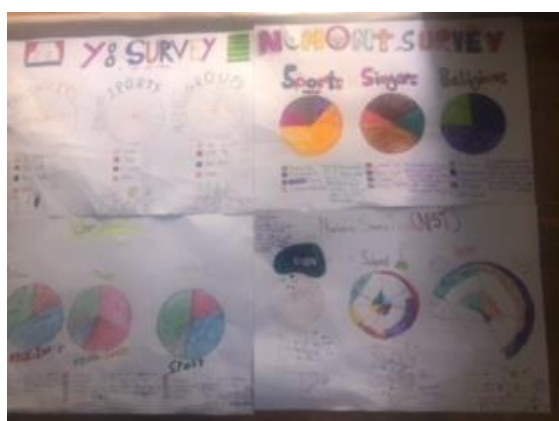
KS3

Maths

This term, our KS3 students have revised statistics and probability topics. They have learned how to interpret and plot results on different graphs and charts; they've also been introduced to stem-leaf diagrams.

During our last week of term, KS3 pupils' conducted a school survey. They had the opportunity to go around the school and get information from Numont students about their favourite subject, nationalities, religious backgrounds etc. Our students then used these results to plot pie charts and decorate posters. They all enjoyed this experience and valued the opportunity to learn more about their school.

Everyone has worked very hard for their end-of-year assessment and deserves to rest and do something different during the summer months. I hope you all have a lovely summer vacation and we look forward to seeing you all in September.



English Literature

This term, class 7A has read *The Old Man and the Sea*, class 7B has read *The Diary of a Young Girl* (Anne Frank), and year 8 has studied *Twelfth Night*. I have been impressed by students' progress throughout this year and it has been wonderful to see them engaging with the books, acting out scenes, debating topics and writing fantastic essays.

English Language

Year 7: This term in English language we have studied the topic "Making the News". Students had a great time reading, researching and writing news stories. Students have learnt about the different professions which are essential to produce news stories. At the end of term students worked in groups to produce their own video news broadcasts, I was very impressed by their final videos!

Year 8: This term in English language we have studied "The Power of Communication". Students have theorised about the power communication holds in influencing the behaviours and decisions of others. They have studied persuasive techniques and have practised using the power of persuasion in their writing. Students also enjoyed pitching products to each other to win the title of most persuasive presenter.

Geography

Year 7: This term we have studied the history and physical features of Africa. Students have learnt how to read maps and analyse data from graphs, charts and tables. Each student researched and presented a project about a country in Africa. I was very impressed by their research, presentation and presenting skills. They should all be very proud of their hard work!



Year 8: This term we have studied the history and physical features of Asia. Students have learnt how to read maps and analyse data from graphs, charts and tables. I have been very impressed by students' locational knowledge and geopolitical understanding of the region. At the end of term the class worked together to revise the topic of Climate Change, they created a fantastic video on the importance of changing our actions to limit climate change.

Science

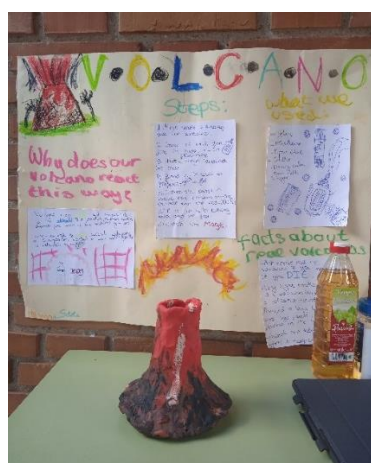
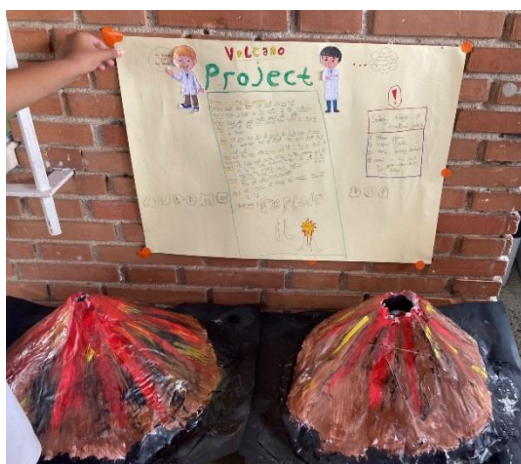
This last term Year 7 has been finishing our science topics with units on microorganisms, earth physics such as eclipses, natural disasters and sound, and simple chemical reactions. We've enjoyed a few lab practicals where we refined our basic lab skills.

Year 8 have covered the topics of chemical reactions and magnetism and electromagnetisms.

The big event this term was the end of term Science Fair. The teachers and the whole lower school were very impressed with the quality of the projects. There were water pressure powered mechanical arms, volcanoes, non-Newtonian fluids, lollipop makers, a milkshake machine, rainbow flames, and more!

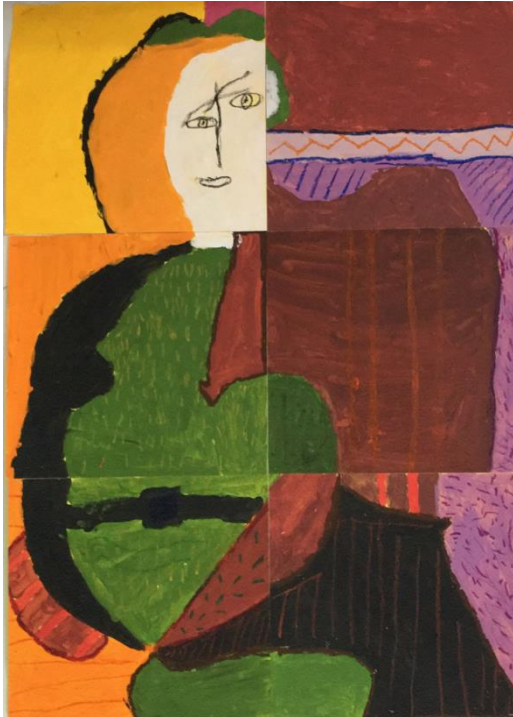
We are very proud of the work all the students have done this year and wish you all the loveliest of summers!





Art

Year 7 have learned about Picasso this term and worked in teams to produce one final piece together. It has helped them to learn to work in teams, to guide and help each other and to look at detail and observe carefully. The final pieces are colourful and looked great in the class walls.



Year 8 has continued with cityscapes and have also been encouraged to work in teams to create larger pieces of Art work. They particularly liked the Circular art project and painting their final design on wood.



Both year 7 and 8 have done lots of observational drawings this term, objects, plant observations, still lifes to gain confidence and improve their technique.





KS3 also enjoyed listening and learning how Miss Jessica illustrated her book. The whole process from where she got her inspiration and ideas to the final printed book.



Spanish

¡Por fin conocemos todas las letras! Hemos trabajado mucho durante todo el curso: cada semana con una nueva letra. Nos hemos divertido con ellas y sus historias, sus canciones y sus actividades. No todo ha sido fácil, algunas nos han resultado un poco más complicadas pero ¡lo hemos conseguido! Y ahora ya sabemos todo sobre ellas y estamos list@s para Year 2.



Este último trimestre en Year 2 hemos trabajado sobre todo en expresión escrita. ¡Os van a encantar nuestras historias! Y en sociales hemos aprendido sobre los seres vivos, especialmente los animales: macho, hembra, cría, dónde viven, qué comen, cómo se desplazan,... ¡hasta tenemos nuestra canción favorita con baile incluido!



Seres vivos

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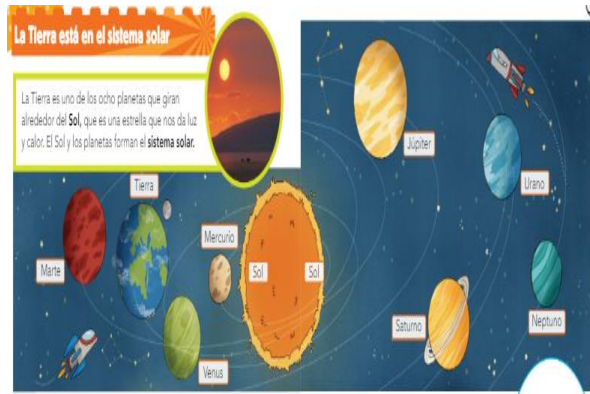
¿QUÉ COMIDA ME DARÁS?

SALVAJES Y DOMÉSTICOS

LAS CASAS DE LOS ANIMALES



En Year 3 hemos continuado reforzando tanto aspectos gramáticos como ortográficos para seguir mejorando. Con todo, no nos hemos olvidado de nuestra comprensión lectora semanal. ¡Además este curso hemos dado un gran empujón a la lectura! Y en sociales hemos aprendido sobre el clima y el sistema solar.



ESPAÑOL

Este último trimestre de curso ha transcurrido de forma rápida. Hemos tenido que ir desarrollando los últimos temas programados para cada curso y hemos hecho un repaso general de todos los contenidos de estudio.

La fiesta de San Isidro se celebró con gran entusiasmo por parte de todos. No faltaron los trajes típicos de chulapos y de chulapas, así como la degustación del chocolate y las rosquillas. Nuevamente recordamos la figura del Santo Patrón de Madrid, su vida y milagros.



Tras los exámenes llegó el momento de compartir experiencias con profesores y compañeros en las excursiones de fin de curso. Muchos han escrito un pequeño texto sobre sus vivencias en esta actividad lejos de las aulas.



Agradecemos a la escritora Sandra Garcia, antigua alumna del colegio, su visita y su magnífica expsición sobre el proceso de creación de una obra literaria. Le deseamos mucha suerte con la publicación de sus libros.

Miss Julia y Mrs Cristina

LA CLASSE DE FRANÇAIS

Comme vous savez déjà, à Numont on focalise l'apprentissage du français dans le développement de la compréhension et l'expression orale ; néanmoins, on n'oublie pas

La compréhension et l'expression écrite.

Au début, en KS1, on renforce l'apprentissage de l'écriture des lettres en copiant les lettres de certains mots courant comme BONJOUR.

Petit à petit et tout au long de KS2, on introduit des petites phrases en suivant un modèle et avec l'aide du cahier.

Finalement, en KS3, on développe des petits textes de façon indépendante.



Mon école idéale



Descriptions de superhéros

BONNE ÉTÉ!

MADAME BARBARA.

C'est
les
VACANCES

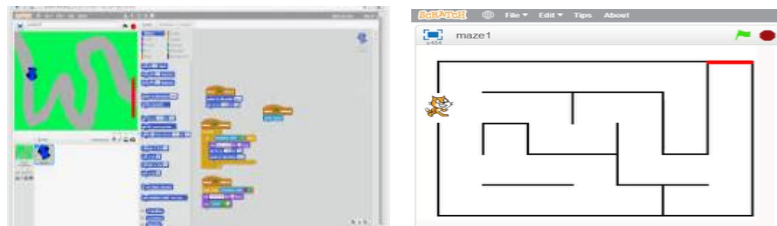
ICT

In Key Stage 2 and Year 7, the children have been programming this term.

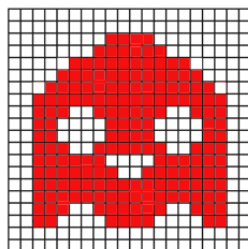
Year 3 has been introduced to the basic concepts. They were pirates and with their coding they found different items.



Years 4, 5, 6 & 7 were working with Scratch. They were working on different projects. It was fun! They loved it!



The children in Year 8 were learning how data of various types, such as text, sounds and images, can be represented and digitally altered. It has been very interesting! If you have a question about compressing data, do not hesitate to contact us 😊





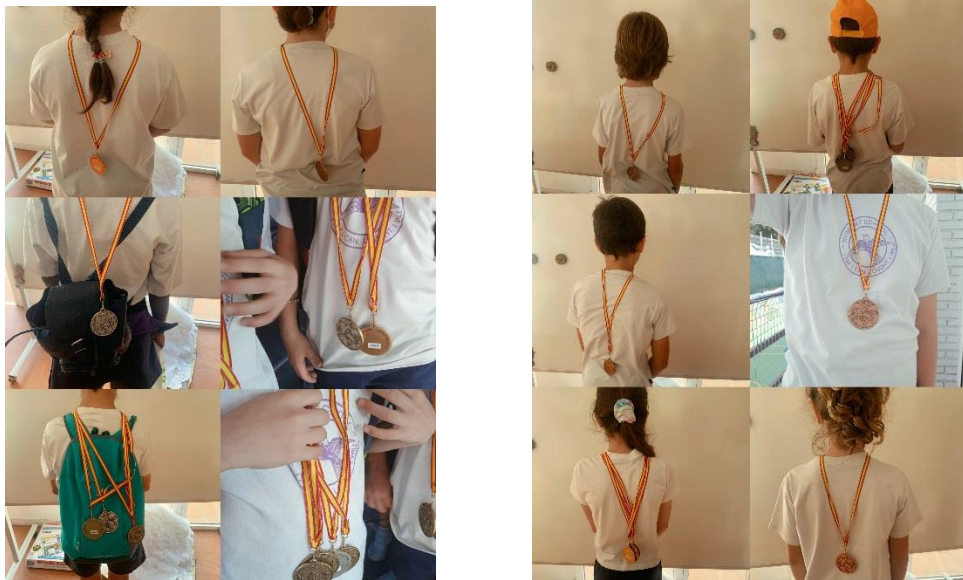
P.E.

It has been great to get back to normal with the inter-school competitions after the pandemic restrictions.

Inter-school Athletics competitions.

Numont teams competed in both the Intermediate and Junior athletic competitions.

In the Junior competition there were great performances, medals were won in many events. With all the points added together Numont came first in the plate competition and fourth in the main competition. A fantastic result!!! Well done to all the students who took part.



Numont Sports Day.

A great day of competition from Numont pupils and parents!!!

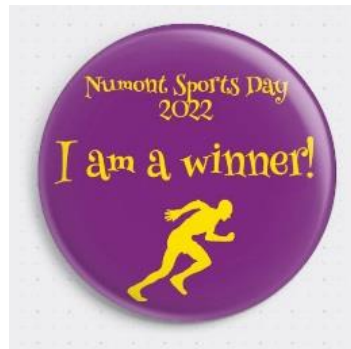
Many thanks to everyone who came to support and participate!!

Final result: First: Vultures (Green)

Second: Wolf (Red)

Third: Lynx (Yellow)

Fourth: Bear (Blue)



Reception had their annual sports day in Juan Carlos I and participated in races and had lots of fun!

