

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

September 22nd 2017

Headteacher's News

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Association coffee morning on Wednesday. They raise a tremendous amount of money to support the pupils' opportunities and resources at Northgate. Please come along to the AGM on the 3rd October. Everyone welcome! Also if you can offer any help, it would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all those people who have shown an interest in joining the leadership team by becoming a governor. Please get your forms back to the Office by the end of the day.

If you have time that you would like to volunteer in school and have not already offered, please contact the office or class teachers at the end of the day. If you have offered and not heard back, please let us know. Many thanks. Have a lovely weekend!

Foundation

We have been focusing on the story of Goldilocks as it links very nicely to our topic. The children have loved listening to the story and joining in with repetitive story language. We all became Goldilocks and wrote a class letter to baby bear to apologise for breaking his chair. We went on a walk to see if we could find the bears in the woods at the top of the field and we left our letters for them to read. By the afternoon the letters were GONE and we had a reply letter delivered to our classroom. The children were so excited! We then had a special delivery of porridge and we all got to try some. We used our senses to think of words to describe the taste and smell of the porridge.

Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying their 'Memory Box' topic. They have loved sharing their favourite toys and special memory pictures. We are looking forward to sharing their memory boxes next week!

Year 2

Year 2 have been enjoying their new topic about castles. This week they have found out the names of the different parts of a castle. The children are looking forward to our walk to Castle Gardens next Thursday.

Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about 'Scrumdiddlyumptious', studying Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and painting fruit. They are looking forward to going on a trip to Pizza Express next week.

Year 6

This week in science Year 6 have been looking at light. Class 11 carried out an investigation: When light is reflected off a mirror, is the angle of incidence always the same as the angle of reflection? Lottie and Hannah explained, "It was tricky to measure the angles with a protractor and to create a small slit in the paper for the light to travel through."



Important Dates

9.00am-9.30am Maths Games:

26th Sep	EYFS parents
27th Sep	KS1 parents
28th Sep	Lower KS2 parents
29th Sep	Upper KS2 parents
2nd -6th Oct	School Journey—Kingswood
2nd Oct—3pm	Nursery phonics (pm children)
3rd Oct—2.45pm	Reception phonics
3rd Oct	Association AGM
4th Oct—11.20am	Nursery phonics (am children)
11th Oct	KS1 Harvest Assembly 9.am
19th Oct	Black History Day
19th Oct	School Disco: 6.00-7.00pm KS1 & Foundation 7.15-8.30pm KS2
Fri 20th Oct	Inset day
23rd-27th Oct	Half term
W/C 30th Oct	Parent reading sessions
31st Oct	Yr 5/6 reading with parents
31st Oct	Parent Consultations
1st Nov	Yr 3/4 reading with parents
1st Nov	Parent Consultations
2nd Nov	EYFs reading with parents
3rd Nov	Yr 1/2 reading with parents
3rd Nov	Fireworks
27th Nov	eSafety week
29th Nov-1st Dec	KS2 cyber bus
7th Dec	EYFS Christmas performance
11th Dec	KS2 panto at Rhodes
11th Dec	KS1 panto in school
13th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance
14th Dec	KS2 Carol service at St Michaels
15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
20th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas holiday
3rd Jan	Children return to school
12th-16th Feb	Half term
19th Feb	Inset Day
29th Mar	Break up for Easter
4th June	Inset Day
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

Forms for volunteers

All volunteers this year need to complete a few forms for safeguarding reasons. Please return these ASAP. If you have not received these forms please speak to the office. Many thanks

School Council

The school council is a voice for the children. It gives them opportunities to decide on ways to make the learning better and to ensure our school is always a happy and safe place to be.

Last week in years two to six we held our School Council elections. Every class now has two representatives. Year six have also elected the Executive Council. They organise a lot of the School Council activities, run the school shop and support the younger children in the class council meetings.

We have had our first meeting and already they have lots of ideas that they would like to put in place. I am looking forward to seeing what they can achieve over the coming year.

Well done to all those who were elected!

Extra Curriculum Clubs

Lego Club

Miss Allen will be running a Lego club, modelling and building with a range of Lego. This club will be for reception and KS1 children and will be held on Tuesdays after school until 4.00pm, commencing on Tuesday, 3rd October. If you are interested, please let the office know. There will be limited spaces so, if necessary, names will be drawn out of a hat.

KS1 Cheerleading

Miss Greaves will be running a KS1 cheerleading club at 12.45pm on Fridays, in the outdoor classroom. This will commence on Friday, 29th September.

Year 4 to 6 Netball Club

Thank you to Mrs Smith for volunteering to run the weekly school netball club. Netball Club will take place outside every Tuesday, beginning next Tuesday, 26th September, after school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Cornet/Trumpet Lessons

Spaces are available for individual cornet/trumpet lessons at Northgate School on a Tuesday lunchtime. Please contact Lorraine Hayes on lol.hayes@btinternet.com for more information.

Computer Explorers came and talked to the children in assembly regarding the minecraft club and the crime scene investigations club that they are running after school. If you did not receive the leaflet regarding this please ask the school office.

School Association

School Disco - Friday 19th October

Our next school disco is on **Thursday 19th October**. The Foundation and KS1 disco is from 6-7pm and the KS2 disco is from 7.15-8.30pm. Tickets will be available in the playground before and after school from Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th, or you can pay on the door (£1 extra). Playground prices are £2.50 for Foundation and KS1, and £3 for KS2. Younger siblings are welcome (free) at the KS1 disco.

We need parents to help at this event. Helping is EASY and FUN.

You could help by supervising in the hall while you accompany your child or by selling tickets or refreshments. Please follow this link to see how you can help and sign up! <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G9LBNRV>

AGM

The School Association AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 3rd October.

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Fayre is going to be held on the 9th December so please keep the date!

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Reception: (R1) - Anabella
(R2) - Elizabeth

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on reading.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for discussing the language and meaning of the books they have been reading.

Well done to:

Class 1: Eva	Class 7: Lucan
Class 2: William	Class 8: Elizabeth
Class 3: Tommy	Class 9: Violet
Class 4: Jenson	Class 10: Jessica
Class 5: Henry	Class 11: Star
Class 6: Will	Class 12: Olivia

Reminders

Maths Week

Don't forget next week is Maths Week, to help children to become confident mathematicians. Come in to play maths games with your children. Please see the dates for your children on the dates list above.

Parking

Unfortunately, due to parents parking inconsiderately, the Tennis Club have come to a decision to shut their gates in the afternoon. Please park at the Rugby Club and walk down to school.

Lost property is now disposed off the last Friday of the month so please check the boxes in the entrance hall in the next week. Please remember to name all items of clothing.

Secondary Transfer 2018

Please be aware that applications can be made on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and applications MUST be made by 31st October 2017.

Community

Chantry Squash & Racketball Club are offering free racketball sessions on Saturday mornings, to give people an opportunity to try out the sport. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

English for Speakers of Other Languages courses will be run during Term time at Windhill and Little Squirrels Children's Centre. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



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EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY**