

January 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Headteacher's News

It has been lovely to meet so many of you this week, at the parent coffee sessions. It has given me and Miss Greaves, our Acting Deputy Headteacher, time to share a bit about our backgrounds, some of our ideas for developing the school and has given you the opportunity to contribute to the school vision. We have the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 sessions next week. We hope you can make it! (Please see the important dates' list for days and times)

If you are unable to come to any sessions, and would like to share any ideas on what makes Northgate special, or how we can make the school even better, please email us on [interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk). The Governors and Senior Leadership Team are currently collecting ideas from all the stakeholders to formulate a new school vision.

### Class News

#### Foundation News

The children have had a very busy week doing lots of activities related to our topic on dinosaurs. We are all looking forward to our trip to Rye-Assic Park in February! The children have also been fantastic helpers in our outside area. We have tried really hard to tidy and clean it up! They all got stuck in this week with washing and cleaning the equipment as well as sweeping and clearing the leaves! They absolutely loved it and were such a good help. Foundation are working really hard to improve the outside area and you will hopefully see some positive changes this coming term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have brought things in and also Jasper's parents in R2 who have kindly offered their time.



#### Nursery Work Sharing

Please pick a parent work sharing session and/or day when your child usually attends nursery. (Please see the important dates' list for days and times)

#### Reception Work Sharing

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2.45pm - we would like to invite you for coffee at 2.15pm before the start of the parent sharing. This will be held in the **Community Classroom**. Please wait in the Office Reception Area and we will come and collect you.

#### School Trip

Please make sure the reply slips for the school trip are returned ASAP. Some of the nursery parents may not have received the letter yet, but these will be given to you when your child next attends their nursery session.

### Important Dates

Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9-9.30am coffee for Yr 5 parents
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	2.45-3.15 coffee for Yr 6 parents
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	2.40 Maths Parent Workshop Y2
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	1.45-2.15 coffee for Yr 3 parents
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	1.45-2.15 coffee for Yr 4 parents
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 3 Instrumentals
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 4 instrumentals
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Association Comedy Night
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.40 Maths Parent Workshop Y1
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 instrumentals
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 instrumentals
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy Schools' Week
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Week
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Consultations
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Consultations
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Association School Disco
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.40 Spelling Parent Workshop Yr 1
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	2.40 Spelling Parent Workshop Yr 2
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.40 Phonics Parent Workshop Yr 1

#### Work Sharing

##### Reception:

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March 2.45-3.15pm – coffee at 2.15pm

##### Nursery:

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9.15-9.45am followed by coffee

Thurs 23 March 2.30-3.00pm followed by coffee

23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 1 work sharing

27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 2 Work sharing

27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 6 Work Sharing

28<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 4 Work Sharing

29<sup>th</sup> Mar 3.00pm Year 3 Work Sharing

29<sup>th</sup> Mar 3.00pm Year 5 Work Sharing

31<sup>st</sup> March End of Term 2pm

### Safeguarding

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The designated persons for Child Protection are Mrs Tanner and Miss Greaves.*

#### Parking

Please could we remind parents not to use the staff car park to drop off or pick up children, even after school hours, and children and parents must not walk through the staff car park at any time. If the side gate is locked, please make sure you let the office or Early Birds know.

Please park considerably outside of school and do not park on the yellow lines. The lines were painted for the safety of all children. Many thanks.

## Class News

### Key Stage 2

**Year 3 and Year 4 instrumental concerts** will be taking place next week on Thursday and Friday afternoon, starting at 2.30pm. All children will be participating with a song and a recorder piece, plus there will be solo pieces. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Class 6** "Class 6 have made a model globe out of plasticine. We did the inner core first and then we made the outer core. After that we created the magma, next we did the crust and finally we put on the ocean and land." *Tom and Sian*

**Class 7** Class 7 have been learning about the blue Abyss. We are making an aquarium out of shoe boxes. We have painted the shoe boxes and we will now need to make stuff to put in side of our boxes. We will put string hanging down and the fish on the end of the string to look like there swimming. We were allowed to take some sand and stones in to class to put in are boxes. " *Max and Chloe*

**Class 10** Class 10's topic this term is World War II and they have been working on evacuee letters and diary entries. We have made some scrapbooks which contain our work. Our letters and diary entries are about an exciting event e.g. finding a spy or a shot down German plane complete with injured pilot!

**Class 12** This week class 12 have finished writing gothic horror stories. Using a range of new vocabulary and figurative language to create tension and an air of mystery. We used Bram Stoker's book, Dracula, as our inspiration and even went on a 3D tour of Whitby Abbey.

**Football** On Wednesday, the Northgate football team braved sub-zero conditions in a match against Hatfield Broad Oak. It was a highly entertaining match, with Northgate winning 4-3. Well done to all the children that took part, they played extremely well.

#### **Netball Camps**

Please find a flyer attached for netball training camps for years 3-8.

#### **Chess Club**

Mr King had a very good response to the first week of chess club with 16 keen chess players of all abilities which is absolutely fantastic.

#### **Active Kids at Sainsbury's**

Please collect the vouchers and put them in the box in Reception. Last year we managed to gain a lot of useful PE equipment which the children have enjoyed using over the course of the year.

## Northgate Association News

### **Comedy Night – Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Blow away the January blues at Northgate Comedy Night on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February (7.30-11.00pm). Local comedy favourite, John Mann, will be introducing a fantastic line up of 3 professional comedians. There will be a pay bar, plus a fish 'n' chip supper available to order for the interval. Please note this is an adult only event. Booking forms are available at the school office or can be downloaded from [www.northgateassociation.org.uk/events](http://www.northgateassociation.org.uk/events). Please support your association and your school.

### **School Disco – Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

KS1 & Foundation – 6.00-7.00pm  
KS2 – 7.15-8.30pm

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week in Foundation Stage were:

Nursery: Harry  
Reception: Annie (R1)  
Archie (R2)

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

Our star learners were praised by their class teachers for many aspects, including their questioning skills, and their enthusiasm to find out new information.

Well done to:

Class 1: Finley	Class 7: Toby
Class 2: Olivia G	Class 8: Huey
Class 3: Katherine	Class 9: Charlotte
Class 4: Charlie	Class 10: Jonty
Class 5: Thomas	Class 11: Amelia
Class 6: Christian	Class 12: Harry B

Congratulations to pupils in classes 3, 6 and 11 who have not taken any holiday, in term time, this month!

## SEND

### Provision arrangements

Please be advised that unless the provision your child receives in school differs significantly or stops, you will not receive an updated letter this term. However, please feel free to contact the SENDco at [senco@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@northgate.herts.sch.uk) if you have any questions or concerns regarding provision.

## Community News

### **Hertfordshire Age UK**

If you have any spare time to help older people to assist with shopping, cleaning, laundry and other domestic tasks (casual hours, work locally, £7.85 per hour, holiday pay), please contact Age UK on 01707 386068 or visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/hertfordshire](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/hertfordshire).

### **Perform**

Perform offer weekly drama, dance and singing classes for 4-12 year olds to boost their confidence, improve their concentration and give them an outlet to have fun too. To book your child's free place call 020 7255 9120 or visit [www.perform.org.uk](http://www.perform.org.uk)

## Vacancy

We are recruiting a new Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA). If you are interested please contact the school office.