

May 19th 2017

Headteacher's News

We had a swashbuckling treat this week with the Year 3/4 production. I was really proud of all the children who performed with such enthusiasm. It was a great musical extravaganza. West End here we come! Thanks to parents for their support with costumes and all the staff who gave their time and energy to produce such a wonderful show.

Once again, it was lovely to see so many parents coming in to read with their children. They have really enjoyed it! Please see the next page to see another opportunity for parents to come in and share learning with your child. We hope this helps you feel more engaged with your child's learning.

Following on from the parent forum, I am looking for a group of parents who are interested in formulating the next parental questionnaire which will go out next half term. Mrs Smith, one of the Governors, will be leading the project. If you are interested in becoming involved please email:

interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Class News

RE

As part of the RE curriculum, children learn about different religions. This week, to deepen the children's understanding of Christianity and the Christian calendar we welcomed Rev. Emily from St Michael's to lead one of our assemblies.

Years 1 and 2

Due to science week activities, there will be **no guided reading** next week for year 1 or year 2. Thank you for all your help this half term. We will start again after half term on Tuesday, 6th June.

Years 3/4 Play

Well done Year 3/4 for a fantastic musical extravaganza!



Year 6 Crucial crew

Year 6 enjoyed a very informative and interesting afternoon at Crucial Crew on Wednesday. The children enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities; learning about topics such as bullying, staying safe on the roads, giving CPR and much more! *Joe* said, "learning about staying safe on the railways was very interesting if a little scary." *Nathaniel* loved, "seeing students from Birchwood performing drama, they were brilliant!"

Important Dates

22nd-25th May	Science Week
Tues 23rd May	Volunteer safeguarding and reading support meeting – 9.00am-9.30am
Wed 24th May	Volunteer safeguarding and reading support meeting - 9.00am-9.30am
22nd-25th May	Science Week
Fri 26 th May	Inset Day
29th May-2nd June	Half Term
Mon 5 th June	Inset Day
Fri 9th June	Non Uniform Day-bring a bottle
Sat 10th June	Summer Fayre
Wed 14th June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Mon 19th June	9.05am Yrs 5/6 Maths Games
Tues 20th June	9.05am Yrs 3/4 Maths Games
Wed 21st June	9.05am Yrs 1/2 Maths Games
Thurs 22nd June	9.05am EYFS Maths Games
Fri 23rd June	Year 2 Music Festival at Rhodes
Fri 23rd June	6-7pm KS1/Foundation Disco
Fri 23rd June	7.15-8.30pm KS2 Disco
Tues 27th June	3pm Yr 5 work sharing
Thurs 29th June	Birchwood Games Day
Thur 29th June	2.45pm Yr 4 work sharing
Mon 3 rd July	Year 5/6 Rehearsal at Rhodes
Tues 4th July	Years 5/6 Production at Rhodes
Wed 5th July	3pm Yr 3 work sharing (please note date change)
Fri 7 th July	Sports Day
Tues 11th July	Reserve Sports Day
Thur 13th July	2.45pm Yr 1 work sharing
Tues 18th July	2.45pm Yr 2 work sharing
Wed 19 th July	Year 6 swimming gala
Thurs 20th July	9.05 am Yr6 Leavers' Assembly
Thur 20th July	10.00 Yr 6 work sharing
Fri 21 st July	End of Term 2pm

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

A reminder that next week, on 23rd and 24th May at 9.00am we will be running **safeguarding workshops for volunteers** at the school to ensure everyone is clear on all procedures around safeguarding. This will be followed by a session on how to support guided reading. We hope all current volunteers will be able to attend one of these two sessions. Thank you

Enriching the Curriculum

Science Week

Next week, Northgate children will delve into Science and scientific learning, investigations and experiments. The school will be growing crystals and getting hands-on with science opportunities with their teachers and peers. Each year will also be researching a famous scientist throughout history. Thank you to the Association and Brian Neill for securing funding to support the this, we are looking forward to an exciting week!

Playing Maths Games with your Child

Next half term, you will have an opportunity to come in at the start of the day (9.05am - 9.25am) to play a maths game with your child.

Monday 19th June—Year 5/6

Tuesday 20th June— Year 3/4

Wednesday 21st - Year 1/2

Thursday 22nd— EYFS

Sporting Opportunities

What a great week for sport at Northgate with so many children representing the school!

Netball

Our Year 5/6 netball teams played two matches this week. On Tuesday they competed against Manor Fields and after a very close match lost 5:4 . On Thursday they competed in torrential rain against Hillmead, which did not make their life easy. Although the team did not win, everyone tried their best under the circumstances. Well done!



New Football Kit!

A big thank you to the Northgate Association who have purchased a brand new football kit for the school team. As you can see, it is a very smart and professional looking kit and Northgate will really look the business in their matches. I know lots of children are very excited to get the chance to wear it, representing Northgate! (Mr Glozier)

Max, Ben and Lewis modelling the new kit!



Tennis

Pupils from Year 3 and 4 represented the school in a beginners and advanced tennis tournament this week. A massive well done to Luke and Gracie who were the advanced winner and runner up. "I really enjoyed the tennis advanced tournament as it wasn't too easy"...**Luke** (class 7) "It was a tense afternoon but good fun." Elliot (Class 8)



Cricket

The Northgate cricket teams played their first matches on Thursday against Manor Fields. In terrible conditions both teams played extremely well. The B team lost by 10 runs in a very close match, however the A team managed to win their game by 27 runs. A big well done to all the children that took part..

Updates

Dinner Money

Year 6 parents will receive a charge forecast letter next week. Please pay the amount in the letter and not the standard half term charge.

Community News

Cheeky Monkeys

Cheeky Monkeys are organising a Baby & Children's Nearly New Market locally at Birchwood High School next month. Please see attached flyer for further details.

Celebration of Achievements

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

Nursery: Stanley and Lottie

Reception: William (R1)

Santa (R2)

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Sports Person.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their sportsmanship, developing their skills and working as a team in all areas of sport.

Well done to:

Class 1:	Toby	Class 7:	Luke
Class 2:	Hari	Class 8:	Grace
Class 3:	Jack	Class 9:	Ethan
Class 4:	Ruby	Class 10:	Archie
Class 5:	Oscar	Class 11:	Oliver
Class 6:	Gracie	Class 12:	Lily

Reminders

Inset days

Please remember we have inset days on **Friday, 26th May** and **Monday, 5th June**.

Lost Property

There has been an umbrella left behind after reading with parents. If you have lost one, please contact the school office.

Northgate Association

Summer Fayre - Volunteer Request

The summer fayre is just under 4 weeks away and it is time to sign up to help please. In the past, this event has raised as much as £4,000 so it is well worth running but without a considerable amount of support, it cannot run properly.

Signing up to help at an Association event has never been easier!

Go to our Signup Genius page and select the exact slot you want, see what other people have signed up for, swap with other people as necessary.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4caca22a1ff2-summer>

You will see each stall/slot has been assigned a class (some classes have more than one stall where only 1 person is required to run a stall) – please sign up in your class(es) slots first.

If your class(es) is/are already full – please either sign up for something else or in the Extra Help slot. Please sign up for as many slots as possible.

There are a couple of stalls for Year 6 children, obviously you are welcome to have your child help you on any stall.

We really appreciate your continued support .