

February 16th 2024

Headteacher's News

Well done to everyone who entered the Northgate Bake Off! What an amazing collection of cakes! Please see the next two pages for more details.

World Book Day Parade

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March, and children are asked to **dress up as an adjective** e.g. turquoise, athletic, brave, cuddly, historic, with a label or sticker with their word on and if possible, its definition. There should be no need to buy a costume but if you already have one, can your child think of an age appropriate adjective to match it eg Harry Potter with 'courageous'. Once again there will be a **World Book Day Parade**, (weather permitting) where you are invited to come and see the children parade around the playgrounds. At the start of the day, the children will go to their classrooms, then parents can enter at 8.55am and wait on the Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 playground for the children all to come back out and parade in their costumes. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 children will walk around the Key Stage 1 playground and children in Years 3-6 will parade around their own playground. The children will walk around the lines of the netball court so it would be helpful if parents could stand inside of these lines. If you have children in both key stages, please stand under the large covered gazebo between the two. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 7th March at 8.55am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have an enjoyable half term.

Enriching the curriculum

This week was the 'Festival of Literature' at Bishop Stortford College. On Monday, **Year 1 and 2** walked down with their teachers to hear Chitra Soundar, an internationally award winning author, read her book 'Tiger Troubles'. This is a very funny story set in the Indian jungle. The children loved hearing Chitra reading her own book! On Thursday, **Year 3 and 4** heard Chris White perform mad-cap poetry from some of his books, including 'Don't Put Dave in the Microwave' and 'The Armadillo Under my Pillow'. Finally, on Friday **Year 5 and 6** listened to Ross Welford who gave a lively, interactive talk about how he came up with his latest book: 'The Monkey Who Fell from the Future'. He also entertained the children by performing some story creating improvisation. What a special memory for them all!



Garg's Animal Encounters came into school to visit **Year 1** on Wednesday, to get the children excited about their topic next half term 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. The children were able to see and learn about an array of animals including a blue-tongued skink which originates from Australia and has the most amazing blue tongue! They also encountered a lesser tenrec, which looks like a small hedgehog with soft spikes. This interesting creature is not actually related to the hedgehog family at all, but is a close relative of the elephant! All the children really enjoyed getting up close to the animals and they were able to touch them if they felt brave enough.



Year 2 celebrated completing their alien reports with Publishing Parties this afternoon! Class 3 and Class 4

published their reports into class books which will be kept in the book corner and enjoyed by all children.

The classes celebrated being published authors by reading each other's reports and enjoying some delicious snacks and cakes, courtesy of the fabulous

Northgate Bake Off entries! We discussed how authors will often have launch parties for their books, and some children have made it their goal to have books published when they are older. We are so proud of the children's amazing writing, and can't wait to see if any of them go on to become authors later in life.



Important Dates

19th - 23rd Feb	Half Term
Mon 26th Feb	Children back to school
Fri 1st Mar	Stepping Stones coffee morning
Fri 1st Mar	Year 5 & 6 Science Show BS College
W/C 4th Mar	PTA Mother's Day Shop
Mon 4th Mar	7.30pm PTA committee meeting
5th & 6th Mar	Parent consultations
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
Mon 11th Mar	9am Y5 & 6 maths games/work sharing with parents
Tues 12th Mar	9am Nursery & Reception maths games/work sharing with parents
Wed 13th Mar	9am Y1 & 2 maths games/work sharing with parents
Thurs 14th Mar	9am Y3 & 4 maths games/work sharing with parents
Thurs 14th Mar	2.40pm Y6 Spring music concert
Wed 20th Mar	PTA Book Fair
Thurs 21st Mar	Y3 & 4 production
Friday 22nd Mar	School Disco
Wk beg 25th Mar	House cross country final
Wk beg 25th Mar	Science week and house science quiz
Fri 22nd Mar	Y3 Trip to Colchester Castle
Tues 26th Mar	Last day of term for Nursery
Thurs 28th Mar	2pm Last day of term
29th Mar—12th April	Easter break
Mon 15th April	Start of term
April (TBC)	PTA Quiz Night at The Belgian Brewer

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Attendance this Term

Yr	%	Our target	96%
R	96.09%	Whole school	95.61%
1	93.50%		
2	96.10%		
3	96.03%		
4	95.58%		
5	96.40%		
6	95.44%		

0 days off	100%	Fantastic
5 days off a year	97%	Good
10 days off a year	95%	Slight concern
20 days off a year	90%	Concerned
30 days off a year	85%	Very concerned

Attendance Policy

Please be aware that our attendance policy is on our website. If you are having problems with getting your child to school and you would like support, please contact Mrs Rogers, our pastoral leader.

Safeguarding

Please click below to access the HFL online Safety Spring Newsletter for spring 2024, which recommends online safety games for children to play that help develop and enhance their online safety awareness.

[HFL Online Safety Newsletter](#)

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

Enriching the Curriculum

Thank you to everyone who entered Northgate's Bake Off, which was held on Thursday. There was an amazing amount of beautiful cakes to taste and the judges, from the school council, had a lot of difficulty choosing the winners. Congratulations to Nellie in Class 4, Sydney in Class 7 and Lottie in Class 12. As we had so many wonderful cakes, we thought we would share them with the local community. Some were sold at school today and some were taken to local care homes for staff and residents to enjoy. The money raised will support future projects run by the school council and a donation will be made to charity. As always, thank you for all your generosity and support. Please see some of the imaginative bakes on the last page.



After recently celebrating the Lunar New Year, in music assembly, Mrs. Cheung arranged a Chinese mini dragon dance performance for the children. Some pupils got the chance to learn a dance, wear the dragon costume and perform to their peers.



Year 1 had a wonderful 'Historical Tea Party' this morning to complete their topic 'Bright Lights, Big City', in which they explored the reign of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. The children all dressed up in their finery and had a lovely time eating some delicious

party food brought from home.

Sport

The children have been competing in the house netball tournament this week. Everyone enjoyed the challenged and the winners will be announced after half term! Well done everybody.

Reminders and Updates

We want to celebrate, our Northgate community has raised a lot of money recently. Please see below a list of events and how much they raised.

Christmas Jumper day money donated to Isabel Hospice: £313.48

Year 6 bake sale in aid of Isabel Hospice: £158.00

EYFS bake sale raising money for the outside garden area: £515.00

EYFS sponsored dance raising money for their garden area: £1530.32

This is an amazing achievement. Thank you so much for all of your effort and support.

School Dinner accounts

Please take a look at your child's dinner money account. There are a lot of accounts that have balances owing. Please can you pay any outstanding charges as soon as possible and top the account up, so that it is in credit before the new term.

Vacancies

Do you know someone that maybe interested in a TA position at Northgate? We are looking for a SEN 1:1 TA five mornings per week (flexible hours considered) and a class TA for five mornings per week.

Please visit [Teach in Herts](#) for more details.

Celebration of Achievements

Nursery: Myla and Axel



R1: Giulia **R2:** Ethan

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on "History/Geography"

Well done for: writing an excellent speech in history regarding the space race and performing this confidently to the class, for excellent participation in the debate about the effects of the space race, for using different sources to find out historical information about queen Victoria, being great at remembering historical facts and sharing their own opinion about events from the past, for a fantastic understanding of rivers and oceans, fostering a love of history through answering questions and analysing sources.

Class 1: William

Class 7: Jackson

Class 2: Eddie

Class 8: Dawud

Class 3: Florence

Class 9: Luca

Class 4: Thomas

Class 10: Isla

Class 5: Nicolas

Class 11: Annabella

Class 6: Aarav

Class 12: Abigail



Northgate School Association

PTA Events

Thank you to everyone who supported our Valentine's Day Tuck Shop this week; it is very much appreciated.

After Half Term, we have lots of exciting events coming up in March. We have our Mother's Day shop selling beautiful gifts for all the wonderful ladies in our lives. We have a Book Fair where children can spend their World Book Day tokens. We also have our EYFS/KS1 and KS2 discos plus a Break the Rules day! Lots of fun to be had. Thank you to the team for providing these events.

Tesco Blue Coin

Don't forget whilst you're shopping this half term to visit Tesco and post your blue coins for Northgate Primary School!

The school will receive between £500 and £1500 depending on how many votes we get, so please be sure to pick up a token and vote for us whenever you are in store.

We have applied for funding for 'Northgate Lunchtime Resources' as we would love to buy additional sensory, gardening, sports, music and quiet time resources to improve the students' lunchtime experiences.

Summer Fayre

We are still looking for businesses and/or parents/carers who can help provide the following for the Summer Fayre:

Caricatures

Mini Crazy Golf Hire

Old sand pits

Seaside themed workshops

Plants

Arcade games

If you can help, please can you contact us via our email ptanorthgate@gmail.com. Your help is very much appreciated.

Hope you all have a relaxing Half Term.

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team

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