

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

April 28th 2017

Headteacher's News

Congratulations to Mrs Witney, who is pregnant! She will be starting her maternity leave early in the Autumn term.

Children in several year groups are working hard towards their National Assessments, which will take place in the next few weeks. We are really proud of how hard the children are applying themselves in class. To ensure the children are ready, please can I remind you of the importance of a good night's sleep and, as the research says, children need time away from technology before bedtime to support this. We have children who are clearly tired which is impacting on their learning. Please continue to support the children with learning the key information and vocabulary. In school we will ensure that we are continuing to do a variety of activities to help prevent the children from becoming anxious.

Enriching the Curriculum

Year 4, 5 and 6 Primary School cross country event

On Monday, 24th April teams of 5 girls and 5 boys from year 4, 5 and 6 went to a cross country competition at Jobbers Wood. All runners gave their best and in the year 6 boys race, Evan J. won the gold medal. Overall Northgate came 3rd out of 11 schools attending. We were very proud of them all.



Music Festival

We are delighted that Year 2 will have the opportunity to participate in this year's Primary Schools Music Festival to be held at the Rhodes Centre. Ten schools from the Bishop's Stortford area, Sawbridgeworth and surrounding villages will be performing a variety of songs on the theme of 'Animals'.

Tickets are on sale from the Rhodes Centre, South Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3JG; in person from the Box Office or by telephone: 01279 651746. The cost of the tickets is £4.00.

We hope the children enjoy participating in this exciting event where they have the opportunity to perform in a theatre with children from other schools.

Can you help to enrich our pupil's opportunities further?

We would like to run a book club in Year 3 and Year 5 for 4 weeks on a Monday or Wednesday at 2.45pm. If you are interested please contact the school office for the attention of Katy Greaves.

We are also interested in parents or grandparents who would like to help with the gardening club. Please contact the school office.

Piano Lessons

Our piano teacher, Mr Thompson, has spaces for after school lessons. If you are interested please let the office know.

Important Dates

Tues 2 nd May	Start of KS1 SATs
8 th -11 th May	KS2 SATs
Mon 15 th May	Years 3/4 Dress Rehearsal
Tues 16 th May	Year 3/4 play - afternoon
Thurs 18 th May	Years 3/4 play-7.00pm
22nd-25th May	Science Week
Tues 23 rd May	Volunteer safeguarding and reading support meeting – 9.00am-9.30am
Wed 24 th May	Volunteer safeguarding and reading support meeting - 9.00am-9.30am

Reading with Parents

Tues 16 th May	Year 5/6
Wed 17 th May	Years 3/4
Thurs 18 th May	Foundation
Fri 19 th May	Years 1/2
22nd-25th May	Science Week
Fri 26 th May	Inset Day
29th May—2nd Jun	Half Term
Mon 5 th June	Inset Day
Sat 10 th June	Summer Fayre
Wed 14th June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Fri 23 rd June	Year 2 Music Festival at Rhodes
Thus 29th June	Birchwood Games Day
Mon 3 rd July	Year 5/6 Rehearsal at Rhodes
Tues 4 th July	Years 5/6 Production at Rhodes
Fri 7 th July	Sports Day
Wed 19 th July	Year 6 swimming gala
Fri 21 st July	End of Term 2pm
Mon 4 th Sep	First Day of Autumn Term

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

This week all staff had training on Anaphylaxis and Asthma. Please ensure that all medication is in date and, if possible, in it's original packaging. It has been highlighted by the School Nurse that children who have Epipens need to take 2 on every school trip. If it is possible let school have 2. If not possible, please ensure that they have 2 Epipens on the day of any school trip.

Class News

Class 11 and 12 Trip to the National Portrait Gallery

Last Friday Year 6 had a lovely day at the National Portrait Gallery. Each class had a taught session with an artist on self portraits which they thoroughly enjoyed. A big thank you to the Association for funding the trip.

Foundation news!

Cake sale

Thank you to all of the children in foundation stage who worked so hard baking and preparing cakes in school to sell. They had a wonderful time! Also a huge thank you to all the parents who supported this event by bringing in plates of cakes and sweet cones! Also a huge thank you to all the parents who offered their time to help on the day. We managed to raise an amazing £300.65. We will work with the children to decide what they would like to enhance their outside learning environment.

Canopy

We are also very excited to announce that we will be having a large canopy installed in the foundation area next Thursday. This is fantastic news as we have been waiting a long time for this to happen. This allows the opportunity for children to access the outside area in all weathers and have a covered space where they can play. We would like to say a huge thank you to the association who have agreed to fund the whole canopy and installation costs, something that we could not have done without their support. This will really make a difference to the children's learning experiences. Many thanks - The Foundation Team



Year 2

Classes 3 and 4 enjoyed planting their sunflower seeds this week and look forward to seeing them grow in the next few weeks.

Fiddle Toys

Fiddle toys are provided by the school for pupils with SEND to support learning. Children are not allowed to bring in their own as they may get lost or damaged. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. If you feel your child would benefit from further resources to support their learning, please contact our SENDCo.

Rotary Club Year 6 Art Competition

A presentation of prizes will be held at the Rhodes Centre on 9th May at 6.30pm. There will also be a display of pupil's artwork (from the top 10 entered).

Class 10 Cake Sale

Class 10 made a fantastic **£179.00** at their cake sale today with the proceeds going to Wood Green Animal Shelter.

Celebration of Achievements

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

Nursery: Theo P and Tahsin
Reception: Gabrielle (R1)
Mac N (R2)

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for good questioning and showing a range of skills.

Well done to:

Class 1:	Zac	Class 7:	Fraser
Class 2:	Ally	Class 8:	Eva
Class 3:	Henry	Class 9:	Joshua S
Class 4:	Frank	Class 10:	Thomas
Class 5:	Thomas	Class 11:	Ruby
Class 6:	Ethan S	Class 12:	Kay

It was lovely to be played into assembly by Joe Lee who was celebrating gaining Grade 6 Cello.

Reminders

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY, 1ST MAY 2017

The Daily Mile

Please remember that there will be no daily mile on **Thursdays** before school as on Thursdays it will take place during school time. **The gates will not be open until 8.45am on Thursdays** so please do not drop off your children before this time.

Head Lice

We have head lice in foundation, KS1 and KS2. Please check your children so they can be treated over the long weekend. Thank you

Community News

Grove Cottage

Grove Cottage are holding an open day from 10.00am to 3.00pm on Saturday, 29th April. For further information please contact Tracy Bevan on 01279 657769, email admin@mencapgrovecottage.org or visit www.mencapgrovecottage.org

Rhodes Talent Search 2017

If you're a singer or a rapper; a dancer or a musician: if you're part of a group or prefer to perform on your own; if you're a fresh faced youngster or an ageing veteran—it makes no difference—we want to hear from you! Get online now and start your journey towards becoming a Rhodes Talent Search Winner in 2017 at www.rhodesgottalent.co.uk

Ellie's Run

Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club are organising a run and fun day to support a young lady named Ellie Darby who suffers from Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 2 on Saturday 3rd June 2017. Please put together a team for this event, celebrating the fact that we are healthy enough to do this kind of thing, whilst remembering that others within our community are not. Please find all the details, including rules, and entry form attached.