

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

April 26th 2024

Headteacher's News

Well done to Year 5, who yesterday shared their learning from their music lessons, both performing with recorders and singing beautifully some of the songs they have been learning. Our soloists also did some amazing performances. Thanks to Mrs Cheung for organising the event. Mrs Cheung will be starting a lunchtime music group, from next Thursday so if your child is in KS2, learns an instrument and can read music, they will be welcome to join. We are also excited that this term we are having a music 'garden room' built thanks to the funding from the PTA. This will mean that soon we will be able to offer more opportunities for individual and group music lessons. We need some help levelling the ground in preparation for installation so if you think you may be able to help, please see the details on the next page. We hope that the Year 1 parents found the phonics session informative. If you would like to give any feedback about the session, please email on interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk. The phonics scheme that we use, Little Wandle has pages to support parents, including how you say the pure sounds. Please use the link for more information and support: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Enriching the curriculum

On Monday, Year 3 enjoyed their Greek Day as part of their new topic. The children and teachers came into school dressed up in the most amazing costumes. They started the morning listening to relaxing Greek instrumental music while they looked at examples of beautiful Hoplon shields carried by Ancient Greek soldiers. They then designed their own shields. The children also studied the Greek alphabet and wrote their names in Greek, and practised Greek dancing in the hall. Each class made a tasty Greek Salad by chopping tomatoes, onion, cucumbers, feta cheese and olives, which they ate this as part of a Greek feast later in the afternoon. Thank you to the teachers for providing the children with a real taste of life as an ancient Greek.



This week EYFS had a delivery of duck eggs. The eggs arrived in an incubator to begin with then over a period of 24 hours the eggs have hatched out and are now all in a pen with their siblings. The children have thoroughly enjoyed watching them and will continue to do so over the next week. Everyone in EYFS will have the opportunity to hold, stroke and observe them taking their first swim. The ducklings have inspired all of their areas of learning this week and next week including some amazing writing. Thanks to the PTA for funding this activity.



Important Dates

Mon 29th April

Mon 6th May

Thurs 9th May

Fri 10th May

Sat 11th May

13th—16th May

Fri 17th May

WB 20th May

Mon 20th May

Thurs 23rd May

27th—31st May

Mon 3rd June

W/C 3rd June

3rd—7th June

Fri 7th June

Sat 8th June

W/C 10th June

Mon 10th June

Mon 10th June

Thurs 13th June

Fri 14th June

Thurs 20th June

Fri 21st June

Fri 21st June

Wed 26th June

Wed 26th June

Mon 1st July

Tues 2nd July

Fri 5th July

Wb 8th July

Wb 8th July

Thurs 11th July

Tues 16th July

W/C 15th July

Thurs 18th July

Fri 19th July

Fri 19th July

2nd & 3rd Sept

Wed 4th Sept

R1 & R2 Trip to Willow's Farm

Bank Holiday

2.30pm Y4 Music concert

2pm PTA committee meeting

Working party to level ground for the music 'garden room' (help needed)

Y6 SATS

Y4 Viking day

Neurodiversity week

Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew

2.30pm Y3 Music concert

Half Term

Inset Day

Y4 National multiplication assessments

Y6 School Journey, Kingswood

9.00am Stepping Stones coffee morning with Nicky Chamberlain from SPACE

PTA Summer Fayre

PTA Father's Day Shop

Y1 National phonics, screening.

Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

Visit from Herts & Essex Music Group

Y5 Egyptian workshop

Visit from Woodwind Stortford

Y2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

Y4 Stansted Mountfitchet Visit

Y1 Trip to Audley End

Year 2 Music Festival at South Mills (parents able to watch from 2.15pm—3.00pm information to follow)

Y5 /6 rehearsal at theatre (timings TBC)

Y5/6 performance (timings TBC)

PTA Sports Day After Party & Colour Run

History week

History with Parents /work sharing 9am (see below)

School Transition Day

Take over day

PTA Ice Cream Sales

9.15am Y6 Leavers' assembly

PTA Break the Rules Day

2pm Last Day of Term

Inset days

First day of the school year

Safeguarding

Packed Lunches: As we have children with nut allergies, please be careful not to include food containing nuts or nut products, such as peanut butter, pesto, Bakewell tart, chocolate products or desserts which contain nuts.

Emergency contact details

Have you changed your mobile phone number recently?

Please make sure we have up-to-date contact details in case there is an emergency in school and we need to contact you. It is helpful for us to have several people named, in case the first ones are not able to be contacted. Thank you

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Mrs. Pratt has started a new sewing club for our Year 6 children. This will run on Wednesday lunchtimes. This week the children were taught basic skills such as threading, knotting and sewing on buttons. Next week they will be using Binka to try a variety of stitches such as running stitch and cross stitch.



History week—Can you help?

During history week at Northgate, we will be looking at transport through the ages and we are planning a car show to take place on the morning of Monday 8th July. We would love to have a range of cars that span the ages for the children to look at, so if you/grandparents/friends of Northgate own an old car that you would be happy to display on the school playground, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Miss Cotterell on the Class 10 email or Mr Sainsbury on the Class 1 email, listing the make/ model and year of the car you would be willing to display. Alternatively please call the school office.



Reminders and Notices

Can you help?

We are having a working party to level ground for the music 'garden room' on Saturday 11th May between 10 and 3pm. If you can spare any time to help, please contact the school office. Many thanks.

School uniform

Please ensure that your child wears black shoes to school (no boots). Apart from PE days, children are not permitted to wear trainers, this includes black trainers. The children must wear bottle green jumpers/cardigans. EYFS this term may wear yellow or green jumpers as they transition to green for the autumn term. These can be purchased from Tesco, Amazon or Next among other sellers. We will soon have details on a new uniform supplier; we are just finalising details with them and will let you know shortly. Year 5 and 6 should be wearing ties with a white shirt. These can be purchased for £4.50 from the school office. PE kits must be green joggers/shorts and a white t-shirt, with green hoodies for cold days. All hair accessories must be bottle green or yellow.

Medication forms

If your child needs to have medication administered at school, a medical form must be filled out online via our school website. Please note that we will only administer medicine that is required four times a day (three times a day this can be given to the children before school, after school and before bed). It is essential that the medication is brought in, in its original box with labels and insert. Thank you.

Headlice

Please check your child's hair over the weekend for signs of headlice, as we have been notified of a case in school. Please administer a treatment if required.

Stepping Stones

This is our social group for parents and carers at Northgate who have children with ASD or suspected ASD. The aim of the group is to bring parents and carers together, enable experiences and ideas to be shared and friendships to grow. Our next coffee morning will be 9am – 10am on Friday 7th June. Nicky Chamberlain from SPACE will be attending. SPACE is staffed by parents, carers and professionals who are passionate about supporting Hertfordshire families. They run support groups, training events and help families navigate local services. Please come along and find out more.

Celebration of Achievements

Nursery: Clemence and Ted

R1: Chloe **R2:** Sebastian



This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Art and DT". Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: always producing well thought out pieces of art work, having a good understanding of why it is better for the environment to eat fruit and vegetables that are in season, a fabulous design and creation of an underwater scene, a great design of a Viking shield incorporating runes, producing some wonderful artwork in the style of Roy Lichtenstein and Jean Michel Basquiat, brilliant effort making a moving lever, having natural flair and producing stunning artwork and for taking their Ugandan taste testing session very seriously, reviewing each item with insightful comments and making links between Ugandan food and food from other countries.

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| Class 1: Myon | Class 7: Avera |
| Class 2: Harvey | Class 8: Amber |
| Class 3: Maya | Class 9: Bea |
| Class 4: Robin | Class 10: Maya |
| Class 5: Ege | Class 11: Efe |
| Class 6: Mya | Class 12: Tallulah |



Charity Swimmathon

On Sunday, the Tiger Sharks swimming team are taking part in a swim-mathon at Grange Paddocks pool on Sunday. All money raised goes to Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. There are a lot of Northgate children taking part and they will be challenging themselves to swim **1Km** (40 lengths) **EACH**. Good luck children! If you would like to donate please click on this link: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charlottestenson2023?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=charlottestenson2023&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=0df4f15da3114e6fa09565b1195c0e80

Northgate School Association

PTA Summer Fayre

With the Summer Fayre on Saturday 8th June fast approaching, we are still looking for lots of lovely volunteers to help us make it the best Summer Fayre ever! If you fancy running a game or a stall, please sign up here to help; there are lots of roles available.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/?#!showSignUp/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-48892296-northgate>

We can't run our events without your support, so please do sign up if you can. Thank you. Please make sure you book our PTA Northgate Summer Fayre in your diary - Saturday 8th June midday till 3pm.

Teddy tombola

Calling for teddy bears! Whilst having a clear out over the next few weeks, please send your lovely teddies our way. At this year's Summer Fayre, we are holding a teddy tombola, so we need lots of cuddly toys (in good condition) please!

Second Hand Books

In addition to the teddies, we also need books for our Second Hand book sale. If you have any teddies or books that you would like to donate to our Fayre, please send me an email to ptanorthgate@gmail.com and we can arrange collection/drop off.

Non-school uniform day

On Friday 7th June, all children will be able to come to school in non-school uniform in exchange for a bottle for our Bottle Tombola at the Summer Fayre. Thank you for your support- we can't do this without you!

Hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team