

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

November 10th 2017

Headteacher's News

Today has been a 'colourful' end to our Friendship Week with Rainbow Day. It has been lovely to see the joy from the acts of kindness of secret friends. Respect is one of our core values and this has been an underlying theme to the week. Thank you to the team who organised the event. See below for more details.

It is always lovely to see the fantastic learning the children have been doing, especially when they come to gain a Headteacher's award. We appreciate that so many year 6 parents came in for work sharing this week, to share the children's learning. I was particularly impressed with their personification poems. Remaining work sharing dates are on the important dates list.

Mr Glozier led an assembly this week on Mathletics. He reminded the children of the importance of using Mathletics every week. A big well done to classes 1, 2 and 5 who have been the most active classes on Mathletics since half term.

If you are having problems logging in please contact the school office for further information.

Do you play the piano confidently? We are looking for someone to play the piano in the KS2 St Michael's Carol Concert. Please contact the office if you are able to do this. Have a happy and relaxing weekend.

Friendship Week and Rainbow Day

This week the children have been celebrating friendship by making secret friends, creating PE games to include children at playtime and embracing the ethos of what it takes to be a good friend. Today we have discussed the importance of diversity and encouraged the children to think about qualities in themselves and others. We ended the week with a fantastic sharing assembly and we are delighted to let you know that we have raised approximately £670.00 for Pancreatic Cancer UK.



Year 5/6 Parent Workshop

Next Wednesday we will be running an information evening for parents of children in years 5 and 6. The evening will start with a brief introduction at 7.00pm and then there will be a series of 15 minute workshops for you to attend to support your understanding of your child's learning. The evening will finish at 8.00pm.

Workshops will include:

- Supporting your child with the current grammar expectations
- Supporting your child to extend their reading skills
- Supporting your child with multiplication and division in Years 5/6
- Supporting your child with fractions in Years 5/6

We hope this will be a supportive and informative evening,

Important Dates

15th Nov (7pm)	Year 5/6 Parent Workshop
16th Nov	1.30pm Basketball at Birchwood
16th Nov	Year 1 Parent Workshop (2.45)
17th Nov	11.00am Prospective Parent Tour
17th Nov	The Wonder Tree (children's yoga) - lunchtime taster
22nd Nov	Year 2 Parent Workshop (2.45)
22nd Nov	2.45pm Year5 Work Sharing
27th Nov	eSafety week
28th Nov	9.30am Prospective Parent Tour
28th Nov	2.45pm Year 2 Work Sharing
29th Nov-1st Dec	KS2 cyber bus
29th Nov	2.45pm Year 1 Work Sharing
1st Dec	9.30am Cricket at HECC
1st Dec	2.45pm Year 4 Work Sharing
6th Dec	Year 6 Height and Weight
7th Dec	EYFS Christmas performances
8th Dec	9.30am Prospective Parent Tour
8th Dec	9.00am Year 4 music festival - St Barnabus Centre
9th Dec	Christmas Fayre
11th Dec	KS2 panto at Rhodes
11th Dec	KS1 panto in school
11th Dec	Choir Carol service at St Michael's (evening)
13th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance
14th Dec	Happy Bags Collection
14th Dec	KS2 Carol service at St Michael's
15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15th Dec	Puppets Galore
19th Dec	2.00pm End of Term
20th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas holiday
3rd Jan	Children return to school
12th-16th Feb	Half term
19th Feb	Inset Day
29th Mar	Break up for Easter
28th May-1st Jun	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

An incident occurred outside school last Friday where a child was hurt. Please take care when driving and pulling over near the school to avoid any further incidents. Thank you

Foundation

Thank you to those who were able to attend the eSchools meeting held on Monday. We hope you found it useful and informative. New parents were given their log-ins and passwords at the meeting, however if you have older siblings in the school your log-in details will remain the same. If you were unable to attend the meeting and are awaiting your log-in details, these have either been sent home via your child or will be found in their book bag. If you have any problems, please speak to Mrs Crocker in the school office. All weekly Foundation newsletters will now be uploaded onto eSchools each week. There will be no paper copies, therefore it is important for you to regularly check your eSchools account.

Year 3 Jungle Jo

Jungle Jo came in yesterday with a cockroach, a praying mantis, a bull frog, a lizard, a tarantula and a snake. The children had the opportunity to touch and hold the animals and ask questions in preparation for their topic on predators.



Football

On Monday, Northgate took two teams to Howe Green for their league matches in the Gold and Silver Leagues. The Silver team recorded their first win of the season with a resounding 6-1 victory, showing great enthusiasm and an array of elaborate goal celebrations! The Gold Team battled hard but could not find a way past an inspired goalkeeper, losing 6-1 in the end.

On Tuesday, the Northgate girls' football team also went to Howe Green to compete in the Hertfordshire Wix County Tournament, where the winning team would go on to represent the area at a county final. The girls played brilliantly, winning all of their group games and making the final against Summercroft. In a very close final, at the final whistle, no goals had been scored and unfortunately it was so dark that even a penalty shootout was not possible so a rematch for the final will be arranged. Good luck girls!

School Association

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The School Association will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Friday, 17th November from 3.00pm. This will take place in the playground in front of the school (close to the office). Items will cost £1.00 each

Happy Bags

There will be a Happy Bags clothes recycling collection on the morning of 14th December, between 10am and 11am. The bags will be sent home with the children in their book bags the week before. Filled bags can be left in the bike shelter on or before the morning of the 14th.

Christmas Fayre

Please remember the Northgate Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, 9th December 2017.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Franky
(pm) - Samuel
Reception: (R1) - Theo
(R2) - Alexandra

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for being kind and being a good friend.

Well done to:

Class 1: Leanne	Class 7: Sam
Class 2: Oscar	Class 8: Harry
Class 3: Toby	Class 9: Lexi
Class 4: Grace	Class 10: Jessica
Class 5: Sophie	Class 11: Olivia
Class 6: Louise	Class 12: Lily-Rose

Cloakroom stars of the week were:

KS1 Class 3
KS2 Class 6

Reminders and updates

Christmas lunch

Christmas lunch will be on the following dates this year:

Reception/Years 1 + 2	Tuesday, 5th December
KS2	Wednesday, 6th December

Reception Admissions

The online application system is now open for Reception 2018-19 for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014.

Applications must be made by **15th January 2018**.

Proposed Admissions Arrangements for 2019-20

We are currently consulting on our Admissions Policy for 2019-20. There are further details on the school website. Do have a look and if you would like to comment on the proposals, please email the school office on admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Bishop's Stortford Lawn Tennis Club

The tennis club have requested that nursery parents do not park in their car parks when they drop off and pick up at lunchtime on Monday, 20th November. Thank you

The Wonder Tree

The Wonder Tree are interested in setting up a yoga and mindfulness club for the children at Northgate. This would take place on Wednesdays before school and would be for children in years 1-6. They will be in school at lunchtime on Friday, 17th November in the hall to offer a free taster session for children to see whether this is something they are interested in taking up.