

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

July 2nd 2021

Headteacher's News

As I am sure you are aware there are an increasing number of cases of Covid in Bishop's Stortford schools. Please ensure you do not send your child into school with any symptoms, and take them for a PCR test if a member of the family tests positive. We are really keen at school not to have to return to online learning and the children having further time at home, so please play your part in keeping the school community safe.

The children will bring home their school reports next Friday. The teachers have spent a long time summarising your child's strengths and identifying what their next steps are. We are aware that many children are not where they would have been had there not been two periods of home learning. However, I feel it is better that parents are aware of this so we can work together next year to support your child.

If you have any questions regarding the report, the teachers will be available on Wednesday 14th July after school for a consultation to discuss your queries. Please ring the school office before the end of Tuesday 13th July and they will arrange a time for you.

If you have any comments about the report or year, and wish to feed this back to the SLT, please email the school on interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk and clearly state your child's name and class. We value your opinions and the SLT will review all comments carefully.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Year 1 - Model Dinosaurs

In conjunction with our dinosaur topic, Year 1 have been making 3D models.

The children collected lots of recycling and thought carefully about which bits could make which parts of the model. We had tubes for long necks and egg boxes for bumps and spikes. They then assembled their models and finished them off by painting them. They were all very individual and they all had a fantastic time making them.



Important Dates - 2020/21

Thurs 8th July	Move Up Day
Fri 9th July	Sports Day
Tues 13th July	Outdoor Learning Day
Mon 12th July	Y4 to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle
Weds 14th July	Art Day
Thurs 15th July	Year 6 Performance (Recorded)
	Y1 Trip to Knebworth House
	Y3 Instrumental Concert (Recorded)
Fri 16th July	Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony
Mon 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Live on Google Classrooms at 9.15am)
Tues 20th July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Weds 21st July	INSET day
Thurs 22nd July	OCCASIONAL DAY
1st-2nd Sept	INSET DAYS
Fri 3rd Sept	Children Return to School

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Covid-19 Isolation Guidance

We would kindly ask you to keep our school community safe by strictly following the guidelines. Please do not send children into school if any of the following apply:

- they have any one of the symptoms of Covid-19. Symptoms suggestive of Covid-19 are a new continuous cough, high temperature or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell.
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including family, friends or work colleagues they have seen, sports clubs, etc.) who are being tested for, or have tested positive for COVID-19, even where they are not showing symptoms.

If you live in the same household as someone with Covid-19 stay at home and self-isolate.

Your isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.

If you are identified as a contact and asked to self-isolate you may be entitled to a payment of £500 under the [Test and Trace Support Payment scheme](#). If you are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate you may also be entitled to this payment.

Failure to comply with self-isolation may result in a fine, starting from £1,000. Parents or guardians are legally responsible for ensuring that anyone under 18 self-isolates if they test positive for COVID-19 and are contacted by NHS Test and Trace and told to self-isolate.

Year 5 - Egyptian Day

This week, we had an amazing opportunity to dress up and learn more about our topic, Ancient Egyptians, by having an Egyptian day.

A man came in and surprised us with various facts, we participated in activities such as quizzes, games, role-play by discussing the process of mummification and a hunting competition including javelins (they weren't real animals).

During every activity, everybody always had a smile on their face and lots of enthusiasm.

We would like to thank all the year 5 staff for organising this wonderful event and making it special.

From Year 5
(Noah and Grace)



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Mia	R1: Lara
	PM: Aaron	R2: Teddy M

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for working hard and not giving up.

Well done to:

Class 1: Denice	Class 6: Toby
Class 2: Lola	Class 7: Sakeena
Class 3: Joshua	Class 8: Phoebe
Class 4: Cian	Class 9: Thomas C
Class 5: Scarlett	Class 10: Eva

School Gazebo Painting

Can You Help??

Our school gazebo is in need of a repaint and we would be grateful for any offers of help. Materials will be provided. If you are able to offer your time with this project please email sbm@northgate.herts.sch.uk. Thank you.

Donations

Egyptian Costumes

Following our successful Egyptian Day in school yesterday, we would be delighted to accept any costumes which we could donate to our pupils next year. If you are able to help us, please drop them into the school office.

Cameras

Do you have any small chargeable cameras (with leads please) that you no longer use? We can use these for our outdoor fieldwork lessons and would be grateful for any donations. Thank you.

Instrument Lessons

We have several peripatetic music teachers who come to teach at Northgate at the end of the school day. Lessons include piano, guitar, ukulele, drums, clarinet, saxophone and flute.

If you would like to register your interest for a music lesson from September, the registration form can be found on the home page of the school website.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office by emailing admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk.



Reminders and Updates

Could we please ask you to check at home for any school library and guided reading books, and ask that they are returned to their class.

The school has spent a significant amount on books - many of which now need to be replaced. Please make the time to check your children's books at home carefully, and to return any that belong to the school.