

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

March 18th 2022

Headteacher's News

At Northgate, we are committed to high standards of attendance and punctuality. We set an individual target attendance of 96% and want pupils to achieve this to maximise their learning and life chances..

Did you know that 90% Attendance equals over 90 lost learning hours in a year. Please be aware that should your son/daughter's attendance drop, we will contact you, and if it continues to fall then we will contact you again and may invite you into school or contact the County School Attendance Officer. If we are still concerned and attendance continues to fall you will be asked to provide proof of absence i.e. a doctor's note, appointment card or a copy of prescribed medication, in order for the school to authorise any future absences.

We appreciate these have been challenging times and children have missed much of their education. It is therefore vital that if your child can be in school, that they are. On our website we have information from the NHS about when a child should return to school after illness.

Punctuality The school gates open at 8.45am for Rec –Year 6 to allow the children to be ready in class for the start of the day at 8.55am for registration. The start of the day is a key learning time when children embed their learning, or work on misconceptions from the previous day. Please therefore ensure that your child is regularly in on time.

The gates close at 8.55am, so if you arrive after that time, please bring your child to the office via the main school entrance to sign them in.

At Easter we will be very sad to lose one of our Nursery TAs, Mrs Wilkes as she is going to work at the Henry Moore Foundation. We wish her all the best with this new and exciting opportunity.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 3 and 4 School Production

Year 3 and 4 are excited to perform their production to their parents on **Thursday 24th March**. Please be reminded that they will need their costumes in school by **Tuesday 22nd March**. On the day, the children will go home in their costumes and will need to return for the evening performance in their costumes at **5:40pm**. Please note that Covid is still very much present in our school community, therefore if there should be an outbreak in one of our year 4 classes before the production date, unfortunately we will have to look again at our plans for parents to attend.

Vacancies

[Key Stage 2 SEN 1:1 TA position](#)

[Nursery Class Teaching Assistant](#)

[Business Operations Assistant](#)

Important Dates - 2021/22

W/cm 21st March	Mother's Day Shop
Thurs 24th March	2.15pm and 6pm - Year 3/4 Production
Fri 25th March	House Cross Country
W/cm 28th March	Science Week
Weds 30th March	9am - Year 3/4 Science with parents (20 min)
Thurs 31st March	9am - Year 5/6 Science with parents (20 min)
Fri 1st April	9am - Year 1/2 Science with parents (20 min)
Fri 1st April	Northgate's Got Talent
Fri 1st April	Break the Rules Day
Fri 1st April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Tues 19th April	Children Return to School
May 2022	Year 2 SATs
9th-12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Thurs 19th May	Year 5 Instrumental Concert
Fri 20th May	PTA Film Night
Thurs 26th May	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
30th May-3rd Jun	May Half Term
Mon 6th June	INSET DAY
Thurs 9th June	Year 4 Instrumental Concert
7th-10th June	Year 1 Phonics Week
7th-24th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Sat 11th June	PTA Summer Fayre
W/cm 13th June	Father's Day Shop
Thurs 16th June	Year 3 Instrumental Concert
20th to 24th June	Year 6 School Journey

House Cross Country Information

Next Friday 25th March we will hold our House Cross Country event for children in Year 1 and above. **Children who have been chosen to represent their house should come to school wearing their PE kit on the day and a t-shirt in their house colour.** If your child has PE on a Friday this will continue as normal around the Cross Country timings.

Netball Tournament



Northgate sent 3 squads to the BSP Netball Competition yesterday. Northgate A and Northgate B made it to the final, so we achieved 1st and 2nd place. Our

aspire team also did amazingly well and won the tournament in the aspire category. All pupils did amazingly well.

Safeguarding

The NSPCC campaign 'Talk PANTS and stay safe' campaign talks about children keeping their privates private in a way that is clear for them to understand. New posters will be placed around school to help embed this and the full leaflet is attached to this email.

**EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY**

Year 6 Victorian Day 2022

Today, Classes 11 and 12 participated in a fascinating (and also quite chilling) experience back in 1897, 124 years ago. They stepped into the hall and found themselves in a Victorian classroom with a rather frightening Master Gray. Firstly they wrote about 6 letters with fiddly dip pens. After break, numerous children were announced to have been stealing flowers, holding hands and even urinating on a tree! Proceeding to maths, they learnt about Victorian currency. Everyone had heaps of fun and we all enjoyed seeing what it was like to be a student in the old days. Olivia (C11)



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Thomas and Mia

R1: Agnes

R2: Manuel

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



Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their work, including showing resilience when finding some words challenging and to Class 10 for adapting well to change and trying new approaches to support teamwork.

Well done to:

Class 1: Esmay

Class 7: Freddie

Class 2: Gabriel

Class 8: Anton

Class 3: Rory

Class 9: Amelie

Class 4: Maurice

Class 10: Whole Class

Class 5: Marco

Class 11: Jude

Class 6: Joshua

Class 12: Molly

Northgate School Association

School Disco Thank you to everyone who came and danced the night away at the School Disco last week. A huge thank you again to Louise Tennekoon for organising the event and to our parent helpers; we couldn't have done it without you. A huge £1,460.07 was raised- an amazing amount! Thank you so very much.

Mother's Day Shop Our Mother's Day shop opens on Monday. The gifts, all from small UK businesses, are £3 each. Please bring cash into class on your allocated day. Please see attached poster for further details which confirms when each year group can purchase their gift. A special mention to **Reyland Johnson** for funding the gift wrapping.



Pre Loved Uniform Shop We have lots of new and nearly new summer dresses, skirts, shorts, polo shirts & short sleeve shirts on the rail. Sales are held every Friday in the school office (9am -3:30pm). Come and grab a bargain and support the PTA!

Parent Questionnaire Our PTA runs regular fundraising events throughout the year and we can only continue to run with the support of our amazing volunteers. Please take a few minutes to let us know whether you could support us by completing our survey [here](#).

Geri Wren and Jo Parrott - Your PTA Co-Chairs

Ukraine Appeal

The continued invasion of Ukraine will undoubtedly be causing your children to ask difficult questions and to feel concerned by the events that are unfolding. There are several recommended websites which you may find helpful - [Childnet](#), [Metro](#) and [Educationhub](#).

Additionally you may be looking for ways to support families fleeing Ukraine. Herts CC have recommended that the most effective way to provide support to families in need, is by making a financial donation to one of the following international agencies who have a presence on the borders.

[The British Red Cross](#) has launched an appeal to help the Ukrainian Red Cross to provide food, medicine, clothing and shelter, as well as first aid training in bomb shelters.

[The UNHCR](#) refugee agency is funding emergency shelters, repairs for homes damaged by shelling, emergency cash assistance, psychological support and warm clothing.

[UNICEF](#) is helping to ensure families have clean water and food and that child health and protection services continue.

[Save the Children](#) is providing cash assistance, food and other support to refugees crossing into Romanian and Lithuania, as well as in Ukraine itself.

Our thoughts remain with those affected.

Reminders and Updates

School Dinner Charges

The summer menu will be released on Tuesday 19th April. In line with this date, Herts Catering have increased their prices which will unfortunately reflect on the cost to parents for a school dinner. The cost of all school meals will therefore increase to £2.88 per day, effective from 19th April 2022. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals.

Please look out for further information which will be sent out separately.

Wooden Pre-School Toys

Can you help? We are looking for donations of wooden pre-school toys, such as the puzzle shown here from the



Early Learning Centre. Any wooden puzzle, with all pieces intact, would be gratefully received, along with any other wooden pre-school learning toys. Thank you in advance.