

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

April 21st 2023

Headteacher's News

It was great to welcome back the children after the Easter holiday. I hope you had an enjoyable break. We are delighted to resume learning this week with new exciting topics. Year three particularly enjoyed their Greek banquet today as part of their new topic on the Ancient Greeks.

This term all the National Assessments will take place. The Year 2 assessments are taken in small groups in the last two weeks of May. These are called 'quizzes' by the teachers and are kept as low key and as non-stressful as possible for the children. The Year 6 assessments start on the 9th May and are more formal with the children completing them in exam conditions. We also have the national Y1 phonics and Y4 multiplication assessments. Please see the attached leaflet containing some very useful information for parents about SATs.

Other year groups will be completing assessments towards the end of May. Please make sure that your child makes the best of this key learning time by arriving at school on time and ensuring he/she does not miss school unless absolutely necessary. Also please ensure, if possible, that appointments are made after school. We greatly appreciate your support in this matter. Have a good weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

On Monday during assembly, a lady came in and talked to year 1 to year 6 about the Air Ambulance. It was very factual and interesting. She explained what they do to help people in an emergency and how fast they have to be. She showed us what the crew wear and a few lucky children got to wear the crew's helmets, coats and the big badges. Susie F Year 5



Nursery had some optional homework over Easter which was a

competition to design an Easter bonnet. The children clearly worked hard on their designs, showing wonderful originality and creative flair. The children also explained in their own words how they made their creations. They all were unique and wonderful!

Thursday Birchwood Tag Rugby Festival

On Thursday children from year 5 and 6 went to a Tag Rugby tournament at the Rugby Club. There were three teams, red, white and yellow. All teams played really well and showed brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship. It was a friendly tournament so no particular team won, but one Northgate team played exceptionally well and won all their matches. Luca Year 5

During the Tag Rugby Tournament at the Bishop Stortford Rugby Club, we played against many schools and worked as a team to do our best. We all received a certificate for participating. Dilys Year 5

Important Dates

Fri 28th April
May 2023

Mon 1st May

Fri 5th May

Mon 8th May

Thurs 11th May

Fri 12th May

9th-12th May

Fri 19th May

Thurs 25th May

29th-2nd June

Mon 5th June

Wed 7th June

w/c 6th June

5th-9th June

Fri 9th June

Sat 10th June

w/c 12th June

5th-16th June

12th -16th June

12th -23th June

Tues 13th June

Mon 26th June

Fri 30th June

Thurs 6th July

Fri 7th July

Mon 10th July

Tues 11th July

Thurs 13th July

Thurs 13th July

Fri 14th July

w/c 17th July

Mon 17th July

Tuesday 18th July

Wed 19th July

Thurs 20th July

Friday 21st July

Monday 4th September

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Y4 Trip to Southend Sealife Adventure

Y2 SATs Week

Bank Holiday

The King's coronation whole school picnic

The King's coronation bank holiday

2.40pm Year 4 Summer music concert

2pm PTA committee meeting (in person)

Y6 SATs week

PTA film night (EYFS/KS1 and KS2)

2.40pm Year 3 Summer music concert

Half term

INSET day

Y3 Celtic Harmony trip

Science week

Y6 School journey

'Non Uniform Day in return for a bottle for our Summer Fayre'

PTA Summer fayre

PTA Father's day shop

Year 4 Multiplication tables.

Y1 Phonics week - (plus Y2 phonic catch ups)

Y4 Times tables tests

Happy bag collection

7.30pm PTA committee meeting (online)

Sports day

Year 6 Performance rehearsal (at Theatre)

Year 6 Performance

9am Year 5 & 6 Maths games and parent work sharing.

9am Year 1 & 2 Maths games and parent work sharing.

9am Year 3 & 4 Maths games and parent work sharing.

Moving up day

Reserve Sports Day (in case of weather problems)

PTA Ice cream sales

Art Day

Take over day

Year 6 leavers assembly

End of Term at 2.00pm

Occasional day

Children return to school

Safeguarding

We all need a little support from time to time.

Herts County Council have a [list of places](#) to eat this April where your kids can eat for less or even for free! Click on the link above to see where these are.

Do you need help or want to help others? [Bishop's Stortford Food Bank - Helping local people in need \(bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com\)](#)

Marking the end of Ramadan

If you have friends, family, or neighbours celebrating Eid, you say 'Eid Mubarak', which translates as 'have a blessed Eid' in English. Happy Celebrations!



Greek Day—Year 3

As part of their topic, Myths and Legends, the children had a chance to dress up in Greek costumes, they experienced life in Ancient Greece, wrote their names using the Greek alphabet, designed Greek pots and tasted some Greek food. They had a fantastic day!



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Jude and Everleigh-Mae



R1: Theo

R2: Anaaya

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on 'positive attitude'. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: approaching every day this week in their new class and school with a smile and positive attitude, having a positive attitude across all subjects, excellent contributions in our discussions, having a positive attitude at school being thoughtful, polite and helpful, always smiling, having a positive approach to a challenge, growing in confidence, positivity towards learning, showing a positive and calm attitude, expressing an 'I can' attitude to school and always striving to do their best.

Class 1: Ettie

Class 7: Olivia-Rose

Class 2: George

Class 8: Elsie

Class 3: Emily

Class 9: George

Class 4: Eliza

Class 10: Martha

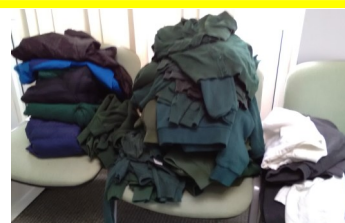
Class 5: Myla

Class 11: Ewan

Class 6: Eliza

Class 12: Ava

Lost Property Our lost property tubs are full of unnamed coats, jumpers, cardigans, skirts and trousers. If you are missing any uniform please come to the reception area to look through the piles. Please claim any items as soon as possible, as unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at the end of the school day on Friday 28th April.



Reminders and Updates

Uniform Reminders

We encourage all of our children to take a pride in their appearance and to ensure they make every effort to look smart and tidy in their uniform. You can order school uniform with our logo from Fosters Schoolwear Limited at www.fostersschoolwear.co.uk or My Clothing at www.myclothing.com. Uniform without a logo can be purchased from any high street chain. Dresses in the spring/summer term can be green checked or striped. Skirts and trousers must be smart grey school wear.

The Upper Key Stage 2 children are expected to wear a shirt and tie. Ties are optional in Lower Key Stage 2.

Smart black shoes should be worn, without flashing lights (or with the lights turned off). Children are **not** allowed to wear trainers, fashion shoes or boots.

Jewellery, Hair, etc. For health and safety reasons no jewellery is permitted in school, including stud earrings. We do not allow fashion accessories such as nail varnish, hair gel or hair cream. Long hair must be tied back and decorative hair slides/ties must be in school colours (yellow or bottle green). No extreme hair styles please, e.g. shaved tramlines.

On PE days all children should wear bottle green shorts with their white t-shirts and a bottle green tracksuit.

It is very important that all clothing items are clearly named, so lost property can be returned quickly to the owner.

The School Association run a second hand uniform shop on a Friday where most items can be bought at just £1. School ties can be purchased through the school office.

If you would like to donate your Greek costume, please pass them to the school office. Thank you

Northgate School Association

Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre with the theme of 'Carnival' on Saturday 10th June is fast approaching and we are urgently seeking parents/carers to donate to our Cake Stall. Please let us know via ptanorthgate@gmail.com if you are able to whip something up at home OR purchase via a local shop. If you are interested in having a stall at our Summer Fayre, please contact us on the email address above. We love to support all your small businesses.

Further information to follow on this event including how to sign up to volunteer on the day. As always we are unable to run these events safely without volunteers and our ask is only 1.5 hours per slot.

2023/24 School Calendar

Congratulations to Ronnie Wheeler in Class 10 for his winning March photo. You can view it on the PTA Facebook Noticeboard. Thank you for all your entries please keep sending them in!

April's Photo Competition theme is "Hip Hip Hooray its Easter!" Let your children borrow your camera phone (or better!) to capture their Easter adventures, or any April-themed photos and send them to calendar@northgatepta.com.

Winning photos will feature in the school calendar - containing all term dates and pre-planned school events. Available to buy in July!

Pre Loved Uniform

Grab a bargain at our Pre loved Uniform shop! All non-logo items are buy one get one free in April. All items (including summer dresses and shorts) available in the school office each Friday, 9am till 3:30pm.

Social Media

We are exploring new alternatives for our PTA social media provision. Via our email address, please can you let us know what social media you use mostly. We currently have our External and Internal Facebook pages, but we would like to extend that to other platforms such as Instagram or Twitter. Please help us to make a decision!

Your PTA Co-Chairs

Gerri Wren & Jo Parrott