

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

April 1st 2022

Headteacher's News

It has been an uplifting end to the term, with science week, a school trip and the football league finals in which both our gold team and our silver team won. Well done boys, a fantastic effort!

It has been great to have so many parents in school once again, joining in with children's learning. Our science week focused on developing children's investigative skills, including asking questions and setting up their own science experiments. I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the adults who have given up their time to discuss their job as a scientist. We really appreciate your time. Thank you to Mrs Gitto who organised the event.

We have said goodbye to Mrs Wilkes, one of our nursery TAs, this week and would like to thank her for all her hard work at Northgate over the last 12 years. We wish her well in her new job at the Henry Moore Foundation. We are also sad to say goodbye to Mrs Pursglove, our PE teacher and wish her well in her future ventures. Both members of staff will be missed. Mrs Kadir, our music teacher, will also be leaving us at the end of the school year and we wish her well.

This has been a challenging term with a great deal of staff sickness so fingers crossed for a healthier summer term. We have appreciated your understanding in this matter.

Congratulations to the **Normans** who are our winning house this term. As their reward, on the first day back after Easter they can come to school in non-uniform.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a lovely Easter holiday. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday, 19th April.

K.A.S. Gold and Silver League Finals

For the first time since 2019, the K.A.S. Football League held the Gold and Silver football team finals on Wednesday this week.

Our **Gold Team** played Manorfields and the game kicked off to a great start with Toby scoring the first two goals of the game. Hari scored putting Northgate 3 goals up. Shortly before half time Manorfields scored from a free kick to bring the scoreline to 3-1. Jude scored a fantastic goal in the second half taking the final score to 4-1.

Our **Silver Team** played Windhill 21. After a thrilling game of football, but without any goals, the teams played a period of extra time. After this, the scoreline remained at 0-0 and the teams had to go to a penalty shoot-out.

Ally, Harry, Alfie, Griff, Mac and Daniel all took a penalty, with Charlie in goal. Charlie did brilliantly to save two goals and Northgate won the game.

Congratulations to everyone who has played for the Gold and Silver teams for a brilliant season!



Important Dates - 2021/22

**Tues 19th April
May 2022**

9th-12th May

Thurs 19th May

Fri 20th May

Thurs 26th May

30th May-3rd Jun

Mon 6th June

Thurs 9th June

7th-10th June

7th-24th June

Sat 11th June

W/cm 13th June

Thurs 16th June

20th to 24th June

Thurs 30th June

W/cm 18th July

Thurs 21st July

Children Return to School

Year 2 SATs

Year 6 SATs week

Year 5 Instrumental Concert

PTA Film Night

Year 6 Instrumental Concert

May Half Term

INSET DAY

Year 4 Instrumental Concert

Year 1 Phonics Week

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

PTA Summer Fayre

Father's Day Shop

Year 3 Instrumental Concert

Year 6 School Journey

Happy School Bag Collection

PTA Ice Cream Sales

End of Term at **2.00pm**

Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle

On Tuesday, Classes 5 and 6 visited Colchester Castle. The visit was a tremendous success with the children extending their knowledge about life in Colchester (Camulodunum) under Roman rule.

They investigated how Roman Villas were built as well as Celtic Round Houses. The classes visited the catacombs beneath the castle, which were the original foundations of the temple of Claudius Augustus.

The children enjoyed the visit and were highly praised for their conduct and their

extensive knowledge of Romans in Britain. A wonderful day, enjoyed by all. *Mr Wilcox, Mrs Jones, Mrs Venning*



Safeguarding - Covid Guidance

As we step into spring, Herts CC are encouraging residents to be kind and stay healthy by following simple steps to live life safely with Covid, stop the spread and protect others. For up-to-date information go to [Covid Living](https://www.covidliving.org.uk/).

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Flu Vaccine Feedback

Vaccination UK would love to hear Parent/Carers feedback regarding the Flu Programme by completing the following short survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/family>

**EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY**

House Cross Country

Last Friday we were delighted to see children from Years 1 to 6 take part in House Cross Country, where they represented their houses and were able to win house points in the wonderful spring sunshine.

It was fantastic to see the children demonstrate their stamina and to show their sportsmanship during the races. Classes were able to watch the races in their year groups, cheering and supporting their houses. A huge well done to everyone who took part.



The results are as follows:

- 1st place Normans (135 pts)
- 2nd Place Romans (110 pts)
- 3rd Place Vikings (80 pts)
- 4th Place Saxons (30 pts)

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Kyan and Oliver

R1: Chloe R2: Mia

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their work, including explaining their investigations clearly and for excellent predictions with their science experiments.

Well done to:

Class 1: Faris

Class 7: Will

Class 2: Millie

Class 8: Fletcher

Class 3: Sienna

Class 9: Talulah

Class 4: Denice

Class 10: Ava

Class 5: Evie

Class 11: Mia-Grace

Class 6: Rose

Class 12: Tilly

Northgate's Got Talent

Over the past couple of weeks, the children have been displaying their talents during the audition process, to gain a place in the Northgate's Got Talent final which was held earlier today. The final was shown live in the classrooms so the whole school could share the show. Thank you to Olivia and Finley (C11) for hosting the final and showing such lovely support for each act. After the voting had taken place two winners were declared. Julien (C3) won for EYFS/KS1 with his brilliant rendition of the Star Wars theme on the piano, and Vishu (C8) won the KS2 prize with her beautiful singing. Congratulations to both deserving winners.



Science Week

The children have had a fantastic week doing all things science! This year, our science week theme was growth. We kicked off Monday morning with a mix up morning. Year 6 children supported EYFS with science investigations, Year 1 and 2 investigated waterlilies and in KS2 we did lots of measuring to see if children with longer arms could throw further or children with longer legs could jump further.

In EYFS lots of work was carried out around the book 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. Reception children found a mysterious giant's footprints in the garden and had to measure them! Their outside area has been transformed thanks to parents helping with gardening!

Thank you to parents for coming to our science sessions each morning. I want to say a special thank you to all the adults who volunteered to come into school this week and share a bit about their science studies or career. We are very lucky to have such talented parents and carers who gave up their time. The children were fascinated, had lots of questions and I feel it was beneficial for them to learn all about different aspects of science from embryology to crystallography to neuroscience to medicine and pharmaceuticals to fragrance development. *Mrs Gitto*



Northgate School Association

Mother's Day Shop

We hope all Northgate Mothers and Carers had a lovely Mother's Day and enjoyed their gifts. Just a slight correction to last week's newsletter, we raised over £500. Thank you so much for supporting your PTA.

Summer Fayre

We are busy organising what we hope will be a fantastic afternoon for the whole family.

As always we are unable to run these events without the support of volunteers, as much or as little time you can give, will really help us make this an afternoon to remember. Please complete the parent questionnaire [here](#) to support us!

We are urgently trying to secure **face painters, raffle prizes** and **pony rides** for you and your children to enjoy on the day. If you, or anyone you know provides this service please contact us on ptanorthgate@gmail.com.

Location: Northgate Primary School

Date: Saturday 11th June 2022 Time: 12-3pm

We look forward to seeing you next term!

Best wishes, Geri Wren and Jo Parrott
Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs

Cheerleading Squad

The Northgate All-Stars Cheerleading Squad recently took part in a Display Day, demonstrating fearsome formations with an energetic performance of a Pom Pom dance and Cheer routine for family and friends. Well done Northgate All-Stars!

