

October 7th 2022

Headteacher's News

Well done to the Reception and Key Stage 1 children for their wonderful Harvest assemblies. It was lovely to be able to share the children's learning with families. Thank you so much for all your very generous donations to our Harvest collection. We are sure it will be really appreciated by our local community with the current financial challenges. If you would like to have more information about the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank please look at their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bsfoodbank.



Recently, it has been disappointing to hear that parents have been aggressive and unpleasant to staff. This behaviour is not something we tolerate and if this is repeated, actions will be taken.

We look forward to seeing parents at our reading sessions next week. Your child will have an opportunity to share a reading book with you and parents will have a short session on how to support with reading. Please see dates and times for each year group opposite. Have a lovely weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

This week **Nursery** have been using coloured bricks to build familiar buildings within their local environment such as the cinema and school etc. The children have really enjoyed this. It has helped to develop their vocabulary, something we place a great deal of focus on. They learnt how to describe colours, shapes, sizes and positions as they built various structures. Encouraging children to talk in full sentences and to use an ever increasing vocabulary is one way parents can really support their children at home.



Reception explored the woodland area within the school grounds. They prepared a camp fire, found acorns that had fallen from an oak tree and enjoyed a story outside called 'Leaf Man'. The aim is to give children the opportunity to appreciate the natural world and learn through positive, hands on outdoor experiences. We want each child to develop an inquisitive and positive relationship with the natural world.



Important Dates

W/c Mon 10th Oct	Reading with parents Nursery— Mon 9:05 & Fri 2:45 Reception —Mon 9.05 Year 1 & 2 —Tues 9.05 Year 3 & 4 —Wed 9.05 Year 5 & 6 —Thurs 9.05
Mon 17th Oct	6.45pm–8.00pm Y5/6 Parent info Evening
Tues 18th Oct	9.00am Year 2 Learning support for parents
Fri 21st Oct	Black history day
24th—28th Oct	Half Term
31st Oct	INSET DAY
1st-4th Nov	Well-being week
Fri 4th Nov	PTA Fireworks
8th/9th Nov	Parent consultations
8th/10th Nov	Class 3 Parent consultations
Mon 9th Nov	Individual photos
Fri 11th Nov	Final of house science quiz
Mon 14th Nov	7.30pm Northgate PTA AGM meeting
Tues 22nd Nov	Flu immunisations (for unvaccinated pupils)
Wed 7th Dec	9.15am & 2.30pm Reception Christmas production
Tue 13th Dec	2.30pm & 5.30pm KS1 Christmas production
Tues 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th Dec	R & KS1 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 15th Dec	KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Tues 20th Dec	9.00am Volunteer coffee morning
Tues 20th Dec	Northgate's Got Talent
Wed 21st Dec	Break the Rules Day
Wed 21st Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Thurs 5th Jan	INSET DAY

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding E safety

The NSPCC website has tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your children safe online. Some examples are:

Talking to your child about online safety. For advice on how to start the conversation and get support if you're worried click [here](#)

Online wellbeing.

Helping young people to manage their mental wellbeing online. Click [here](#) for more information.

Calling all Pilots

Next half term, Year 1 are looking for a Pilot to come into school for one hour to help give them a flight experience. We have done this in the past and it is so much fun for the children.

If interested please contact the school office. Thank you.



Enriching the curriculum

Class 6 have been writing Just So stories. This phrase is a reference to Rudyard Kipling's 1902 Just So Stories, containing fictional and deliberately fanciful tales for children, in which the stories pretend to explain animal characteristics, such as the origin of the spots on the leopard. Ideas for the class were: grumpy, rude, idle animals, talking animals, magic spells, stories set in countries far away or in the first few days of the world, stories that teach a moral. Daisy, Noah, Lilian and Oscar all received a Head Teacher award for their work. Well done children!

Football—Northgate v Windhill

During the first 5 minutes Northgate gave Windhill a penalty, they smashed it into the top right corner of the goal. After that we dominated attacks and possession. Curtis whipped it in and Theo scored with a beautiful header to make it 1-1. Just after half time Daniel crossed the ball in for Harry and he scored with a header 2-1 to us! Northgate started pressing and pressurising the opposition, but they made a counter attack which slipped through our keeper's legs. The score was 2-2! Griff then scored for us, but he was offside by a tiny distance and it was disallowed. Northgate kept dominating and running the game. After a bad foul Harry won a penalty for us, but their goalie saved it. The Windhill keeper made many great saves, but Mac finally got a goal to make it 3-2. In the last few minutes we defended well, but a corner was given and the opposition tapped it in. The score was 3-3 at full time. Written by Curtis Class 12

Reminders and Updates

Year 6 Children applying for Secondary school

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the **closing date of Monday 31st October 2022**. We do recommend that you apply earlier than the deadline in case you have any problems, as the helpline gets extremely busy towards the closing date. Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

Primary School Admissions - Reception 2023

Primary school applications for **Reception 2023 open on Tuesday 1st November 2022**. This is for children who will be of school age by September 2023, please note that the **closing date for applications is Sunday 15th January 2023**.

Parent Volunteers for wellbeing week

As part of Northgate's enrichment curriculum throughout the year the whole school (including nursery) take part in themed weeks. The next themed week is 'wellbeing week'. If any parents would like to volunteer or offer any activities linked to their profession i.e. gardeners, artists, physical instructors (i.e. yoga) please email Mrs. Bull via nursery@northgate.herts.sch.uk

School dinner payments for Key Stage 2 children

Dinners cost £2.88 a day. You can pay either half termly, monthly, weekly, or daily but please ensure that you are always in credit for your child's meals. Payment is to be made by School Gateway. You can see your current balance on School Gateway and on School Grid.

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Abby & Charlotte R

R1: Mia R2 James

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on writing.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: amazing writing about arctic animals, excellent objectives and using 'with' in an expanded noun phrase, great ideas in 'show not tell', consistent amazing writing in English and using powerful vocabulary.

Well done to:

Class 1: Tate	Class 7: Evlyn
Class 2: Israel	Class 8: Teddy
Class 3: Connor	Class 9: Charlotte
Class 4: Anaya	Class 10: Oscar
Class 5: Eira	Class 11: Emily
Class 6: Oscar	Class 12: Leanne



Northgate School Association

Costume Shop

This month, we are holding our first Pre Loved Costume Shop. So those who are having a clear out before Christmas, please send any unwanted costumes our way.

Our first Costume Shop will focus mainly on Halloween costumes and Pirate costumes for those in Year 2 who have a special dress up day coming soon in school. Please see attached posters for more information.

Fireworks Night

There are still tickets available for our Fireworks event on 4th November. You can buy tickets here

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-dvvzdgz>



We also need more volunteers to support our Fireworks event! Please sign up using the following link to help us on the night. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-northgate8>

Thank you again to our amazing Fireworks event sponsor, Russell Property.

PTA Coffee Morning

We held our first PTA Coffee Morning of the year last week and thank you so much to all those who attended and have now signed up to be PTA Committee Members. It was lovely to see so many of you. We are looking forward to working with you on future events and hopefully you can spread the word; we're a friendly bunch and we hope you agree, we are not the stereotypical PTA!

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs
Geri Wren and Jo Parrott