

March 13th 2020

Headteacher's News

I was incredibly proud of the Year 5 and 6 choir, who rose exceptionally well to the occasion last weekend when they had the opportunity to sing at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the Hertfordshire Gala concert. Having the opportunity to perform in this amazing building was a wonderful experience. Thank you to Mrs Newman for organising the event.

This week's Instrumental Concert was a great opportunity for many of our Year 6 pupils to showcase their talents. Our orchestra opened the concert with a wonderful rendition of the When the Saints Go Marching In. Our soloists played a wide range of instruments, including the guitar, piano and saxophone, to such a high standard. Our concert finished with Year 6 singing a piece from Matilda.

Best wishes to Mrs Gitto, who starts her maternity leave on Tuesday.

Coronavirus

We are continuing to monitor the situation regarding Coronavirus very carefully. The latest advice is to stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. Read NHS [advice about staying at home](#).

In school we have spoken to the children regularly about the importance of handwashing to reduce the spread of germs. We have also closed off the water fountains until the virus is contained. Please ensure that your child has a small, named water bottle in class each day during this period.

If the Government instruct schools to close, guidance relating to learning from home will be provided for each year group. Please contact the school office if you are unable to access eschools.

Safeguarding

If your child needs any medicine please be advised that it must be in its original packaging, in date and, where relevant, have the pharmacy label attached. Children must not bring medicines to school in their bags or pockets, they need to be brought in by an adult and handed in and collected to and from the school office.

An Administration of Medication form must be completed and handed in at the school office by the parent/carer. Forms can be obtained from the School Office or can be found on the school website. Parents need to be aware of expiry dates and replace items such as inhalers and auto-injectors prior to expiry. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Important Dates

16th-20th March	PTA Mother's Day shop
Thurs 19th March	9.00am NNAM Mother's Day Breakfast
Thurs 19th March	3.00pm NNPM Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Fri 20th March	9.00am Reception Mother's Day Breakfast
Tues 24th March	2.50pm Year 6 Work Sharing
Thurs 26th March	2.20pm and 6.30pm Year 3 and 4 Production
Thurs 26th March	11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing
Thurs 26th March	2.50pm Nursery PM Work Sharing
Friday 27th March	2.50pm Year 4 Work Sharing
Mon 30th March	2.50pm Year 2 Work Sharing
Tues 31st March	2.50pm Reception Work Sharing
Weds 1st April	2.50pm Year 1 Work Sharing
Thurs 2nd April	2.50pm Year 3 Work Sharing
Fri 3rd April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 20th April	Children Return to School
May 2020	Year 2 SATs
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)
11th-15th May	Year 6 SAT's week
25th-29th May	Half Term
Mon 1st June	INSET DAY
Sat 6th June	PTA Summer Fayre
Tues 2nd June	Children Return to School
8th-12th June	Year 6 School Journey
8th-12th June	Yr 1 Phonics Week
8th-26th June	Yr 4 Times Tables Tests
Fri 3rd July	Sports Day
Tues 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm

Enriching the Curriculum

On Sunday 8th March, Year 5 and 6 choir members took part in the Hertfordshire Gala Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. We sang several songs from the world premiere of I Am Alban written by Anne Dudley, an Oscar winning composer, telling the story of St Alban, the patron saint of Hertfordshire. We also sang Reach by S-Club 7, Happy by Pharrell Williams and A Sky Full of Stars by Coldplay. It was great fun and we all had an amazing time, even though we had to be at school at 7.15am! It was a wonderful experience and on behalf of everyone who attended we would like to thank Mrs Tanner for taking us and most importantly to Mrs Newman for arranging everything and giving up her time



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Football v Thorn Grove - Friday 6th March

Despite conceding a goal in the first few minutes, our team soon drew level. Thorn Grove scored again just before half time but Sam B scored to bring the score level again in the second half. Harry W scored again about 30 seconds before the end of the game. Final score was 3-2 and Harry W was awarded man of the match. Well done to the whole team.

Football v Howe Green - Tuesday 10th March

In the first half of the match Harry W scored a hat-trick, closely followed by goals from Tom M and Sam A. Final score was 6-0 and man of the match went to Sam A. Fabulous work!

County Finals - Basketball and Athletics

Our teams have worked incredibly hard this term and Northgate have qualified to take part in the County Finals in both Basketball and Sports Hall Athletics next week. We wish everyone the best of luck and we look forward to hearing your exciting news.

Sport Relief Week

This week was Sport Relief Week and we joined 'Get Your Kit On' day today to raise funds to help tackle poverty. Hopefully the children enjoyed coming to school in their favourite kit. It was wonderful to see the variety of different sports we have in the school and we look forward to finding out how much we have raised for this worthwhile charity.



Eco Schools

This Wednesday, we spoke to the children in assembly about the launch of a program called Eco-Schools. This is a child-led program and focuses on ways to help the school environment and the planet, with the end goal being for the children to obtain the Green Flag award for the school. An eco-council will be set up and hopefully in place by the end of term. If you would like to know more, take a look at www.eco-schools.org.uk. If any parents would like to volunteer and possibly take part in some of the tasks involved, please email beck.stock76@btinternet.com. Louise Tennekoon, Aine Fuller, Rebecca Tompsett, Esther McWatters

School Association

The PTA Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop returns once again next week.

A selection of lovely wrapped gifts will be available to purchase during morning break for all children in KS1 and KS2 every day next week (or until stocks run out!). Gifts are priced at £3 each. The children have been told what will be available for them to buy.

For Foundation children, the shop will be brought to their classrooms by Mrs Boom who will take their orders from a different selection. Please can children in reception and nursery, if they wish to buy a gift, bring their money in by next Thursday at the latest to ensure they receive their preferred choice.

Many thanks for continuing to support our fundraisers. We hope the children enjoy their shopping!



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Gabriel R1: Ailbhe
PM: Tyler-James R2: Annabelle

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Music

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for enthusiasm in music lessons, giving 100% effort in rehearsals for the Year 3 & 4 production and amazing performances in the Year 6 instrumental concert.

Well done to:

Class 1: Orla Class 7: Erin
Class 2: Martha Class 8: Evie
Class 3: Toby Class 9: Jasper
Class 4: Elisa Class 10: Bede
Class 5: Harry Class 11: James and Daisy
Class 6: Ava Class 12: Andrei

Mrs Pursglove's Sport Star of the week is Millie S for excellent demonstrations.

Year 4 - Sea Life Centre

Last Friday, Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the Sea Life Centre in Southend. We saw a range of different sea creatures and had the opportunity to touch a starfish during an interesting rock pool talk. Luckily, we had a sunny day and could eat our lunch on the beach! Thank you to the parents who helped us on this trip.



Reminders and Updates

Cars Idling on Cricketfield Lane

Whilst we are seeing a huge increase in the levels of traffic along Cricketfield Lane due to , which automatically increases the level of fumes around the school, we would kindly ask that car engines are turned off while you are waiting outside the school.

Reporting an Illness

If you are calling or emailing the school to report your child's illness, we will require specific information about what is wrong, i.e. raised temperature, sore throat, etc. If you report your child as poorly, sick or ill we will call for further information.

Nut Allergies

As a school we ask that the children have a healthy snack with them during the day. Please be reminded that we do not allow sweets, chocolate, crisps or products that include nuts for snacks. It is vital that snacks and packed lunches are completely nut free. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.