

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

June 9th 2023

Headteacher News

I hope you had a good half term. We have had a busy and enjoyable first week back with our science week. On Tuesday morning we started with our house parachute challenge, where the children enjoyed the opportunity to work with children in other years. R-Y5 children have had a fun session with Fab Science on forces, thanks to the PTA who funded the event. They also funded our Y5 catapult challenge. Each class has completed a class investigation, with a focus on presenting their results. Many year groups have had the opportunity to use our pond to go pond dipping. Thanks to Miss Adams, our science subject leader, for organising this event. The year 6 have had an enjoyable week at Kingswood, participating in a range of outdoor activities, including climbing and den building. The adults have had many compliments on our children's behaviour and manners. Thanks to the team who organised the week and took the children away. We appreciate all the bottles that have been brought in for the bottle tombola for the Summer Fayre tomorrow. The weather is looking fantastic and we have an amazing range of events and stalls. All money raised is for the school and supporting your child's educational experience. If you could spare 30 minutes to help on the stall, please let the PTA or office know. We cannot run these events without the support of the parents and it would be a great shame if we could no longer run these larger community events. Your support is really appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fayre tomorrow—12pm–3pm.

Enriching the curriculum - Science Week

On Monday Year 1–5 took part in a science related house activity as part of our **Science Week** activities. The children explored and investigated designing a parachute. This encouraged them to consider why a parachute slows down the descent and discuss how the forces of gravity and the air resistance affect the parachute. They had so much fun using different materials and sizes to see what worked best.



Fab Science came into school for three days this week to provide workshops for our R–Y5 pupils aimed at boosting science learning through practical, hands on experimenting and inspirational demonstrations. The children learned about forces and Bernoulli's principle (how gases and fluids behave.)



Important Dates

Sat 10th June	PTA Summer Fayre
12th–16th June	Year 4 Multiplication tables
12th -16th June	Year 1 Phonics week - (plus 2 phonic catch ups)
w/c 12th June	PTA Father's Day shop
Tues 13th June	Happy Bag collection (all bags to be in by 9.00am)
Wed 14th June	Class Photos
	Year 6 talk by Chris Lubbe, former body guard of Nelson Mandela
Tues 20th June	Year 2 music festival (afternoon performance)
Tues 20th June	Year 5 music festival (evening performance)
Tues 20th June	Reception trip to Audley End House and Gardens
Fri 23rd June	Year 4 trip to Stanstead Mountfitchet Castle
Mon 26th June	Art Solutions in to work with Years 3,4,5,6
	7.30pm PTA committee meeting (online)
Thurs 29th June	Year 2 trip to Colchester Zoo
Fri 30th June	Sports day
Thurs 6th July	Year 5/6 Performance rehearsal (at Theatre)
Fri 7th July	Year 5/6 Performance
Mon 10th July	9am Year 5 & 6 Maths games and parent work sharing
	9am Year 1 & 2 Maths games and parent work sharing
Tues 11th July	9am Year 3 & 4 Maths games and parent work sharing
Thurs 13th July	Move up day
Thurs 13th July	Reserve sports day (in case of weather problems)
Fri 14th July	PTA Ice cream sales
w/c 17th July	Art day
Mon 17th July	Take over day
Tuesday 18th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly
Wed 19th July	End of Term at 2:00pm
Thurs 20th July	Children return to school
Monday 4th September	

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Netball Match: Northgate v St Michael's



Well done to the girls netball team: Olivia, Noemie, Eden, Lottie, Charlotte, Dilys and Millie.

"On Thursday the compete girls netball team played St Michael's and we won 28-3. Everyone played really well with great teamwork". By **Lottie Class 10**

Safeguarding

We are sending you a safety guide which explores OmeTV which is an emerging social networking app that connects people from all parts of the world on randomly generated video chats.

The guide explores the app's functions, its inherent risks, and how to address them as a parent or carer. We need to educate our children, so they use social applications safely and responsibly.



Enriching the curriculum

All year groups really enjoyed the experiments and experiences and learned a lot about the forces of nature. Thank you the Fab Science team!



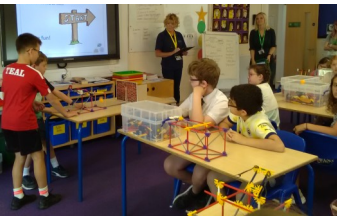
Reception enjoyed a fun space themed science week with their very own rocket that didn't quite reach the stars! They also enjoyed exploring pressure in the Fab Science workshop where they used ping pong balls and water to defy gravity.



Pond dipping was a great success! The children found newts, larvae and lots of pond skaters. Our pond is teeming with life!

On Wednesday Year 3 visited **Celtic Harmony** where they

experienced life as stone age hunter gatherers! They watched a friction fire lighting display, a flint knapping demonstration and viewed stone tools. They gathered food in the forest and cooked with prehistoric herbs. The children had fun building their own woodland shelter and hunting a mammoth!



Year 5 took part in a STEM **catapult challenge** on Friday where they designed catapults. This was an exciting practical project involving engineering and science. All the children all did very well indeed.

Year 6 had a fabulous time on the school journey at Kingswood in Kent. Here are some quotes from the children.

Tommy M: "My favourite activity was Jacob's Ladder because it was very scary at first but when I got to the top I felt really happy."

Eva M: "I really liked the archery because you learned how to use the bow and arrow and set it up and then you were allowed to shoot loads of arrows!"

Poppy W: "The fencing was my best memory because it was loads of fun and you could fight your friends without hurting them!"

William T: "It has been fun and the food was very good! The sausages were amazing!"



Reminders and Updates

Whole school class photos will be taken on Wednesday 14th June. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform. If your child has PE that day, please bring their PE kit, including trainers, in a named bag to change into.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Hanna and Vanya



R1: Myon R2: Bella

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Science". Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: a very accurate bar graph during our science week investigation, fantastic recording of data, showing enthusiasm during science week, showing persistence and much enthusiasm during our chocolate experiment!

Class 1: Chloe

Class 7: Jack

Class 2: Benjamin

Class 8: Viktor

Class 3: Benedict

Class 9: Alexandra

Class 4: Maisy

Class 10: Niamh

Class 5: Leo

Class 11: The whole class

Class 6: Oscar

Class 12: The whole class

The whole of year 6 are the learners of the week because they have all been outstanding all week! They have challenged themselves and just been incredible ambassadors for the school. The staff have received so many compliments from the group leaders regarding their attitude to activities, their enthusiasm and their manners.

We are recruiting for a Receptionist/Administrator

Sadly Mrs Cojeen in the office is leaving and we will all miss her very much! We are seeking to appoint a friendly, efficient and highly organised and motivated person to join our school office. The position available is for 5 days a week (31.5 hours) term time only (38 weeks). If you are interested please click here: [Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - Receptionist / Administrator \(teachinherths.com\)](https://www.teachinherths.com/)

Northgate School Association

Summer Fayre

After months of hard work, the Summer Fayre is finally taking place tomorrow from 12noon to 3pm! There is lots for you to see and do! We hope you have lots of fun!

For further information, please check out our FAQ document here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vWDzXvI9C_FbI26fglA9wjf9GJNpMuu1/edit?usp=sharing&oid=100175440711314158493&rtpof=true&sd=true

We are still looking for a few more volunteers for the 1.30pm slots. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signnupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-northgate10>

Father's Day

Our Father's Day shop will be taking place during week commencing 12th June.

The team is trying something new this year! Children will be able to purchase gifts in the comfort of their classrooms on Tuesday 13th June and the PTA will then deliver the gifts to the Children on Friday 16th June to take home. Gifts are priced at £3.00 each. Please send children in with cash on Tuesday.

PTA Photography competition

The theme is SUMMER FUN for the final competition! Three winners will be selected - their photos will be the main image on the June, July and August calendar pages. Why not use the Fayre as your photo backdrop? The Northgate Primary School Calendar is in production!, containing all school event and holiday dates, your children's drawings collected in a classroom activity, and competition photos of course!

We hope you all enjoy the Fayre tomorrow; the PTA have spent months organising this event to make it truly special.

Your PTA Co-Chairs:

Geri Wren & Jo Parrott