

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

May 17th 2019

Headteacher's News

Well done to the Year Six, who completed their **SATs** this week. As ever, they worked extremely hard and we were proud of their positive attitude. Thanks to the staff for providing the breakfasts.

Facts around **Walk to school Week** were shared this week in assembly. There is good evidence to show that the walk to school has a positive and independent impact on children's physical activity, health and fitness. It is recommended that children should do at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise every day. However, only 21% of boys and 16% of girls aged 5-15 in England are meeting recommended levels of physical activity.

Air pollution is a significant risk for our children. Relative to their size, children breathe in more air than adults, and consequently inhale more harmful pollutants. Reducing traffic immediately outside the school gates will have a positive effect on a school's air quality. Among children, air pollution has been associated with premature births, stunted lung development and increased risks for long term conditions such as asthma (British Lung Foundation, 2016).

Hence, we are taking part in Walk to School Week next week. We are encouraging our children to walk if possible, or if not walk down from the Rugby Club to reduce pollution around our school. Parents could also help by not keeping their engines running while dropping off. Your support with this will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in helping re-instate the walking bus, either from the Rugby Club or Grange Paddocks car park, please let the office know.

A double congratulations to Mrs Molyneux who is expecting twins and will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. We will sadly also saying goodbye to Mrs Witney, who wishes to broaden her teaching experience and Miss Mash who is relocating to Norfolk to set up home with her fiancé. All will be greatly missed!

British Museum

On Wednesday 15th May, Year 5 had a trip to The British Museum in London to enrich their learning surrounding our topic of Ancient Egypt. We explored many rooms within the museum, locating sculptures and mummies and learning more about what life was like for Egyptians. The children had a fantastic time and this was a great enhancement to our enjoyable topic.

"I loved the British Museum and my favourite part was seeing Ginger, the Egyptian slave. I played with an interactive screen that showed a skeleton with its skin, soft tissue skin and its bones. I saw all the rooms about Ancient Egypt and I really liked looking at the Rosetta Stone"...**Annabel** (class 10).



Important Dates

13th - 16th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 17th May	2.40pm Yr 4 Instrumental Concert - PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
Wed 22nd May	Yr 6 Crucial Crew
Thurs 23rd May	2.40pm Yr 3 Instrumental Concert - PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
Fri 24th May	Break the Rules Day
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd June	INSET DAY
Tues 4th June	Children Return to School
4th - 7th June	International Week
Fri 7th June	Dress in international costume or the colours of a flag
	2.30pm International Week Concert and Market
Sat 8th June	Association Summer Ball
10th—14th June	Year 6 School Journey
12th June	Primary Music Day
Mon 17th June	Class Photos including Year 6 Leavers
	PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
Fri 21st June	Yr 2 Music Festival
26th June	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 5th July	Sports Day / Colour Run / BBQ / Disco
8th - 12th July	Science Week
9.00am	Science Activities with Parents:
Mon 8th July	KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)
Wed 10th July	UKS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)
Thurs 11th July	EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
Fri 12th July	LKS2 (Yrs 3 & 4)
11th July	Move Up Morning
15th - 19th July	Yr 6 Bikeability
Tues 16th July	Art Day
Thurs 18th July	Takeover Day
Mon 22nd July	9.05am Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 23rd July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th July	Occasional Day
Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep	INSET DAYS
Wed 4th Sep	Children Return to School
15th Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 8th Nov	Fireworks
3rd Dec	Happy School Bag Collection
Mon 1st Jun 2020	INSET DAY

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

Please remember the use of mobile phones is **NOT** permitted in school.

International Week Tuesday 4th June - Friday 7th June

We have a very exciting week planned for the children after half term. Each class will be finding out and comparing two countries (see list below). This will involve learning about their physical and human geography. If any parents have any knowledge about these countries or would like to support a class with the planned activities, please contact either Miss Adams or the class teachers.

Morning nursery - China and England

Afternoon Nursery - Czech Republic and England

Reception - Spain and England

Year 1 - France and England

Year 2 - Italy and England

Year 3 - Hungary and Uganda

Year 4 - Poland and Brazil

Year 5 - Greece and Peru

Year 6 - Spain and Mexico

On Friday 7th June children can come dressed in either a country's traditional clothing or wearing the colours of a country's flag.

To celebrate the end of International Week, we would like to invite parents and carers to our International Music Concert and Market. At 2:30pm on Friday each year group will be performing a song from around the world. After the concert, we will be running a market where each year group will sell something they have made during International Week. All money raised will be going to our partner school in Uganda.

Enriching the Curriculum

Tennis Competition

Dinon, Jessie, Jasper, Honey, Isla A, Casey, Zac and Harry G from Year 4 played in tennis tournament against Windhill and Summercroft. The team played a series of matches and finished the competition in second place overall. The players played well and their behaviour was very good.

School Association

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

It's your chance to rebel!!! For a fine of 50p per rule broken, for one day only you CAN...

Wear hair gel

Colour your hair

Wear any coloured hair accessories

Wear a necklace/bracelet

Don't wear your tie

WEAR NAIL VARNISH

Wear coloured socks or tights

Wear trainers or other non-school shoes

Bring squash in your water bottle*

Normal school uniform must otherwise be worn.

*** no fizzy drinks please**

Please support our PTA in their new fundraising idea.

ASSOCIATION REMINDERS

- Summer Ball tickets need to be paid up in full by the end of this week.
- Our next Happy School Bags collection is Wednesday 26th June.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Annabelle	R1: Isla M
	PM: Ladi	R2: Rose

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for Excellent skills in using a range of programmes.

Well done to:

Class 1: Kenny	Class 7: Eric
Class 2: Matthew	Class 8: Frank
Class 3: Quincy	Class 9: Elizabeth
Class 4: Aaron	Class 10: Poppy P
Class 5: Thomas C	Class 11: All Year 6 for SATs
Class 6: Dylan	Class 12: All Year 6 for SATs

Reminders and Updates

Cake Sale

A group of class 11 children will be running a cake sale at break time next Friday, 24th May in aid of WWF. There will be a variety of cakes, including gluten free, available at 50p and £1.00.

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CHIPS

CHIPS stands for Children's Integrated Playschemes. They offer play and social opportunities for children with additional needs aged 3 to 19, living in the Hertfordshire Council districts of East Hertfordshire and Broxbourne.

Brothers and sisters are strongly encouraged to join as CHIPS believes that all children should play together regardless of their needs. CHIPS offers playschemes on Saturdays during term time, and full day playschemes during the summer, Christmas and Easter holidays.

They also have a sibling support group (Kidzone), a parent/carer support group (ChatSS) and a Teen group.

Visit them at <https://chipsplay.org/>

Community

Folk by the Oak

Folk by the Oak, is a one-day family friendly festival, returns to your local area (Hatfield House, Hatfield) on Sunday 14th of July.

This fun filled day includes many child friendly activities ranging from natural craft activities to longbow archery, storytelling to didgeridoo workshops, with something for all ages.

*This year we are also delighted to be hosting **Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris, authors of The Lost Words**, to talk about how their phenomenal book of spells has grown into a worldwide movement. At Folk by the Oak there will be spell songs inspired activities in the family area and a chance to meet the people behind the magic.*

Since the first Folk by the Oak in 2008 we have supported local charity 'Willow', who provide special days out for seriously ill young adults, and to date have raised over £70,000 for this vital cause.

Please see the attached flyer for further information.