

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

March 12th 2021

Headteacher's News

It was great to welcome the children back to school this week. Well-being activities helped to settle them back into the school expectations and routines. Many children seemed tired with long full days again, so World Book Day came as a welcome break to the routine. The children looked amazing in their costumes so thank you for all your support and creative ideas. Vocabulary at a young age is a significant indicator of later academic success, so this gave teachers an opportunity to discuss a wide selection of vocabulary. Please do discuss the meaning of words when your child reads or when listening to the TV or radio.

I hope you received the letter from Herts County Council about the return to school. It discusses how families can help to keep their community safe by taking the lateral flow tests. These can be acquired from local test centres or by post. Covid-19 is still in our community so please do all you can to follow the guidelines and keep all our bubbles open.

Thanks go to the PTA for their fundraising efforts and supporting our community with their Mother's Day event. I hope all our mums have a great day on Sunday!

Safeguarding

Safeguarding at School Drop Off

It is important to remember that, with the exception of Nursery and Year 5, children must not be dropped off at school before 8.45am. The teachers use this time to plan their day and therefore the classrooms are often unsupervised before 8.45am.

It is vitally important that we keep to the staggered drop off times to ensure the safety of the children on site.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Comic Relief 2021 - Friday 19th March

Next Friday is this year's Comic Relief day and we want to make it the funniest day in school this year by getting the children to share their favourite joke with the class.

For a donation of 50p, the children can either bring a joke to share with their class mates and/or they can wear a red nose for the day.

This year it has never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change.

Visit [Red Nose Day 2021](https://www.rednose.org.uk/) for more information on the charities they support and different ways to fundraise for this event which is now in it's 33rd year!



Important Dates - 2020/21

Fri 19th March	Comic Relief (<i>tell a joke or wear a red nose</i>)
Mon 22nd March	Y3 Roman Day
Weds 24th March	House Cross Country
Fri 26th March	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 12th Apr	Children Return to School
Mon 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
10th-13th May	KS2 Internal SATs week
May 2021	KS1 Internal SATs
31st May-4th Jun	May Half Term
Mon 7th June	INSET DAY
Tues 8th June	Children Return to School
7th-11th June	Yr 1 Phonics Screening and Yr 2 Retakes
7th-18th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Tests
Mon 19th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 20th July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Weds 21st July	INSET day
Thurs 22nd July	OCCASIONAL DAY

World Book Day

World Book Day Celebrations

On Thursday, we had a fun filled day celebrating books. All the children looked fantastic dressed up as adjectives.

Some of the activities included making book characters out of toilet roll, having a story read to them by another adult in the school, designing book covers and making book marks.

Our staff enjoyed dressing up too - our R1 children were taught by Mr Men for the day!



There were so many great costume ideas such as fragile, musical, furry, hygienic and adventurous.

Despite not being able to hold our usual parade, everybody in school thoroughly enjoyed this fun dressing up day.



Enriching the Curriculum - Sports in School

Due to children being indoors and less active during their Covid isolation, their physical health may well have decreased, making it even more essential that children are engaging in high levels of physical activity and establishing good active behaviours for later life.

This week we have welcomed two sports coaches into school to inspire and encourage physical activity.

Sharks Rugby visited us on Wednesday and worked with the children on boxing and fitness skills. The children were really



excited to learn new skills and try a different sport in a safe, controlled and fun way.

Today we were joined by Chance to Shine Cricket who will be joining us on a Friday for the next 3 weeks to teach our pupils the basics of cricket.



We hope these opportunities will allow the children to enjoy new sports and to encourage them to keep fit and active.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Florence G	R1: Toby
	PM: Faith	R2: Alfie

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for writing a great song and sharing it with Mrs Newman and for enthusiasm and fantastic contribution to music lessons.

Well done to:

Class 1: Denice	Class 7: Yoana
Class 2: Alexis	Class 8: Poppy
Class 3: Elsie	Class 9: Noah
Class 4: Harry	Class 10: Morgan
Class 5: Rose	Class 11: Lucy M and Zoe
Class 6: George	Class 12: Amalia

Class 5 Star Learner for Reading - Susie

School Clubs - ComputerXplorers

ComputerXplorers will be starting a **LEGO Robotics 2.0 course** which will be running during the summer term. The club is for children in years 4, 5 & 6.

The club will run for eight weeks on Mondays after school from 19th April.

Please see the attached flyer for more information and to register for a space.



Reminders and Updates

Reporting School Absences

If your child is due to come into school but is ill or has a medical appointment, please either call the school number, press option 1 and leave a message, or e-mail absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk, before 08:30 on each day that they will be absent. Please tell us your child's name, class and the reason for their absence.

Please remember that If your child has a medical appointment that you must also send proof of the appointment to the absence e-mail address, either sending a screenshot of a text message, forwarding an e-mail confirmation, or forwarding a photo of an appointment letter, if you have one. Thank you.

Change of Personal Details

If you have recently moved house, changed phone number or your emergency contact details have changed, please let us know by completing the Change of Contacts form on the home page of the website in the Links and Downloads section.

Forgotten Items

Unfortunately only essential forgotten items such as medicine or glasses can be dropped off at the school office. Children who have forgotten their home packed lunch or water bottles will have access to water in class and a school packed lunch on that day. Birthday sweets are not currently being given out in school.

Northgate School Association

THANK YOU so much for supporting our online Mother's Day shop. It was certainly challenging but hopefully the children were able to buy their gifts without giving the game away! We really hope all the mums have a fabulous day on Sunday.

We will let you know how much we raised once we've done the final count - we are really delighted to be able to fundraise in some way again. We are keeping our fingers crossed that our Father's Day shop will be almost normal!

Thanks for your continued support.

