

July 20th 2023

## Headteacher News

As part of Take Over Day, some of the children took on the role of Headteacher and helped write this part of the newsletter.

### Art Day Santa and Ruby

*On Monday the 17th of July, the whole of Northgate dedicated a full day to create many pieces of art inspired by Pablo Picasso. Each year group had a different way to recreate his art—printing, painting, collages and sculptures. In the morning, everyone mixed up classes to practise sketching one of his famous pieces. Thank you to Mrs Venning for organising this. Please see the work below.*

### Volunteers coffee morning by Eshaal

*Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who joined us for the tea and coffee on the morning of the 18th of July. It was a big help and a boost of confidence for the children who read with our volunteers. Thanks to everyone with a smile on their face.*



### Leavers Assembly by Maya and Isla

*On Wednesday 19th of July, Our Year 6 classes shared some lovely memories of their time at Northgate at their leavers assembly with their parents. Although knowing they have bright futures ahead of them, we did have some tears from both parents and children, especially when some awards were handed out and when the children walked to their parents to give them roses (if they were the youngest child in the family who went to Northgate.) But besides that, we know that everyone is so proud of them.*

### Farewell to Staff

Farewell to Mrs Bull, Miss Goslitski, Mrs Port, Miss Crowe, Mrs Davies and Ms Dunham. We thank them for their hard work and what they have done for the pupils at Northgate. They all have done an amazing job over the years supporting children's learning. We wish them all the best in their new jobs. They will all be greatly missed by both staff and pupils.

### Thank You to the PTA

Thank you for your continued support this year with your fundraising which has made a real difference to the school and the pupils.

### Thank You to the Governors

We are grateful to all the Governors for their support, commitment and work behind the scenes. Governors work with the school in so many important ways to ensure the best provision for all our children.

### Thank You to the Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fabulous staff who have worked tirelessly this year to ensure the best education for all the children and to provide so much more beyond the curriculum. Their great efforts are very much appreciated.

### Thank You to the Parents and Carers

I would, once again, like to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support. A particular thank you to the year 6 parents for their gift to the school, a parking sign.

### Next term

I wish all families a healthy and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 4th September

## Important Dates

Thurs 31st August

Fri 1st Sept

Mon 4th Sept

Wed 6th Sept

Thurs 7th Sept

Fri 8th Sept

Mon 11th Sept

Tues 12th Sept

Wed 13th Sept

Tues 19th Sept

Wed 20th Sept

Wed 27th Sept

Tues 3rd Oct

Wed 4th Oct

Tues 10th Oct

Tues 10th Oct

Wed 11th Oct

Wed 11th Oct

Mon 16th Oct

Tues 17th Oct

Wed 18th Oct

Thurs 19th Oct

Frid 20th Oct

23rd—27th Oct

**Mon 30th Oct**

Fri 3rd Nov

Inset day

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Children return to school

9am Y2 meet the teacher

2.45pm Y3 meet the teacher

2.45pm Y6 meet the teacher

2.45pm Y4 meet the teacher

9am Y5 meet the teacher

9am Y1 meet the teacher

2.45pm Reception meet the teacher

11am & 2.45pm Nursery meet the teacher

9am Y1 Phonics workshop for parents

9am Reception Phonics workshop (parents)

2.45pm Y3/4 timetables workshop (parents)

9am KS1 Harvest assembly (parents in)

9.20am Supporting learning Y2 workshop parents

9am Reception Harvest assembly (parents in)

6.30pm—7.45pm Y5/6 Parent information evening

9.05am KS1 Reading with parents

9.05am LKS2 Reading with parents

9.05am UKS2 Reading with parents

9.05am EYFS Reading with parents

RE Day

Half term

**Inset Day**

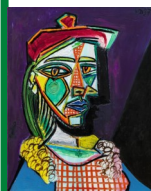
PTA fireworks

*\*Red = New Item / Change to Item*

## Enriching the curriculum

### Art Day

The children were asked to recreate, using different medias, *Femme au beret et à la robe quadrille* (Woman wearing a beret and checked dress), a cubist painting by Pablo Picasso 1937. Fantastic interpretations children!



The original by Picasso



Reception 1 & 2 :  
A collage



Year 1: Vegetable  
printing



Year 2:  
Sculpture



Year 3: Collage



Year 4: Painting



Year 5: Printing with  
polystyrene.



Year 6: 3D Sculpture

## Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern over the holiday period, please ring children's services on 0300 123 4043

## Reminders and Updates

### Dinner money

Please ensure that all dinner debts are cleared at the end of the term. Any credits will be forwarded on to next year.

### Earrings

It is Northgate's policy that earrings **must not be worn** in school. If your child is having their ears pierced over the summer, we suggest they have them pierced early in the summer holidays. We appreciate your support in this matter.

### Pupil premium

If you claim any benefits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals and other funding to help cover the cost of trips, and any additional interventions your child may require. If you think you may be entitled to this, please apply directly and confidentially via the following link: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> or speak to the school office/Mrs Ferdinand who will be able to assist you with the application.

### Summer Holiday Club



Sportscool would like to present a SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB for primary school for children aged 4-11 here at Northgate.

**There are free places for families who receive Free School Meals (thanks to the Government backed HAPPY Programme).**

**For help please call Chris on 07415376329**

All FSM parents/carers should have received a voucher code to use when booking via [www.playwaze.com](http://www.playwaze.com) search 'sportscool'.

[www.sportscoolwestessex.schoolipal.co.uk](http://www.sportscoolwestessex.schoolipal.co.uk)

## Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving our 'Excellence award'. This is given out at the end of each term by Mrs Tanner for showing a consistent positive attitude to learning and exemplary behaviour. The children enjoyed a tea party to celebrate with Mrs Tanner and Mrs Clynes.



Nursery: Sofia and Emilie

R1: Erin

R2: Mia

Class 1: Agnes

Class 2: Isabella

Class 3: George

Class 4: Eliza

Class 5: Jackson

Class 6: Emily

Class 7: Matilda

Class 8: Isla

Class 9: George

Class 10: Dilys

Class 11: Aiden

Class 12: Eshaal



### Important: Library Books

Thank you to everybody that has returned library books over the last couple of weeks. As you know, books are very expensive and unfortunately, due to the number lost or damaged last year, we will be asking for a **£5.00** donation towards any unreturned books.

We currently have **37** books still missing. Please can you make sure that you have a good look over the summer holidays for any that might be hiding at home and return them to school in September. Thank you very much.

## Northgate's got talent 2023



We all saw some amazing talent at school on Wednesday. The overall winners were Ivy Class 8 for her ventriloquism act and Sofia, Charlie, Flynn and Tate Class 1 for their Thriller dance moves.

## Attendance this year

Yr	%
R	92.1%
1	93.0%
2	94.8%
3	96.3%
4	95.3%
5	95.5%
6	94.0%

Our target	96%
Whole school	94.4%

0 days off	100%	Perfection
5 days off a year	97%	Good
10 days off a year	95%	Slight concern
20 days off a year	90%	Concerned
30 days off a year	85%	Very concerned

### Take over Day by George

Our years five and six on the 18th of July enjoyed a brilliant takeover day, where the roles of teachers were handed over to the children. From P.E to maths and English all of upper KS2 had a blast with a variety of activities that many classes enjoyed. Some of the children even helped with the cleaning. Thank you.

