

November 4th 2022

### Headteacher's News

We hope you had a great half term!

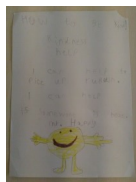
I hope your child has enjoyed our Well-being Week in which they participated in a range of activities, including this afternoon where they worked in their houses, making a dream catcher or a hungry worry monster. They also developed different strategies to support their own well-being. In our assembly today the Year 6 members of our new Diversity, Inclusion and Well-being Council spoke about their committee and how they will consider subjects that matter to them within our school environment, in order to help shape the school's wellbeing, diversity and inclusion strategies moving forward. Thanks to Mrs Bull and Mrs Leeks for organising the week and to the PTA for supporting this event by funding our visitors. The children also enjoyed participating in the house rugby competition this week (see more details below). Thanks to Miss Kavanagh for organising this event.

Have a great firework weekend!

### Enriching the Curriculum

#### Well-being week

Reception had lots of fun getting ready for fireworks night - we learned about staying safe and the dangers of fire; had a fun music and movement session using the parachute and star beanbags to make an inside fireworks display and finally made our own sparklers. We had to melt chocolate and then dip a breadstick into the soft chocolate before adding sprinkles and then were able to make our biscuit which was delicious.



This week Year 2 made their own posters about being kind. The Children created some wonderful images. Well done children.

On Tuesday sports coaches from Sportscool came into school to teach the children about archery and tri-golf. Everyone had a great time learning new skills.



On Wednesday Years 1-6 played in the Tag House Rugby competition; all the children really enjoyed this experience and we were very lucky with the weather!



This afternoon the children made worry monsters or dream catchers. The idea is that a dream catcher is hung above someone's bed while they sleep, and during the night bad dreams get trapped in the web so they're unable to reach the dreamer. Sometimes just writing down a worry can be helpful in itself. When a worrying or troubling thought comes into the child's mind they can write it down, or draw a picture, and feed it to their monster. The children really enjoyed working together in mixed year groups (Y1-Y6).



#### Dodgeball match

A team of 10 players from Year 3 and 4 took part in their first dodgeball fixture this term against one other school. They played a round of practice games and then a set of two competitive games. These games were scored and the two schools tied on 3 points each. The children then enjoyed a very exciting tie break where they won with four players still in play. Well done to all the children who took part!

### Important Dates

Fri 4th Nov	PTA Fireworks
8th/9th Nov	Parent consultations
8th/10th Nov	Class 3 Parent consultations
Wed 9th Nov	Individual photos
Mon 14th Nov	7.30pm Northgate PTA AGM meeting
Fri 18th Nov	<b>Final of house science quiz</b>
	2:30pm Toy sale new/nearly new (details to follow)
Tues 22nd Nov	Flu immunisations (for unvaccinated pupils)
Fri 2nd Dec	Christmas film night
Wed 7th Dec	9.15am & 2.30pm Reception Christmas production
Tue 13th Dec	2.30pm & 5.30pm KS1 Christmas production
Tues 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th Dec	R & KS1 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 15th Dec	KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Fri 16th Dec	Last day of Nursery before Christmas
Tues 20th Dec	9.00am Volunteer coffee morning
Tues 20th Dec	Northgate's Got Talent
Wed 21st Dec	Break the Rules Day
Wed 21st Dec	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Thurs 5th Jan</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Fri 6th Jan	R—Y6 return to school after Christmas break
Mon 9th Jan	Nursery return after Christmas break
<b>Mon 13th-17th Feb</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>Fri 31st March</b>	<b>End of term at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Mon 17th April</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Mon 5th June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<i>*Red = New Item / Change to Item</i>	

### Safeguarding

#### Staying safe with fireworks

##### Always follow the instructions

Read all the safety instructions on the box, so you know important things such as how far away people need to stand. Once any debris has cooled down, tidy it up and soak it in water overnight. Then put it in a rubbish bag and in the bin.

##### Understand what fireworks you can use at home

Category F1, F2 and F3 fireworks are on sale to the public. A consumer firework will fall into either category F2 or F3 depending on how much of a safety distance it requires. Check you have enough space to safely use a firework before you buy it. Category information can be found on the label.

##### Keep pets safe

On nights where fireworks are being let off, keep dogs and cats inside with somewhere to hide and give small outdoor pets extra bedding. If you live close to horses, let their owners know well in advance that you are letting fireworks off.

##### Have fun but remember:

- Only adults should handle fireworks
- When you are watching fireworks always stand way back
- If you are given sparklers always wear gloves and hold them at arms length and only use one at a time
- When a sparkler is out **DON'T TOUCH IT** - it can still burn you, so always put it in a bucket of cold water hot end first
- You have to be 18 years old to buy fireworks
- Never play with fireworks they are dangerous
- Never go near a fireworks once they have been lit even if they don't go off they can still explode

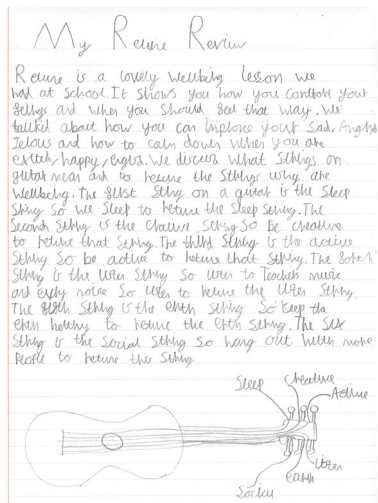
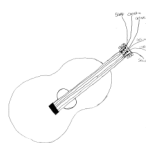


## Enriching the curriculum

### Retune Workshop Year 5

Retune inspires young people to improve their mental wellbeing through creative outlets such as music and the arts. Retune was founded by Tom Ryder who is a musician and journalist. He believes that people can retune their mental health just like we retune musical instruments. They visit all different types of schools in Bishop's Stortford and talk to the children about mental health and how important it is. When they visited Northgate Primary, Tom taught us the six most important strings for mental well-being. These are sleep, creativity, activeness, listening, being social and earth.

By  
Penelope  
Class 9



## Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Jude and Sara

R1: Edith R2: Penelope

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on Wellbeing. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: being so kind to everyone around them and always making those people feel included, for showing kindness to all members of the class and children in other classes and for having some lovely ideas to share around the importance of wellbeing and for sharing what makes them happy.

Class 1: Samuel	Class 7: Aditi
Class 2: Charlotte	Class 8: Julia
Class 3: Autumn	Class 9: Freddie
Class 4: Iris	Class 10: Millie
Class 5: Annabelle	Class 11: Jeevan
Class 6: Daisy	Class 12: Thea



## Northgate School Association

### Fireworks Night

We're looking forward to seeing you at our Fireworks Event! Keep those fingers and toes crossed for no rain!

Please see our FAQ document via the link below. Thank you again to our amazing Fireworks event sponsor, Russell Property.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vbgegTDe65o-1cnVtPLZxDGUB09N6QQEH83RQk8hi7U/edit>

### Northgate Yellow Pages- Parent & Carer Business Directory

The Northgate Yellow pages has been very popular, thank you for your support. If you're a business owner and you'd like to advertise in the first Northgate Yellow Pages, please contact [advertising@northgatepta.com](mailto:advertising@northgatepta.com) by 11th November to enable design and printing.

It's an A5 colour brochure that will go out to all children in book bags and via social media. The first issue will be published before Christmas.

Prices are;  
Full Page £40 (A5)  
Half Page £20 (A6)

### Northgate Calendar

Following last month's Halloween Photography competition for next year's Northgate Calendar, our November theme is SPARKS IN THE SKY! So take lots of photos and email entries to [calendar@northgatepta.com](mailto:calendar@northgatepta.com) by 1st December.

Winners will be published in the Northgate Academic School Calendar 2023/24. Student entries only.

### New / Nearly New Toy Sale

This is taking place on Friday 18th November from 2:30pm to 4:15pm

We only have a few stalls remaining. If you have toys, books, puzzles, scooters, bikes, fancy dress / Christmas or other clothing items in new or nearly new condition, please book a stall here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A9A72CABF9CE9-christmas>

Stall holders take home all the profits!

If you're able to volunteer at the event, please volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A9A72CABF9CE9-volunteer>

**Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs**  
Gerri Wren and Jo Parrott

## Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to seeing parents in school for the consultation meetings on the 8th and 9th of November.

The teachers feel that the way we were organised last year really worked. You will be able to find the class teachers as shown below;

- \* EYFS and Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the hall
- \* Classes 5, 6 and 7 in class 7
- \* Classes 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in the ICT suite

Teachers will have the children's English and maths books to show you at the meeting.

If you have not yet reserved an appointment with your child's teacher, please do so this weekend as bookings cannot be made after 08.30am on Monday 8th November.

## Reminders and Updates

### Individual photo day Wednesday 9th November

Please can children come into school in fully school uniform and if they have PE that day can the bring their kit to change into.

### The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies in school from Friday 4th November, in support of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Please send your child in with a donation if you would like them to buy a poppy. Suggested donations of 50p to £1 for a poppy.

We also have a small selection of slap bands, wristbands, zip pullers and reflective poppy bag tags. Suggested donations for these items are £1 to £2.

### Stepping Stones

Stepping stones is the new social group for parents and carers at Northgate who have children with ASD or suspected ASD. The aim of the group is to bring parents and carers together, enable experiences and ideas to be shared and friendships to grow. The next coffee morning will be 9am –10am on Friday 18th November. A few parents of children previously at the school will be available to talk to about their secondary transfer experience.



Coffee & Chat