

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

March 26th 2021

Headteacher's News

We were all very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Curtis this week after an incredible 32 years at Northgate. Everyone will remember her for her kindness and warmth, and her commitment and passion that every child has the best start in education. We all really appreciate her hard work in early years. She will be greatly missed by all the staff and the children. We all said goodbye to her in our virtual assembly on Wednesday. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement. Mrs Hayes will be joining the nursery team in the summer term.



We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Gitto from maternity leave after Easter. She will be teaching Class 4. We have said goodbye this week to Mrs MacLeod, who has been supporting in Upper KS2 and Mrs Matthews, who has been covering in Class 4. We are also sad that Mrs McIntosh will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. After Easter we will be welcoming back Mrs Rolfe to Class 2. Miss Goslitski still has medical advice to socially distance, but we will be welcoming her back in a support role. Class 2 will continue with their current staffing arrangements. We also welcome Mrs Pratt back, who is returning initially as a support teacher.

It has been a challenging term for everyone and I wish to thank the whole community for working together and supporting each other. Please do remember government guidelines over the holidays. I know several schools who have had to shut bubbles over the last three weeks. Have a restful and safe holiday. Fingers crossed for a more normal summer term!

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Safeguarding

School Nursing

School nurses offer support for emotional wellbeing including anxiety and anger. To refer to their service please go to the Family Centre Service Website and look for school nursing: [Family Centre](#)

For more information about the School Nursing Service you can watch a short clip which is available here: [School Nursing Service](#)

Supporting your child's transition back to school after lockdown

Some children will have worries and concerns about returning to school and may find it difficult, become upset, be distressed or even refuse to go in. There is a presentation to provide information, advice and practical strategies that can be used to support your child's return to school on the school nursing website: <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/>

Important Dates - 2020/21

Mon 12th Apr	Children Return to School
Mon 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
Weds 26th May	Year 3/4 play (to be recorded)
31st May-4th Jun	May Half Term
Mon 7th June	INSET DAY
Tues 8th June	Children Return to School
21st-23rd June	Year 6 School Journey
Tues 6th July	Year 5/6 performance
Thurs 8th July	Move up day
Thurs 15th July	Take over day
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

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

House Cross Country

This week we were delighted to see all of our classes take part in House Cross Country, where children from across the school represented their houses and were able to win points.

It was fantastic to see the children demonstrate their stamina, running over a distance and showing their sportsmanship during the races. Classes were able to watch the races in their key stages, cheering and supporting their houses.



A massive well done to everyone who took part!

The results are as follows:

1st - Normans with 164 points

2nd - Saxons with 162 points

3rd - Romans with 148 points

4th Vikings with 145 points



Year 3 - Roman Day

The Year 3 children all thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Roman day on Monday.

In the morning, they learnt how to read Roman numerals and spoke some well-known Latin phrases before creating their own Roman-inspired mosaics in the afternoon.

The highlight of the day was the Roman feast where the children were served cheese, bread, olives, grapes and wine (Ribena!) by their teachers.



Reception Year - Outdoor Learning

Yesterday, R2 wore puddle suits, kindly donated by the Northgate School Association, and spent time in the woods engaging in a challenge activity involving an egg.

The children worked in groups of three and were asked to build a

protective nest/house for their egg, using natural materials on the forest floor. They came up with very inspiring ideas of working with wet mud, twigs, branches, leaves and bigger pruned branches, as well as moss.

Such wonderful curriculum links here, encompassing knowledge and understanding, expressive, arts and design and physical skills. The children were also able to recap their RE learning with Mrs Cope from the previous day where they talked about the egg and how it symbolizes 'new life'.



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Mrs Curtis R1: Lara R2: Oliver

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for showing excellent determination, stamina and perseverance in the house cross country and participating really well in PE lessons and loving the daily mile.

Well done to:

Class 1: Eliza S	Class 7: Isla
Class 2: Dennis	Class 8: Jude
Class 3: Sebastian S	Class 9: Lewis
Class 4: Samuel	Class 10: Violet
Class 5: Elyse	Class 11: Georgina and Isla J
Class 6: Holly	Class 12: Megan

School Clubs

ComputerXplorers Lego Robotics

ComputerXplorers will be running a **Lego Robotics 2.0 course** during the summer term for children in years 4-6. Please see the attached flyer for more information and to register for a space.

Tim Moylette - Easter Holiday Football

BSCFC would like to invite boys & girls who are interested in playing football for them next season to their FREE recruitment days. Sessions are available to children of all abilities. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

K.A.S. Get Active Morning Club

Get Active morning clubs will run Monday to Thursday next term. The club runs from 7.45-8.45am and the children enjoy fun sporting activities to kick start their school day. Classes are £4 per morning with siblings charged at half price. For bookings, please follow the [link](#).

Northgate School Association

Congratulations to Paul Norton who was the winner of the March 250 Club draw. He has won £508!!!

Thank you for your continued support of our 250 Club, which has been our lifeline while restrictions are in force. There is still PLENTY of room for new members to join. It is £10 a month per number and the form you need to complete to join is attached to this newsletter. Every month someone wins 40% of the pot while the PTA raises 60% - at the moment this gives us an income of over £700 a month while a lucky player wins over £500. The more people in it, the higher the winnings and funds raised!

We have noticed that some members have not made their payment. Please let us know via ptanorthgate@gmail.com if you no longer want to be included so we can keep our records up to date.

Wishing you all a fabulous Easter break and here's hoping we can hold a summer event before the end of the school year (NB. volunteers to organise one are most welcome!!).

Thanks, Northgate PTA