

October 6th 2023

Headteacher's News

I hope you found the Reception phonics workshop and the year 3/4 multiplication workshop useful this week. The PowerPoint from the sessions will be available on Google Classrooms. We are always happy to alter these workshops to further support parents so you would like to give feedback from the session, please email us at interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

We were also delighted to welcome today our parents who attended our Stepping Stones group, for parents of our SEND children. If you would like details of the group, please contact Katy.bellerby@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Next week, we are delighted to welcome parents to our short KS1 harvest assembly at on Tuesday 9am followed by a workshop for year 2 parents, and on Wednesday our nursery parents are invited at 8.45pm or 2.30pm to our short (10 minute) harvest celebration. This is followed at 9am with our harvest assembly for Reception parents. Please enter through the school office. Due to space constraints, unfortunately we cannot invite parents to our KS2 assembly.

Our harvest collection this year will be once again for the local food bank. Please see the information on the next page about what is needed this year. Donations will be happily received from Monday.

Our Year 5 and 6 parents are invited to our parent workshop on Wednesday evening. Please note that the sessions are the same as last year.

We have been kindly asked by some parents what they can support the school with, so please see the information about class Amazon wish lists on the next page.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a good weekend.

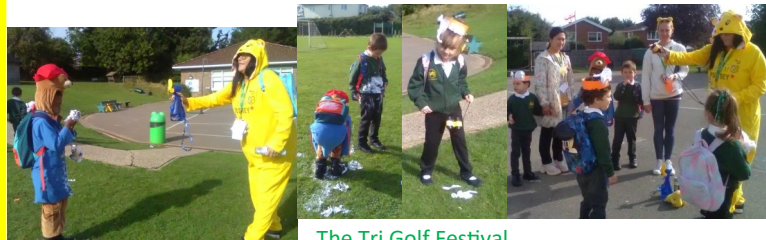
Enriching the Curriculum



Nursery did bark rubbing this week in outdoor learning/forest school. This supports the children's mark making skills, which is fundamentally the basis of developing their writing skill.

The Woodland group in **Year 1** went on an interactive bear hunt,

arranged by Mrs. Reed. The children dressed up and along the journey encountered snow storms and winds etc. They thoroughly enjoyed their adventure.



The Tri Golf Festival

This was a real success, with our team consisting of six Year 3 children and two Year 4 children. They came third place out of 12 schools. Brilliant team work! A quote from Eleanor in Class 8 'We went to a different school and played Tri Golf. We all really enjoyed this and did so well coming third'.



Important Dates

Year 4 visit from Fab Science

9am KS1 Harvest assembly (parents in)
9.20am Supporting Learning Y2 workshop with parents

9am Reception Harvest assembly (parents in)
9.15am Year 2 walk to Waytemore Castle Mound

2.45pm KS2 Harvest assembly (no parents)
6.30pm – 7.45pm Y5/6 Parent information evening

Y5 Trip Imperial War Museum Duxford

Y3 visit from Sprit of the Wild

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

Well being week

5pm PTA fireworks

Parent consultations (details to follow)

7.30pm PTA AGM

Year 5 Stortford fields trip

KS2 Christmas Lunch

1.30pm KS2 Pantomime at South Mills

Reception and KS1 Christmas Lunch

9.15am and 2.30 am KS1 Christmas production

Volunteer coffee 9am

1.45pm KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)

Break the rules day

2pm End of term

2pm PTA Committee Meeting

Young Voices Choir—O2

7.30pm PTA Committee Meeting

Year 5 Trip to Colchester Castle

2pm PTA Committee Meeting

7.30pm PTA Committee Meeting

Year 6 School Journey Kingwood

Mon 9th Oct

Tues 10th Oct

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Fri 24th Nov

Mon 11th Dec

Tues 12th Dec

Tues 12th Dec

Wed 13th Dec

Mon 18th Dec

Mon 18th Dec

Tues 19th Dec

Tues 19th Dec

Fri 12th Jan

Wed 31st Jan

Mon 4th Mar

Fri 22nd March

Fri 10th May

Mon 24th June

3rd—7th June

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Safeguarding



We have a new sign outside school to help discourage parents from parking directly outside school. This was a gift from last years Y6 leavers and is very much appreciated. Please always park with curtesy and consideration for the safety of all the children, parents, staff and the wider community. Please think! Could my parking cause potential harm to others? Every month 1,200 children are injured in traffic related collisions that happen within 500m of a school. Why not park at the Rugby Club and take full advantage of Northgate's very own 'lollipop man', Mr Claxton, who has become something of a local celebrity marking the 70th anniversary of crossing patrols in Hertfordshire. Thank you for keeping our children safe!

Music this week

Nathan Williams the director of music at St Michael's Church came to talk to the KS2 children in assembly on Wednesday about the Young Persons' Choir held their on Fridays from 6pm-8pm. Please email stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com for more information.



Year 3 had fun with a rhythm composing activity on Thursday.

Rhythmic patterns are built from elements and the intervals between them, and just as our ear will follow along with the rhythm of a song, our eyes will follow rhythm created visually and playing chase the squirrel. One student was the "Dog" ("It"). The rest of the class was divided into Trees and Squirrels. While the song is sung, the Trees stand still, the Squirrels and the Dog walk around. At the end of the song, the Dog tries to tap as many Squirrels as possible. The Squirrels can be safe if they curl up under Trees. They also had fun in science learning about the human skeleton. They had to label their bodies with the names of different bones.



Reminders and Updates

We have some exciting events happening next week, such as Fab Science for Y4, a trip to Duxford for Y5 and Spirit of the Wild for Year 3. If you have not yet made a contribution, we would be grateful if you could. Please log onto School Gateway to make a payment.

Amazon Wish Lists

Following several requests from parents, we are happy to announce that we now have our very own Amazon Wish lists. Below are links to each year group's Amazon Wish list containing books and items that the teachers have carefully selected for their class. We would like to suggest this as an alternative to birthday sweets. If you are in a position to support the school in this way, please have a look through, and if you see something you would like to buy, just follow the same process as you would if you were ordering something for yourself. Items will be delivered directly to the school, marked for the attention of the relevant teacher. Thank you for your support; it is much appreciated. Any questions, please contact Louisa Layer.

SEND: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3ROLLCMRTHZAG?ref=wl_share

Nursery: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HXOEI7AT4EUX?ref=wl_share

Reception: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/23X6VCACOHIF0?ref=wl_share

Year 1: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2VC7ERL8QEOMR?ref=wl_share

Year 2: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2P6BGPOA0W41J?ref=wl_share

Year 3: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/28CC3VSCZTELN?ref=wl_share

Year 4: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YT4ZWQUSRNBQ?ref=wl_share

Year 5: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HX5UC222D81X?ref=wl_share

Year 6: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/BDG6DLPU54HX?ref=wl_share

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Aiden and Dominic

R1: Everleigh R2: Harry

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on

'Geography and History'. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: always being enthusiastic in their topic lessons, having good geography knowledge, contributing to class discussions on climate and biomes, brilliant involvement in history and an outstanding self portrait of them as an evacuee in WWII.

Well done to:

Class 1: Teni

Class 2: Arthur

Class 3: Flora

Class 4: Robbie

Class 5: Hazel

Class 6: Freddie

Class 7: Erin

Class 8: Otis

Class 9: Matilda

Class 10: James

Class 11: Rose

Class 12: Luca

Special thanks to Aurora and Sasha in Class 7 for helping Demetro in Reception to learn English, assisting with translations.

Harvest Festival

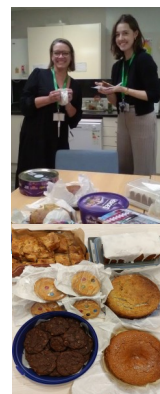
Please bring in donations of food to school on Monday 9th Oct for Harvest Festival. There will be boxes in each class to put items in. We will display the items collected at our harvest assembly and afterwards it will be donated to the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.

Wanted items include: crisps, chocolate, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, sponge puddings, biscuits, coffee, tea, fruit juice, cereal, tinned meat/fish, jam, honey, pasta sauces, timed tomatoes, rice puddings, UHT milk, soup, sanitary items, toilet rolls, toiletries, cleaning items and nappies size 4/5/6.

Mrs Morgan would like donations of cat and dog food for the charity 'Herts for Hedgehogs'. She will kindly take the food up there to them.

International Teachers day

It was international Teachers day on Thursday 5th October. Thank you to all our Teachers who work so hard for our children here at Northgate! Mrs Bellerby our SENDCo Administrator had baked cakes to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer (Team Clare Newman), so all staff enjoyed a treat at break time! Thank you Katy. The team are running a half marathon on Sunday in London for the charity the current total is £9329. Please click the link below to donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/clairenewman1?invite=true>



Northgate School Association

Halloween Costume Sale

STILL WANTED: Fancy dress costumes!

If you have any fancy dress costumes, accessories etc you'd like to donate to the Halloween Costume Sale, please bring them into the School Office. Sales are taking place on 13th and 20th October. Thank you.

Fireworks Night

We are now less than a month away from our Fireworks Night and we urgently need volunteers. If you are able to help for 30 mins, an hour or even more, we need you! We have games and stalls planned for the evening but if we can't get volunteers, we won't be able to run them.

Please sign up here (it's fun- we promise!): <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-northgate11>

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team