

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

May 14th 2021

## Headteacher's News

As part of our assembly today, Mrs Leeks lead us in an activity that promotes physical activity but that has links to developing children's understanding of relationships and self worth. The activity is from a new project that we are just starting our involvement with, that promotes mentally healthy movement breaks. The project will train staff to deliver a wealth of activities. We are really excited about this project as we believe it could be really beneficial to our pupils. More details will follow as the staff are trained and the programme begins to roll out across the school.

We are delighted to start inviting volunteers back into school. If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis after half term, and are happy to take a lateral flow test beforehand, please contact the school office. We are also looking for volunteers to help on our DT days, the 27th and 28th of May, so if you are interested in helping for an hour or two on those days in a class please let us know.

Rapid recall of times tables greatly supports maths learning in school. To aid this we are delighted that 'Times Tables Rock Stars' is up and running again. We hope your children will use this tool to work on their times tables in a fun way.

Have a great weekend



## Fundraising - Bake Sale

On Friday 28th May, Alfie, Grace, Bella and Molly from Class 9 are hosting a bake sale to raise money for our linked school Namutumba Primary School in Uganda.

The fundraiser will be held for the key stage 2 classes during break time and the prices will be £1 or less.

Children will be limited to a maximum of 2 baked treats each.

If your child has any allergies or is intolerant to anything, please do not worry as the ingredients will be listed next to the treat.

Thank you.

Bella, Grace, Molly and Alfie.



## Important Dates - 2020/21

Thurs 20th May	Year 6 Instrumental Concert Recording
Weds 26th May	Year 3/4 Play Recording
<b>27th-28th May</b>	<b>DT Days</b>
<b>31st May-4th Jun</b>	<b>May Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 7th June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 8th June</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
21st-23rd June	Year 6 School Journey
Thurs 24th June	Year 4 Instrumental Concert
Thurs 1st July	Year 3 Instrumental Concert
Tues 6th July	Year 5/6 Performance
Thurs 8th July	Move Up Day
Fri 9th July	Sports Day (details to be confirmed)
Tues 13th July	Outdoor Learning Day
Thurs 15th July	Take Over Day
Mon 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
<b>Tues 20th July</b>	<b>End of Term at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Weds 21st July</b>	<b>INSET day</b>
<b>Thurs 22nd July</b>	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY</b>

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

## Safeguarding Herts Summer Term Online Safety Newsletter

The HfL summer 2021 online safety newsletter features a range of guidance, news, links and updates about online safety for all phases, with particular reference to the current situation, recent developments and concerns. It also includes reviews and details about:

- Digital 5 a day - a digital safety wellbeing kit produced by the Children's Commissioner for England
- Ollee - 'your helpful digital friend' developed by Parent Zone and Children in Need
- What parents and carers need to know about WhatsApp (16+ age rating) from National Online Safety
- Tips to keep children safe on Netflix put together by O2 and the NSPCC
- Net Aware - to help keep children safe online.
- Online safety activities you can do from home.

Please follow the [Online safety newsletter](#) link for more information on all of the above.



## Reminders and Updates

**Smart Watches** Please be reminded that in line with the school uniform rules which can be found on our [website](#), smart watches are not allowed in school.

**Fidget Toys** Fidget toys or small toys such as spinners are regularly being brought into school. These toys are very distracting to the class and we would ask that they are not brought in unless this has been agreed with the teacher.

## Visit Your Local Library

### Growing into Reading with Hertfordshire Libraries

Hertfordshire Libraries are excited to launch their new initiative, 'Growing into Reading' to promote reading for pleasure and to encourage primary school aged children and families back into the habit of regularly visiting their local library.

From Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, children visiting the library will be gifted a FREE giant bookmark and a wildflower seed bomb (while stocks last). Each time the child returns to the library they can have their bookmark stamped.

With its environmental theme, 'Growing into Reading' is the perfect lead in to this year's Summer Reading Challenge 'Wild World Heroes'.

Hertfordshire's Acting Head of Libraries said: "This is a creative way to encourage children and their families to visit their library regularly and develop a lifetime love of reading for pleasure whilst planting a seed bomb that will support vital pollinating insects. By rewarding children for visiting the library, we will help encourage them to discover a wide range of exciting new books as well as firm favourites."



For further information visit the [Hertfordshire County Council website](#).

## Sale of Second Hand Uniform

The sale of second hand uniform at school has now resumed outdoors.

Weekly sales will take place on a Thursday at pick up time for the remaining year groups:

Year 2 - 20<sup>th</sup> May - Gazebo - from 3.00pm

Year 3 - 27<sup>th</sup> May - Gazebo - from 3.10pm

Year 4 - 10<sup>th</sup> June - Gazebo - from 3.10pm

Year 5 - 17<sup>th</sup> June - Gazebo - from 3.10pm

Standard uniform items are charged at £1, with fleeces and tracksuit tops charged at £3. Ties and book bags are 50p. Please note the sale is cash only and we would kindly ask you to bring the correct change.

Full details of the Northgate school uniform can be found on the [school website](#).



## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Robbie	R1: Thea
	PM: Agnes	R2: Charlie

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on PSHE and RE.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their thoughtful contribution to discussions and a fantastic explanation on respecting others and applying this in class and on the playground.

Well done to:

Class 1: Mateusz	Class 7: Griff
Class 2: Bella	Class 8: Ewan
Class 3: Amanda	Class 9: Ruby G
Class 4: Joseph	Class 10: Evie
Class 5: Eden	Class 11: Frank C
Class 6: Abigail	Class 12: Fei-Fei

## Enriching the Curriculum - Cheerleading

Cressy from Stortford Cheerleading has been working with our Friday PE classes to teach the children fun and energetic dance routines.

The classes have thoroughly enjoyed learning the steps, leaps, kicks and turns and putting them together in different combinations.

If you would like more information on joining the Stortford Cheerleading after school club on a Tuesday, please email [stortfordcheerleaders@hotmail.com](mailto:stortfordcheerleaders@hotmail.com).

