

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

September 9th 2022

Headteacher's News

We hope that you found the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions informative and we look forward to meeting the Foundation parents next week. If your child is in KS1 or KS2, you should have received an email with a copy of the termly letter which provides key information for the year group. Please ask if you have not received it.

This week it has been great to see, the wide range of opportunities that have taken place as part of enriching the curriculum. Please see below information about some of the exciting activities the children have taken part in.

Our half term Learning Power is '**Teamwork Tiger**' and already we have seen some excellent examples around the school. If your child comes home with a sticker, see if they can explain what skills they used to be a Teamwork Tiger.

Our Deputy Head Mrs. Jones has reduced her working hours this year and is now working two days a week (Monday and Tuesday), as she wants to spend more time with her young family. Mrs Shepherd will be Acting Assistant Head for the year and her release days will be Thursday and Friday.

Please be aware that the school will be closed on Monday as it is a Bank Holiday for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth. Our condolences to the royal family.

We hope you have a good long weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

Reception—outdoor learning

The Reception children have been discovering the EYFS outside area – using hoops, the mud kitchen and water play. We have all settled into school beautifully and are already enjoying our outside space.



Year 3 Bupa—Healthy lunch-bot coding adventure

All children in Year 3 took part in an interactive activity to teach them computer coding concepts and healthy eating in a fun and inspiring way. The aim is to encourage them on a path to a future in tech. Year 3 had a lot of fun with this! Thank you to Mrs Downing for organising the event.

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Important Dates

Mon 19th Sept	Bank Holiday—School closed
Tues 20th Sep	9.00am Y1 Phonics workshop
Tues 20th Sep	2.45pm Reception
Wed 21st Sep	11.00am & 2.45pm Nursery
Mon 26th Sep	9.00am Volunteer Safeguarding Training
Mon 26th Sep	7.30pm PTA Committee Meeting
Tues 27th Sep	Year 3 and 4 Times table
Fri 30th Sep	9.00am Reception phonics
Fri 30th Sep	9.30am PTA coffee morning
Wed 5th Oct	R-Y6 Flu immunisations
Wed 5th Oct	9.00am Reception Harvest assembly (Parents in)
Wed 5th Oct	2.45pm KS2 Harvest assembly (no Parents)
Fri 7th Oct	9.00am KS1 Harvest assembly (Parents in)
W/c Mon 10th Oct	Reading with parents
	Nursery— Mon 9:05 & Fri 2:45
	Reception — Mon 9.05
	Year 1 & 2 — Tues 9.05 (Not Year 3)
	Year 3 & 4 — Wed 9.05
	Year 5 & 6 — Thurs 9.05
Fri 14th Oct	Black history day
Mon 17th Oct	6.45pm--8.00pm Y5/6 Parent info Evening
Thurs 18th Oct	9.00am Year 2 Learning support
Fri 21st Oct	RE day
24th--28th Oct	Half Term
31st Oct	INSET DAY
1st-4th Nov	Well-being week
Fri 4th Nov	PTA Fireworks
8th/9th Nov	Parent consultations
9th/10th Nov	Y2 Parent consultations
Mon 9th Nov	Individual photos
Fri 11th Nov	Final of house science quiz
Mon 14th Nov	7.30pm Northgate PTA AGM meeting
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)
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 2.00pm

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Packed Lunches: As we have children with nut allergies, please be careful not to include food containing nuts or nut products, such as peanut butter, pesto, Bakewell tart, chocolate products or desserts which contain nuts.

Contact Details: In case of an emergency, we must ensure we have up-to-date contact details on file. A [form](#) is available on the school website for you to update your details and to inform us of any changes to your email address, mobile phone number, address etc.

Year 5 WW2 Evacuee Day

The pupils discussed how it would feel to be an WW2 evacuee on a train leaving home. What they would pack in their case? Year 5 discovered what happened when the evacuees arrived at their destination and learnt about the affect of the Blitz on cities in the throughout the UK.



By Archie

By Penelope

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Robin

R1: William R2: Bella

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on a positive attitude to learning.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: trying very hard in the first week of a new school, excellent work in a new school and a positive attitude towards math's practical activities this week when using money.

Well done to:

Class 1: Hepi

Class 7: Joshua

Class 2: Mia

Class 8: Ben

Class 3: Millie

Class 9: Penelope

Class 4: Faith

Class 10: Holly

Class 5: Sebastian

Class 11: Jeevan

Class 6: Nia

Class 12: Poppy



Reminders and Updates

The State Funeral of our late Queen Elizabeth II

A public holiday has been announced on the day of the state funeral for Queen Elizabeth II. Therefore school will be closed on Monday 19th September. See you on Tuesday 20th as normal.

Internet disruption

Unfortunately we had disruption with our internet connection on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, which meant we had trouble sending and receiving emails. Everything is back to normal now.

Office Opening Times

Please note that the school office opening times are as follows:

8.30am—4.30pm Monday-Thursday

8.30am—4.00pm Fridays

Please note we also have a brief weekly team meeting on Tuesday 1.45pm—2.30pm, please leave a message on the answer phone and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Uniform

All children should be wearing full school uniform, please see our website for details. If there are any exceptional circumstances with regards to uniform please contact the office for advice. Please remember if your child has had their ears pierced recently and can not take out the studs for a little while we require a letter from parents stating when they can stop wearing them. These earring's should be covered by medical tape or a plaster at school.

Northgate School Association

With the Cost of Living rising so high at the moment, we wanted to remind you that there are ways of supporting our school by not costing you a penny! These are:

Amazon Smile

Thanks to the parents, PTA committee and trustee members who have signed up, we have made money for the PTA using Amazon Smile. We would urge you to join us, it's really easy! Amazon Smile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. Go to smile.amazon.co.uk or search smile through your Amazon App and select Northgate School Association (Hertfordshire) as your chosen charity. In 2021/2022, we raised £156.38 by doing nothing!!

Easyfundraising

You can also raise money for our School using **easyfundraising**. 'Easyfundraising has partnerships with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend on their website to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand'.

Sign up to easyfundraising on their website or using their app, it's free! Every little helps as they say! Our unique website is: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northgate-association/>

Stikins Name Labels

Please remember to order your name tags for your children's school uniform. Labels can be ordered from Stikins via their website at www.stikins.co.uk using the school fundraising number 14587. The Northgate School Association receives commission for each order.

Happy Bags

Needing a clear out of clothes? Bag them up and bring them to school on the published Happy Bag dates. Again, we receive a donation in return! Dates for this will follow.

Fireworks Night

Just a reminder that our Fireworks Night is on 4th November. Gates open at 5pm and the skies will be alight at 7pm. Lots more details to follow next week.

Thank you for all your support.

Geri Wren & Jo Parrott

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs

Extra Curricular Clubs

Further details of our before school, lunch time and after school clubs can be found on the school website under Parent Information/Clubs and Activities/ Club Information Autumn Term.



Designing Learner of the week certificates

Children in each year were asked to design certificates for presenting to the Learner of the week in assembly of Fridays. Winning designs were chosen and created by:

Year 1: William

Year 3: Thea

Year 5: Tallulah

Year 2: Sasha Z

Year 4: Julia

Year 6: Kiki