

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

October 8th 2021

Headteacher's News

It was good to see many of our Year 1 parents at the phonics workshop and the Year 5 and 6 parents at the curriculum evening on Wednesday. We hope you found these sessions useful. The PowerPoints will be uploaded to the website under 'Our Learning' by the end of next week. Please use our school Interact email address interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk if you have feedback on the sessions or there are other workshops you would like us to run in the future.

A sincere thank you to the seven members of staff who gave up their evening to run the event to support the parent/school partnership.

If you would like to learn more about multiplication tables and the new national assessment in Year 4, there will be a workshop held on Wednesday 13th October at 9am. Our Reception teachers will be holding a phonics workshop for parents to attend on Thursday 14th October at 2.45pm.

We also have the PTA meeting on Monday evening to which everyone is welcome to. See the school association section for further information.

At this time of year the children are beginning to get tired and are more vulnerable to picking up illnesses, and this is often the period when we get an increased number of incidents of poor behaviour. It is important that students pay attention to all of the basic aspects of wellbeing to ensure that they can make good, considered decisions. Please help your child at this time in the term by making sure they have plenty of rest at home and are going to bed at a reasonable time. I am sure you are aware that there have been a number of pieces of research on how having screens in bedrooms has a detrimental affect on sleep. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Grange Paddocks Opening Big Splash Fun Day

Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre is hosting a Big Splash Fun Day on Saturday 23rd October from 10am–12.00pm. This unique event gives **8 to 14 year olds who can swim 50 metres** the opportunity to experience aquatic activities and meet Olympic and Commonwealth athletes. With no fee and up to 10 spaces, the Big Splash Event will be a fun and engaging opportunity for the children.

The event will feature a session of skills and games across the different aquatic disciplines, with every participant getting the chance to try each of the activities by rotating through the stations. Each station will be led by an Olympic or Commonwealth athlete, an expert in the discipline, who will provide instruction and encourage the children.

As well as having the opportunity to meet successful Olympic athletes, experience the different sports, have a photograph taken and get an autograph, the event will conclude with a fun 'Race the Olympian' and each child will go home with a medal.

If you are interested in finding out more, or for more details on how children who fit the age and ability criteria can register for this exciting event, please contact Grange Paddocks directly by emailing jordanwhitfield@everyoneactive.com by 17th October 2021. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Important Dates - 2021/22

Mon 11th Oct	8pm - PTA Committee Meeting
Weds 13th Oct	9am Year 4 - Times Tables Workshop
Weds 13th Oct	9am Year 1 - Castle Mound Visit
Thurs 14th Oct	2.45pm Reception Year - Phonics Workshop
18th-22nd Oct	Black History Week
Tues 19th Oct	8.45am - Nursery Phonics Workshop
Weds 20th Oct	9am - Year 3 Maths/Times Tables Workshop
Thurs 21st Oct	Individual School Photographs
25th-29th Oct	October Half Term
Mon 1st Nov	INSET DAY
2nd-5th Nov	Wellbeing Week
Tues 9th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings
Weds 10th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings
Weds 17th Nov	Happy School Bag Collection
Weds 1st Dec	Early Years Christmas Production
Thurs 2nd Dec	Flu Immunisations
Weds 8th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production
Mon 13th Dec	KS2 Pantomime (Southmill Arts)
Tues 14th Dec	KS1 Pantomime (in school)
Tues 14th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch
Weds 15th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 16th Dec	KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Mon 20th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Tues 21st Dec	Jubilee Occasional Day
Weds 5th Jan	Children Return to School
14th-18th Feb	February Half Term
Mon 21st Feb	INSET DAY
Weds 2nd March	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 1st April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Tues 19th April	Children Return to School
May 2022	Year 2 SATs
9th-12th May	Year 6 SATs week
30th May-3rd Jun	May Half Term
Mon 6th June	INSET DAY
7th-10th June	Year 1 Phonics Week
7th-24th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thurs 30th June	Happy School Bag Collection
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Online Safety Newsletter

The autumn term online safety newsletter is attached to this email containing up-to-date information on online safety. This edition contains a parents and carers guide 'Let's talk about life online', 'Report Remove', a new system which allows children and young people under 18 to report and get images removed, as well as information on cyber security and social media and mental health.



Enriching the Curriculum - Football League

Gold Team Match Report

On Friday 1st October the Northgate Gold Team played the first game of the season against Richard Whittington. We started the game well and dominated possession. We created a number of chances but the Richard Whittington defence defended well. The pressure paid off when Toby scored the first goal. Just before half time Mac managed to tap the ball past the keeper with an assist from Griff.

In the second half Richard Whittington hit a long ball over the top of us and into their striker who then went on to score. Although they made it 2-1, this didn't stop us from fighting back as Toby scored his second goal to make it 3-1. With 10 minutes to go Jack scored an amazing goal which Lewis set up. The final score was 4-1 to Northgate!

Gregor and Finley (C11)

Silver Team Match Report

Last Friday, Northgate played Windhill 21. In the first half, Windhill's number 7 scored a screamer, even Ally couldn't save it. An extra 2 goals were banged in by two other Windhill players. The first half whistle was blown, all hope was lost. We will play till the final whistle. Hari then scored from outside the box. Alfie left everyone stunned by a goal from the halfway line! It was 3-2 to Windhill. Then they struck another goal, 4-2. Hari took a corner, it hit 2 of our players and went in from a Windhill player 4-3. Then sadly their number 7 scored from a corner, 5-3.

Windhill won and we went off gracefully.

Hari (C12) and Ally (C11)

Executive Council

As Executive Council, we ran our first meeting with fellow school councilors ranging from Reception Year to Year 6. We voted for three charities that we will be supporting and raising money for during the school year with fun events. The chosen charities are the RSPCA, Cancer Research and the World Wildlife Fund.

In addition, we discussed the next class meetings, asking the school council members to discuss with their class about the exciting events we could plan.

Olivia, Fin, Lara and Aleya
Executive Council

Covid Guidance

Masks In order to protect our whole school community, we would request that parents continue to wear masks while you are on school grounds. Thank you for your support.

Positive Cases At present, the government guidance is for children showing symptoms of Covid to be kept at home and to take a PCR test.

If your child tests positive for Covid they will need to self-isolate for a 10 day period in accordance with the current guidance. Currently, there is no longer a requirement for close contacts (aged 11 and under or those who are fully vaccinated) of a positive case to isolate for this period however updated guidance will be sent out should the situation arise.

Please continue to keep the school office informed if there are any positive cases within your household.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Jack

R1: Samuel

R2: Benjamin

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on being a writer.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for using a variety of adjectives in their writing and developing understanding of sentence structure.

Well done to:

Class 1: Florence

Class 7: Charlotte

Class 2: Freddie

Class 8: George

Class 3: Annabelle

Class 9: Ruby

Class 4: Eliza S

Class 10: Quincy

Class 5: Martha

Class 11: Evie

Class 6: Aditi

Class 12: Gabriella

Reminders and Updates

Secondary School Applications Deadline

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Sunday 31st October 2021**. Hertfordshire would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 22nd October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

You can apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively you can request a printed version of the information and an application from the Admissions and Transport Team by emailing them at jack.dodkins@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

Reception Tour Dates

School tour dates for entry into Reception in September 2022 are now available by contacting the school office. Please email admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk or call 01279 652376 for more information.

Parent Workshops

Please refer to the calendar dates for the remaining parent workshop dates. Next week there will be a multiplication tables workshop held on Wednesday 13th October at 9am, and a Reception Year phonics workshop will be held at 2.45pm on Thursday 14th October. Both workshops will be held in the school hall.

In the week before half term our Nursery will be holding a phonics workshop on Tuesday 19th October at 9am and Year 3 will be holding a maths and multiplication tables workshop at 9am on Wednesday 20th October.

If you are attending one of these sessions, please could we ask that only one adult per household attend and masks must be worn while in school. Thank you.

Northgate School Association

Our first committee meeting of the year will be held on Monday 11th October at 8pm in school.

Please email ptanorthgate@gmail.com for more information or you can just turn up on the evening.