

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

February 28th 2020

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a enjoyable half term. We returned to the excitement of Technology Week, which gave the children opportunities to learn new skills and work with children from other year groups. Thank you to Miss Hartley and Miss Goslitski for organising the event and to the PTA for funding ComputerXplorers who ran sessions for Reception to Year 6.

Please see below for further details.

I hope you found the parent consultations useful and informative. If you have any feedback, please email on

interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the **World Book Day Parade** next Thursday 5th March at 8.55am and/ or at the Year 2 Maths Workshop on Wednesday at 2.45pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

Technology Week

Across the school, we have been exploring DT and computing in depth for Technology Week.

In KS1 the year groups were mixed and the children had the opportunity to work in groups. Their task was to create a marble run that lasted for at least 10 seconds. The children were very excited by this task and after some research set to work making their "prototypes". After some changes to their original plans they created some brilliant and innovative marble runs. Every team's run looked different and this really showed their creative skills.



In KS2 all year groups were mixed and the children had the opportunity to make a moving model with a pneumatic system. Prior to starting the project, the children had the opportunity to investigate different pneumatic systems. They then set

to design a moving model focussing on planning, adapting, creating and evaluating. Their results were fantastic and showed really careful planning and creativity.

The winning members from each team have been awarded a certificate in our celebration assembly.



Important Dates

Weds 4th March	2.45pm Year 2 Maths Workshop
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
Fri 6th March	Year 4 Sea Life Centre Visit
Sun 8th March	Hertfordshire Gala Concert - Albert Hall
Mon 9th March	2.50pm Year 5 Work Sharing
Thurs 12th March	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
16th-20th March	PTA Mother's Day shop
Thurs 19th March	9.00am NNAM Mother's Day Breakfast
Thurs 19th March	3.00pm NNPM Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Fri 20th March	9.00am Reception Mother's Day Breakfast
Tues 24th March	2.50pm Year 6 Work Sharing
Weds 25th March	2.15pm and 6.30pm Year 3 and 4 Show
Thurs 26th March	11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing
Thurs 26th March	2.50pm Nursery PM Work Sharing
Friday 27th March	2.50pm Year 4 Work Sharing
Mon 30th March	2.50pm Year 2 Work Sharing
Tues 31st March	2.50pm Reception Work Sharing
Weds 1st April	2.50pm Year 1 Work Sharing
Thurs 2nd April	2.50pm Year 3 Work Sharing
Fri 3rd April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 20th April	Children Return to School
May 2020	Year 2 SATs
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)
11th-15th May	Year 6 SAT's week
25th-29th May	Half Term
Mon 1st June	INSET DAY
Sat 6th June	PTA Summer Fayre
Tues 2nd June	Children Return to School
8th-12th June	Year 6 School Journey
8th-12th June	Yr 1 Phonics Week
8th-26th June	Yr 4 Times Tables Tests
Fri 3rd July	Sports Day
Tues 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm
2nd-3rd Sept	INSET DAYS
Friday 4th Sept	Children Return to School
26th-30th Oct	Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET DAY

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

As a school we employ a variety of methods for dealing with difficult situations. We regularly practice fire drills at different periods of the day to ensure the children are clear on the process. In order to keep our children safe, we sometimes operate a class recall system to support staff where there may be an incident in school. Children who are in communal areas are asked to return sensibly to class until the situation has been resolved. Ensuring the safety of the children in school is always a key priority.

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Technology Week

We were also fortunate to have ComputerXplorers with us all week. They ran a session for each class from Reception to Year 6. Reception children programmed Edison robots using bar codes which they then controlled using torchlight, touch and sound. Years 1, 2 and 3 built a lego crocodile which had to include a motion sensor to make the crocodile's mouth shut when the computer instructed it to. Years 4, 5 and 6 programmed a micro bit to play rock, paper, scissors.



We are grateful to the PTA for funding this exciting week and to all the parents for their generous donations of boxes and cardboard tubes. The children have had a fun and exciting week, supporting their learning in technology.

World Book Day Parade

World Book Day is next **Thursday, 5th March** and children are asked to dress up as an **adjective** and can also bring in their favourite book if they would like to. It would be great if your child has a label or sticker with their word on and if possible, it's definition.

Children will go to their classrooms, after they have been dropped off, and parents can wait in the playground for them all to come back out and parade in their costumes - weather permitting. EYFS and KS1 will parade around the key stage 1 playground and KS2 children will parade around their own playground. The children will walk around the lines of the netball court so it would be helpful if parents could stand inside of these lines. If you have children in both key stages, please stand under the large covered gazebo between the two. Thank you

There will be no Guided Reading on this day.

KS2 Cake Sale

Five of our Year 6 children today hosted a cake sale for KS2 pupils in the dining hall at school during break time.

They took the initiative to raise money for research in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Thank you for your support, the cake sale was a huge success and raised lots of money for this worthwhile cause.



School Association

This half term's PTA committee meeting is next Tuesday 3rd March at 8pm in the staff room. We will be discussing upcoming events and spending. Anyone is welcome to attend and contribute.

If you'd like to make a suggestion or have something to contribute but cannot make it, feel free to email ptanorthgate@gmail.com beforehand.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Alfie	R1: Sydney
	PM: Benedict	R2: Rafferty

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for being a technology whizz, excellent participation and showing fantastic leadership.

Well done to:

Class 1: Elsie	Class 7: Charlie
Class 2: James C	Class 8: Louis
Class 3: Anya	Class 9: Eric
Class 4: Ben	Class 10: Jack
Class 5: Filip	Class 11: Harry W
Class 6: Annie	Class 12: Rosie

Mrs Pursglove's Sport Star of the week is Bede for knowledge and understanding in tag rugby.

Reminders and Updates

Lost Property

If you have lost anything, please check in the boxes in the main school reception as they will be emptied at the end of school today.

Parking at the Lawn Tennis Club

Further to our recent email, there has been a further incident of inconsiderate parking at the tennis club and they will now be closing the gates during drop off and pick up time. Please ensure the gates are not blocked when you are parking to drop or collect your child.

Road Safety in Cricketfield Lane

Due to the local road closure, we are experiencing a much higher volume of cars using Cricketfield Lane than usual, as traffic diverts around this closure. Also, the local fire station are diverting their engines along Cricketfield Lane.

Could we please ask that you are incredibly vigilant regarding road safety at this time of increased traffic. The safety of the children is utmost and we appreciate your patience whilst these works place.

St Clares Hospice - Sale of Teddy Bears

The School Office are selling small coloured teddy bears in aid of St Clare's Hospice for a £1.50 donation. There is a limited supply so please remember to bring in your change early next week.

Nursery Admissions

Please note that Nursery applications are now open and will close next **Friday 6th March**. To make an application please go to our school website for more information.