

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

November 22nd 2019

Headteacher's News

Today we were delighted to have Jo Bradshaw in our assembly, sharing her experience of climbing Mount Everest. She was an inspirational speaker who shared her message of the importance of keeping an open mind to new experiences, even when you aren't sure it will work. She is currently undertaking the 7 highest summits, with 5 already reached and 2 to go. Jo will have the Northgate logo on her flag with her for the final 2 summits. Thank you to Mr Doolan for organising this.

As part of our work on gaining a greater understanding of different world religions and developing respect, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Virdee into our assembly this week, giving us a greater understanding on being a Sikh. She shared lots of information about the religion, and in particular about why Sikhs celebrate Diwali. Many thanks for her time. Please remember if you are happy to share about your religion please contact the office.

Congratulations to Mrs Molyneux, who taught PE and R2 last year, on the birth of her twins.

Just a reminder if you haven't signed up for the 250 club and wish to do so, with the chance to win £1000 each month, please get the form from the School Office

Please don't forget we have our Occasional Day next Friday so school will be closed.

Hope you have a good weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

Year 4 - Misty mountains Inspiration for writing

Summiteer Jo Bradshaw spent time talking to our Year 4 classes this morning and her inspirational stories will now be used in class for the children to write diary entries as they would on their own adventures.



Maths Quiz

Well done to our more able mathematicians who attended a local maths quiz this week. We took two teams and there were four rounds in the quiz. The first and last rounds were general maths rounds, the second was a memory round and the third round was on estimation. After the second round Northgate Team 2 were in third place and Northgate Team 1 were in fifth place and this was the same at the end of the competition. We would like to thank Mr Dunn for supervising and motivating us!

Important Dates

Weds 27th Nov	2.45pm Yr 6 Work Sharing
Fri 29th Nov	Occasional Day
Tues 3rd Dec	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 6th Dec	3.30-6.30pm Christmas Film Night
Mon 9th Dec	2.45pm Yr 3 & 4 Work Sharing
Mon 9th Dec	10am-11am Nursery AM Christmas Singing Concert
Mon 9th Dec	2pm-3pm Nursery PM Christmas Singing Concert
Weds 11th Dec	2.15pm/6pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thurs 12th Dec	2.45pm REC Work Sharing
Fri 13th Dec	9am Volunteer Coffee Morning
Fri 13th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 16th Dec	2.45pm Yr 2 Work Sharing
Mon 16th Dec	Reception and KS1 Christmas Lunch
Tues 17th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Weds 18th Dec	2.50pm Yr 1 Work Sharing
Weds 18th Dec	KS2 Rhodes Panto Trip
Weds 18th Dec	KS1 Panto - in school
Thurs 19th Dec	KS2 St Michael's Church carol service 2pm start - 3pm pick up from church
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 6th Jan	Children Return to School
Weds 15th Jan	2.15pm SENCO Parent Workshop
Fri 7th Feb	School Discos KS1 5pm, KS2 6.45pm
17th-21st Feb	Half Term
Mon 24th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 25th Feb	Children Return to School
Fri 3rd April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 20th April	Children Return to School
May 2020	Yr 2 SATs
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)
11th-15th May	Yr 6 SAT's week
25th-29th May	Half Term
Mon 1st June	INSET DAY
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
Tues 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm

Safeguarding

The staff car park is now extremely dark at the end of the day as staff are leaving, and it is impossible to see small children running across it. Therefore, for health and safety reasons, please do not park in or walk through the staff car park to pick up for night owls. as we do not wish to have any accidents. Please use the laybys at the front of the school which are well lit. Thank you.

Enriching the Curriculum

Football

Friday 15th November - Our KAS Gold team played Little Hallingbury at home last Friday. They worked incredibly hard for a convincing win in heavy rain. Well done to the whole team.

Monday 18th November - Our BSP team played at home to St Andrews on Monday. It was a very tough game and Will C did an excellent job as captain. Ryan C and Harry W were awarded 'Man of the Match' by Charlie Boom. A big thank to Charlie for refereeing our games and helping Mrs Cope to take the team.

Thursday 21st November - Our KAS Gold team played again yesterday when they visited Albury. Both teams started really well and 2 goals were scored in the first 15 minutes. They also had a strong second half and won the match. Mr Dunn's Man of the Match went to Sam A.

Well done to all our fantastic footballers.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Owen	R1: Dylan
	PM: Denise	R2: Edward

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their wonderful singing and participation in music lessons. Well done to:

Class 1: Joshua	Class 7: Saffron
Class 2: Ivy	Class 8: Jasmine
Class 3: Alexandra	Class 9: Ceylin
Class 4: Anabella	Class 10: Isla A
Class 5: William	Class 11: Evelyn

Reminders and Updates

Second Hand Uniform

Second hand uniform is out on display in the Reception area for purchase on a Friday each week. If you have any specific requests please let the School Office know and they can arrange for these to be put out for you.

School Shop

Please remember some of our Year 6 children run a school shop selling stationery on Thursdays and Fridays at break times. Items are sold at £1 and under. The children are allowed to bring a small amount of money on those days.

Guided Reading

The last guided reading session this term will be **Thursday, 12th December**. Thank you for all your help this term.

KS2 Panto at the Rhodes Centre

The PTA have kindly organized for KS2 to go once again to the Panto at the Rhodes Centre on the morning of Wednesday, 18th December.

KS2 Carol Concert—Thursday, 19th December 2pm

All KS2 children will be walking down to St Michael's Church for the Christmas carol concert which will start at 2.00pm. They will need to be collected at 3.00pm from the church please. Parents are welcome to join us.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will be open from Monday 2nd December. Children need to write the full name and class of the child (e.g. Joe Bloggs, Class 1) on the envelope and could we please encourage parents of younger children support them in making the names legible. Year 6 children will be sorting and delivering during break and lunch times.

Community

Hockerill Anglo European College are pleased to let you know that they will have a skating rink at their Christmas Market on Sunday 8th December. A poster with more details on the event is attached to this email.

Aspects are holding a 2 hour workshop for parents of children aged 5-13 years. Further details are attached.

School Association

Our very own PTA Christmas angels have been hard at work organising our Christmas Film Night with festive refreshments and activities. They have had several volunteers already come forward to help on the evening but could do with a few more hands. Please contact Jo or Geri at joannaparrott@icloud.com or geraldine.wren@yahoo.co.uk if you can help. It's Elf and mulled wine ... what's not to enjoy?!

'Squires of Stansted' have offered us commission on sales of Christmas trees! They are based at Sworders Auctioneers on the main road heading out of Stansted and will donate £5 to our PTA for every tree sold to a Northgate parent. Just tell them when you buy that you're parents of Northgate. You can find more information about them here:

<https://www.squiresofstansted.com/winter>

Diary Date - We are delighted to confirm the date of the next school disco will be Friday 7th February 2020. The Foundation & KS1 disco will run from 5pm - 6:15pm and the KS2 disco is from 6:45pm - 8pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your PTA