

September 28th 2018

Headteacher's News

Inspirational Maths Week has given the children an opportunity to be involved with a range of different maths activities. We have been encouraging a positive growth mind-set with maths. The children loved the opportunity to share their learning with so many of you when you came in to join in with the maths games. There are so many mathematical skills children can consolidate and develop through games. It is a fun way you can support their learning at home so please look at our website on 'Our Learning / Maths' for ideas. If you look at the key stages, games and activities can be found in the booklets 'Targets for Year 1' etc.

We finished the week with a sharing assembly this afternoon and highlights included origami cats in Year 1, dot patterns in Year 3 and hailstone equations in Year 5.

Thank you for Mrs Clynes for organising the week.

If you would like to learn more about multiplication tables in Year 3 and 4, there is a workshop after school on Monday from 3.30pm – 4.00pm. Children are welcome.

On 11th October at 6.45pm we have an information evening about Maths and English in Year 5 and 6.

The dates for the next opportunity to share the children's learning - sharing a book with your child - will be the week beginning 19th November.

We appreciate your support and working together with you to give our children the best possible start.

Have a lovely weekend

Year 1 Teddy Bear's Picnic

Yesterday, Year 1 all brought in their teddy bears. We took them and our picnic blankets outside in the sunshine to enjoy our snacks. We shared some teddy bear stories with our furry friends and great fun was had by all.



Important Dates

Mon 1st Oct	3.30-4pm Yrs 3 & 4 timetables with Parents
Tues 9th Oct	Nursery Harvest Songs with parents
Wed 10th Oct	9.30am Potential Parent Tour
Wed 10th Oct	2.50pm EYFS Harvest Assembly (with parents)
Thurs 11th Oct	9.00am KS1 Harvest Assembly (with parents)
Thurs 11th Oct	2.45pm KS2 Harvest Assembly (no parents)
Thurs 11th Oct	6.45-8pm Yrs 5 & 6 Maths & English with parents
Fri 19th Oct	School Discos 5.00-6.15pm EYFS & KS1 6.45-8.00pm KS2
Tues 23rd Oct	Individual School Photos
Wed 24th Oct	Nursery phonics with parents
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Thurs 25th Oct	9.30am Potential Parent Tour
25th/26th Oct	Black History Day
Half term	29th Oct - 2nd Nov 2019
Fri 2nd Nov	Association Fireworks Night
Mon 5th Nov	INSET DAY
Tues 6th Nov	Children Return to School
Tues 6th Nov	Year 2 Pirate Day
Wed 14th Nov	2.45pm Yr 2 Spelling & Phonics
Thurs 15th Nov	2.45pm Yr 1 Spelling & Phonics
Tues 4th Dec	10am and 2pm Nursery/Little Ladybirds Xmas Concert
Thurs 6th Dec	2pm Reception Xmas Concert
Sat 8th Dec	Christmas Market
Fri 21st Dec	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Mon 7th Jan 19	Children Return to School
Half Term	18th - 22nd Feb 19
Mon 25th Feb 19	INSET DAY
Tues 26th Feb 19	Children Return to School
Fri 5th Apr 19	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Tues 23rd Apr 19	Children Return to School
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd Jun 19	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun 19	Children Return to School
Sat 9th Jun 19	Association Summer Ball
Tues 23rd July 19	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th July 19	Occasional Day

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

Please remember dogs are not allowed on school property and please do not leave them unattended.

Enriching the Curriculum

Drama4ALL

The children in Reception and Years 1-3 were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) yesterday. They had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of [Circus Adventure](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Circus Adventure*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Circus Adventure* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Northgate Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Thursday 18th October.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting NOGA181018 or visit perform.org.uk to find out more.

Espresso Online

Espresso is an excellent resource we use in school. This can also be accessed online at home for homework help, games and even learning to code!

<https://online.espresso.co.uk/espresso/login/Authn/UserPassword>

Password: northgate

Username: student15775

Reception Classes

The local newspaper are coming into school next Tuesday, 2nd October to photograph our Reception children for their primary school article so watch out for it in the Bishop's Stortford Independent in the next few weeks.

Fortnite

We appreciate that Fortnite is very popular at the moment, however as it has an age rating of 12, it is not appropriate to be bringing the Fortnite magazines into school.

Happy Bags

The next Happy Bag clothes recycling collection will be on the morning of 19th October. The bags will be sent home soon in the children's book bags.

Football Kit

If your child or a child of someone you know played for the year 5/6 football team last year, we have a lot of football kit missing. They are very expensive to replace therefore we would be grateful for any help in recovering these. Thank you

School Association

The School Disco is on Friday, 19th October. The Foundation/KS1 disco is from 5.00pm - 6:15pm and the KS2 disco is from 6:45pm - 8.00pm. All tickets are £3. Hot food will be £2 per head - check out choices in next week's newsletter. Please help us make this a great event by volunteering your time - sign up at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z7C5Q53> Please find further information in the attached letters.

As a reminder, our fireworks night is on Friday 3rd November (yes, we know it's in half term!). Tickets will be going on sale in the next couple of weeks. We will be using an online ticketing site this year, although tickets will still be available at the school gate in the last week of the half term for those that prefer to purchase that way. The night will be sponsored by Russell Property this year so we thank them for their support. Many thanks. Louisa Piercy - PTA Chair

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Eliza	R1: Kai
PM: Oscar	R2: Ivy

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for contributing in inspirational maths by investigating, problem solving, asking questions and learning through mistakes.

Well done to:

Class 1: Elyse	Class 7: Eric
Class 2: Annie	Class 8: Kaysan
Class 3: Euan F	Class 9: Tom
Class 4: Curtis	Class 10: Liberty
Class 5: Martha	Class 11: Daniel M
Class 6: Isla H	Class 12: Sophia C

Our **Teamwork Tigers** this week, for helping groups of children solve maths problems were:
Tom (CL10) and Sienna (CL10)

Our house point winners this week were the **Romans**.

Reminders and Updates

Earrings

Please remember that all children need to remove their earrings on Monday before coming to school.

Absence

If you prefer to inform us of your child's absence by email please use the following email address:
absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Lost Property

Lost property is taken to the charity shop at the end of each month so if you have lost anything please check the boxes in the main Reception area.

Drum Lessons

If your child is interested in drum lessons after school on Thursdays, please let the office know.

Community

Cricket Coaching

As you may know the Hertfordshire and Essex Cricket Centre (HECC) provide cricket coaching throughout the year for children aged 6-18 year of age. Cricket not only develops young boys and girls cricketing ability but their physical, mental and personal development as well. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Family Yoga Workshop

The Bishop's Stortford Fit for Life Club invites your whole family to Markwell Pavilion for some fun fitness games this Saturday 29th September 2018, 11:15am to 12:15pm. No prior experience required. For further information, please see the attached flyer.

Child Wellbeing Summit

The Children's Wellbeing Summit for Adults is being held at the St Barnabas Centre on Saturday, 6th October. Please see the attached flyer for further information.