

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

June 18th 2021

Headteacher's News

With the government announcement on Monday night, we will now have to change some of our end of term arrangements. We are sadly unable to invite parents to our Sports' Day or the instrumental concerts.

We are currently finalising details and awaiting further advice from County for the Year 6 events and further details will follow.

In all primary schools it is now compulsory to teach relationships education. Our policy for relationships, health and sex education is on our website, setting out how we approach the subject.

The focus of relationships education in primary school is on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships and family relationships. Relationships education should support in helping to foster pupil wellbeing and develop resilience and character that we know are fundamental to pupils being happy, successful and productive members of society. From Nursery through to Year 6, pupils are taught how to take turns, how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect, the importance of honesty and truthfulness, permission seeking and giving, and the concept of personal privacy. Establishing personal space and boundaries, showing respect and understanding the differences between appropriate and inappropriate, or unsafe physical and other contact, are all part of children's learning. Some aspects are linked with RE and children reflect on family relationships, different family groups and friendship.

Health education teaches pupils about physical health and mental wellbeing, focusing on recognising the link between the two and being able to make healthy lifestyle choices. In our increasingly complex world, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way. Health education also creates an opportunity to enable pupils to be taught about positive emotional and mental wellbeing. This is also linked to PE.

The teaching of sex education is linked to the knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science. It teaches children how human reproduction occurs, including how a baby is conceived and born. Our sex education programme is tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. Parents and carers have the right to withdraw pupils from sex education but not from relationships or health education.

Our draft policy is shown [here](#) and if you have any comments please email: interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk by Friday 2nd July.

Many thanks.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Important Dates - 2020/21

21st-23rd June	Year 6 School Journey
Thurs 24th June	Year 4 Instrumental Concert (Recorded)
Fri 25th June	Pyjama Day
Thurs 1st July	Year 3 Instrumental Concert (Recorded)
Tues 6th July	Year 5/6 Performance - (details to be confirmed)
Thurs 8th July	Move Up Day
Fri 9th July	Sports Day
Tues 13th July	Outdoor Learning Day
Thurs 15th July	Take Over Day
Mon 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - (details to be confirmed)
Tues 20th July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Weds 21st July	INSET day
Thurs 22nd July	OCCASIONAL DAY
1st-2nd Sept	INSET DAYS
Fri 3rd Sept	Children Return to School

Fundraising for the RSPCA - Friday 25th June

This half term our School Council decided they would like to organise a fundraising day, as many charities have lost revenue this past year. They voted and the RSPCA came out as the preferred option.

On Friday 25th June the School Council would like everybody to come to school in pyjamas (including all staff!) and bring 50p.

There will also be a bake sale held for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children during break time. Cakes will be sold for 50p to £1. Please send your KS1 child in with a small amount of change to spend on the day

All the money raised will be sent to the RSPCA to help with buying new supplies for the animals for cleaning them, feeding them and curing injuries.

Safeguarding

Dangerous Parking

We have received a photograph from a resident of Carter Leys clearly showing a car parked entirely on the pavement at pick up time. We have been asked to remind parents that this is not acceptable at any time and there are residents in Carter Leys with double pushchairs who would be forced to use the road to pass by. Dangerous parking such as this is clearly unacceptable and we would remind you to respect our neighbours by parking considerately.

Aspects

Aspects have some FREE spaces available for their "Keeping Families Safe Online" workshop which will run on Thursday 24th June 2021. Please see the attached flyer for more information and to book your space.

Enriching the Curriculum - Wild Science

As part of Year 2's 'Wriggle and Crawl' topic this half term, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Wild Science.

They taught us about some invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians. We were able to hold some of the animals.

Here is Terry the Tarantula. He has bad eyesight so uses his hairs for sensing. 'I really liked holding the tarantula. I learnt that when a predator tries to get a tarantula, it has stinging hairs on its legs. It makes the predator very itchy!' Archie (C14)



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Emily J	R1: Apryl
	PM: Talia	R2: Teddy W

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Design and Technology

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for a thoughtful and careful design of a beautiful mask and for designing a fantastic game using mechanical movement:

Well done to:

Class 1: Joshua C	Class 7: Oscar
Class 2: Ladi	Class 8: Eva Mar
Class 3: James	Class 9: Hari
Class 4: Martha	Class 10: Alfie
Class 5: Ben	Class 11: Oliver
Class 6: Anya and Matthew	Class 12: Amalia

Year 6 - Crucial Crew

Virtual Crucial Crew

This week, Year 6 have been learning about how to keep themselves and others safe in a range of different contexts.

On Monday, Mrs Booth taught them the basics of first aid. They learnt, what happens when 999 is called, how to administer CPR and how to put someone in the recovery position. These are vital life skills, particularly in light of what happened during the Denmark v Finland match last weekend.



Reminders and Updates

Coats in School

Please could you send your child in with a coat on cooler or wet days. We had lots of children without coats in school during the recent wet days and children will still be allowed to play outside wherever possible.

Absence - Appointments Absence requests should be made at least 10 days in advance and preferably as soon as you know that you need to take your child out of school. Absences reported to us with less than 48 hours notice should be emailed to absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

Please could we ask you to provide us with as much notice as possible in order to cause the minimum amount of disruption to the class.

Change to Pick Up Arrangements Please send a note into class with your child to inform the teacher of a change to pick up.

Community News

Nature Day at the Gardens of Easton Lodge Sunday 27th June

Jono Forgham, local naturalist, will be there to lead bug hunts and Nature Walks, hopefully dissect owl pellets and show his Moths of the Day; there will also be a children's trail. Essex Bat Group and rescue bat, Norbert the noctule will join them, as well as the RSPB, Essex Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust.

Volunteers will be serving a selection of rolls, homemade cakes and hot and cold drinks. The Gardens will be open from 11.00am to 5.00pm.

Tickets costing £5.50 for adults (free for children) must be purchased in advance from [Trybooking.Com](https://www.trybooking.com) or can be found via the Gardens' website www.eastonlodge.co.uk and on their Facebook page.

THE
FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF
EASTON LODGE

Creative Theatre Academy will be starting Saturday morning theatre classes at Northgate Primary School from September 2021 and are running a summer school in the holidays.

The summer school will take on a similar format to the weekly classes where the children will write and perform a musical - nurturing individual creativity in singing, dancing, acting and writing.

A vibrant blue poster for a summer school. At the top left, a yellow balloon with 'CTA' on it is tied to a small figure hanging from a rope. A banner around the balloon reads 'CREATIVE THEATRE ACADEMY'. In the center, the words 'Summer School' are written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Below this, the text 'Bishops Stortford Northgate Primary School' is written in white with a black outline. Underneath, the dates '26th July - 30th July' are shown in white. The times 'Mon - Thurs 10am - 2pm' and 'Friday 10am-4pm' are listed in black. At the bottom, a paragraph of white text reads: 'Write a musical in one week and nurture your own individual creativity in singing, dancing, acting, writing and become part of a team of like-minded young creatives.' The background features a large, stylized white cloud and a yellow sun partially obscured by the cloud.

Summer School
**Bishops Stortford
Northgate Primary School**
26th July – 30th July
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Friday 10am-4pm
Write a musical in one week and nurture your
own individual creativity in singing, dancing,
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To book your space or for more information please visit:-

<http://creativetheatreacademy.com/>

or email Creative Theatre Academy on hello@creativetheatreacademy.com

Alternatively, if you have any questions, please contact Tom Veasey on 07929 844 245.