

March 8th 2019

## Headteacher's News

The children had a great time and all looked wonderful on Thursday for World Book Day. They listened to a range of stories and took part in different activities including character descriptions. Everyone will have come home with their book voucher to spend. If you are struggling to know what to read, a list of some suggested books can be found on our website in **Our Learning > English > Reading**. Year 5 had a visit from the author, J S Landor. The children were mesmerised and inspired as she explained the editing process and are looking forward to applying it to their writing. As a school we are trying to focus on extending the vocabulary children use in their writing so you can really support this by discussing interesting words and phrases in your child's reading book with them after they have read.

I hope you found the parent consultations useful and informative. If you have any feedback please email on [interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk)

Our current assembly theme is 'Politeness' where we will be emphasising the importance of manners.

Our Learning Powers help promote positive attitudes to learning and empower children so that they become responsible for their own learning. This half term is Reflective Learner Lion where we will be encouraging the children to make marvellous mistakes and reflect on them in order to improve their learning. Have a lovely weekend.

## World Book Day

We had a wonderful Book Day yesterday. It was lovely seeing a wide variety of book characters wandering around school. Hopefully you managed to see lots of the costumes during the parade. The children loved waiting to see which teacher would be next to run into their class and there was a lot of giggling as some very out of breath teachers tried to read stories.



## Important Dates

Mon 11th Mar	Happy School Bags
Mon 18th Mar	9.00am NNAM + Reception Reading with Parents
	2.50pm NNPM Reading with Parents
Tues 19th Mar	Year 4 Sea Life Trip
Wed 20th Mar	9.00am LKS2 Reading with Parents
Thurs 21st Mar	9.00am UKS2 Reading with Parents
Fri 22nd Mar	9.00am KS1 Reading with Parents
Tues 26th Mar	9.00am NNAM Worksharing
	2.50pm NNPM + Reception Worksharing
Wed 27th Mar	2.50pm Yr 3 Worksharing
Thurs 28th Mar	Yr 6 Instrumental Concert
	2.50pm Yr 5 Worksharing
Fri 29th Mar	2.45pm Yr 2 Worksharing
	2.50pm Yr 6 Worksharing
Mon 1st Apr	9.00am NNAM Mother's Day Breakfast
	3.00pm NNPM Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Tues 2nd Apr	9.00am Reception Mother's Day Breakfast
	2.45pm Yr 1 Worksharing
Wed 3rd Apr	2.15pm and 6.30pm Year 3/4 Show
Thurs 4th Apr	2.50pm Yr 4 Worksharing
Fri 5th Apr	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Tues 23rd Apr	Children Return to School
13th - 16th May	Year 6 SATs Week
22nd May	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd Jun	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun	Children Return to School
Sat 8th June	Association Summer Ball
10th—14th Jun	School Journey
11th Jul	Move Up Morning
Tues 23rd Jul	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th Jul	Occasional Day
Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep	INSET DAYS
Wed 4th Sep	Children Return to School
Mon 1st Jun 2020	INSET DAY

\*Red = New Item

## Safeguarding

Once again we have been contacted by neighbours with concerns regarding parking and lack of parents' attention to the children's safety when crossing roads. Please make sure you park and drive considerately at all times. Thank you

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Netball Tournament

Two teams of girls from Years 5 and 6 represented Northgate in a netball tournament against other schools in the area at Birchwood this morning.

The B team lost their games but played really well and were very unlucky. The A team reached the semi final but then sadly lost against St Andrews...**Eryn** (class 11) and **Eva** (class 12).

## Reminders and Updates

### Uniform

Smart black shoes should be worn, without flashing lights (or with the lights turned off). Children are not allowed to wear trainers, fashion shoes or boots in school.

### Nursery Applications

Applications for a Nursery place this September will be closing at **3.00pm on Friday, 15th March** so please make your application as soon as possible. You can do this by following the instructions below:

Applications are to be made on line. Please go to our school website at [www.northgate.herts.sch.uk](http://www.northgate.herts.sch.uk). Click on **Parent Information >**

**Admissions > Nursery Admissions**

On the Nursery Admissions page you will see the **Nursery Admissions Policy for September 2019** and the application form **Nursery Application Form 2019 – 2020**

Click on this link to launch the application form.

### School Gateway

We hope you have been getting on ok with the new way of paying on School Gateway.

We are pleased to see that use of School Gateway is steadily increasing and hope you are finding it easy to use.

### **We have a couple of tips for you:**

After you have paid for an item, or given consent, it will disappear from under the payments section.

To see what you have previously paid for you can visit the School Gateway website. If you click on Payment History at the top right hand corner, it will list all the payments you have made to date. You can then click on an item and it will show you full details. This feature is not available on the app.

Please note that for children in KS2 the School Lunch Payments is a permanent item which is available for you to make payment at any time.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

## School Association

### **IT'S DISCO NIGHT TONIGHT!**

Please write your child's name on their ticket, to speed up entrance. Children attending the KS1 Disco must be accompanied by an adult. If you are bringing younger siblings or non-Northgate children, please give their names to the volunteers at Reception.

For safety and safeguarding reasons, NO COATS, MOBILE PHONES OR CAMERAS are allowed at the KS2 Disco. Any phones/cameras found will be looked after by Mrs Tanner and handed to an adult at the end of the evening. Children attending the KS2 Disco must be collected by an adult.

Please also remember not to park in the Sports Club car park opposite as they have a function and may need to lock their gates.

Thank you

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Sienna	R1: Ruby
PM: Sasha	R2: Ellie

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their contribution, interest and enthusiasm in reading.

Well done to:

Class 1: Eden	Class 7: Jessie
Class 2: Martha	Class 8: Amber
Class 3: Eshaal	Class 9: Oliver
Class 4: Jasper	Class 10: William
Class 5: Oscar	Class 11: Fadlullah
Class 6: Edie	Class 12: Ruby

## SEND

**The Rhodes Arts Complex** is offering a relaxed performance of *The Tiger who Came to Tea* on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am. This performance is specifically designed to welcome people who will benefit from a more relaxed environment, including people on the Autistic Spectrum, or with sensory and communication difficulties or a learning disability and their families.

To book tickets or find out more information call the box office on 01279 710200.

**HAND SEND NEWS** is a free online newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people (0-25) with additional needs and disabilities and the professionals who work with them. The newsletter has information and advice for parents and carers, as well as courses, inclusive activities for children, support groups for parents, carers and young people and much more. Please go to <https://handsendnews.hertfordshire.gov.uk>

## Community

### **Are you considering a career in teaching?**

Leventhorpe School in Sawbridgeworth offer the opportunity to train to teach, leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Training takes place in one of our local schools, primary or secondary, where there are great job prospects after training is complete. Leventhorpe are holding a teacher training information evening on Tuesday, 12th March from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

### **Teacher Recruitment Fairs**

**Saturday 23rd March – Letchworth – all schools**

<http://bit.ly/ExhibitorBookingForm23rdMarch>

**Saturday 11th May – Cheshunt – all schools**

<http://bit.ly/ExhibitorBookingForm11thMay>

**Timing for all events will be 9:30am to 1:00pm**