

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

15th May 2020

Headteacher's News

Congratulations to Mrs Abblitt who gave birth to Emilia Rose earlier this week. Fabulous news! We are all delighted to hear they are both doing well.

This has been an immensely busy week for our leadership team and all the staff, with new guidance coming out daily, working on our plan for a phased return to school that will keep all our children and adults as safe as possible. Essential to this will be staggered start dates and times, part weeks, smaller class sizes, frequent handwashing, more outdoor learning and additional cleaning - all vital to implement social distancing and a safe return. If we all work in partnership, respecting the new guidelines, I am sure we can do this successfully.

We are currently putting together a Q&A document for parents about the return to school. In the meantime, if you have any specific questions that you would like to see included, please email us by 12pm on Tuesday 19th May using interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

We will send out details of our plan next week to the whole school community. This will be followed by a short survey to the parents of the children in the years to return first, as chosen by the Government (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6).

INSET DAY We are swapping the inset day from the 1st June to 22nd May, the Friday just prior to half term, which means that staff will not be setting work or logging onto eschools that day. Staff will be preparing the school in time for the proposed return of some classes on the 1st June.

Have a lovely weekend.

School Association

Congratulations to Rosa Etherington who was this month's 250 Club winner and pocketed over £500!

While schools remain closed and the future of fundraising events uncertain, we are grateful for your continued support of the 250 Club which provides us with a revenue stream for our regular annual contributions to the school. We still have numbers available if you would like to join. The more players we have, the bigger the jackpot and the more funds raised. To be in the next draw you need to have signed up and made your first payment by 20th May. The joining form and rules are attached to this newsletter.

Please contact ptanorthgate@gmail.com if you have any queries.

Celebration of Achievements

This week the teachers have chosen their **'Home Learners of the Week'**. Congratulations to:

Nursery	AM: Rosie	R1: Myla
	PM: Nicolas	R2: Eira
Class 1:	Sebastian F-D	Class 7: Ryan
Class 2:	Vito	Class 8: Violet
Class 3:	Annie	Class 9: Filip
Class 4:	Niamh	Class 10: Casey
Class 5:	Jasper	Class 11: Esme
Class 6:	Eva Mac	Class 12: Evangelene

This week's home learners of the week were praised for a brilliant 'Wild Thing' description, detailed geography work and completing home learning to a high standard.

Well done everyone!

Safeguarding

Road Safety

Whilst the roads have been much quieter, and thoughts of walking to school seem distant, it is likely that road safety hasn't been high up on the agenda. The local road safety officer has sent out lots of useful ways to teach road safety to your child, along with some colouring resources which they may enjoy. Please find several colouring and design sheets attached to this email, along with the following links which will aid road safety and active travel discussions while school is closed.

Twinkl is currently providing free access for parents (upon registration) and a range of road safety and active travel resources for all key stages can be found using the links below:

Twinkl 'bicycle safety'

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search?term=bicycle+safety>

Twinkl 'being active'

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search/being+active>

Twinkl 'road safety'

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search/road+safety>

The Department for Transport also offer a range of road safety education resources for each age group via the following link:
<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

Bikeability have a great guide to planning a family bike ride:

<https://bikeability.org.uk/cycle-more/family-cycling/planning-a-successful-family-cycle-ride/>

Wellbeing - Pastoral Lead

5 Ways to Wellbeing

1 - Connect - however it may be, talk to people. You are not alone. Send an email, talk to a neighbour over the fence (social distancing obviously!) or have a coffee and a Zoom or FaceTime chat.

2 - Get Active - I'm not suggesting you run a marathon but get your blood pumping, endorphins lift your mood...fact! So go for a walk, cycle, skip or scoot and just try to get your heart beating a little faster.

3 - Take Notice - just try and stop and smell the roses. Take 5 minutes (ok maybe just 2 - I know your children are at home so 5 minutes would be a luxury!) to just stop, take some deep breaths and feel your heart beat, feel what's under your feet and calm your mind.

4 - Keep Learning - I mean I guess we're all doing this with home schooling but learning does keep our brains healthy and the sense of achievement you get from learning something new lifts your mood. Now is a great time to say yes to the online quiz or listen to a podcast on a subject or topic you've always fancied learning more about.

5 - Give - I'm not saying to give money, but helping others is good for them and good for your mental wellbeing (unless it's trying to teach your child fractions....that's not good for anyone!) So give a smile next time you're out for a walk, it feels good when someone smiles back at you!

Keep going everyone.....you are doing great!



Home-School Gallery - Year 6

As a part of the Year 6 art project they have been inspired by the new Banksy and experimented with graffiti to portray different kinds of messages. They have also designed 'Extraordinary Dwellings' as a part of their descriptive writing in English.

Class 11

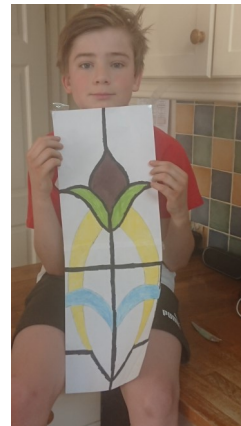


A wonderfully detailed painting by Sophie Belle.

Charlie has drawn this really creative Pop Art featuring the football boot of Agüero!



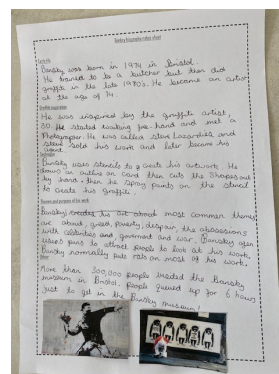
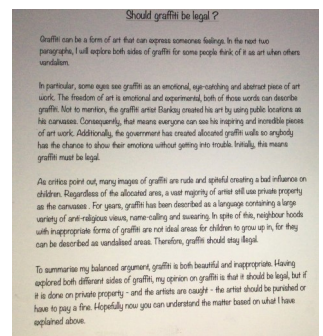
Well done to Sam on his carefully painted artwork.



Class 12

Annabel has written a very balanced argument on the subject of graffiti.

Sienna has been busy writing up a piece about Banksy's life, as well as creating her own piece of artwork.



Home School Activities

Art with Mrs Riggs

Mrs Riggs has made a lovely art video showing how to draw a beautiful tree. https://drive.google.com/open?id=17_P70YoW3kc8DCmxmSTGbNLFIXpCRry1 Please send in photographs of any completed pictures and we will put the best ones into next week's newsletter.

Northgate Special Video Message

We hope you received our special video message to the children earlier this week, letting them know we are missing them and hoping they are all ok. If you missed it or would like to see it again then please follow the link: https://youtu.be/8_UXFDxfceY

Reminders and Updates

Fosters Schoolwear have put together two videos to help parents and carers understand how to measure their children for school uniform and sports clothing which can be viewed via their [website](#). This will hopefully support the process of ordering children's uniform online as they don't currently have a confirmed re-opening date.

For up-to-date information regarding the shop re-opening, as well as their new social distancing processes and click and collect service, you can register to receive the Fosters newsletter on their website and follow them on their social media pages.

Great to see some really wonderful work - well done Year 6!