

March 15th 2024

Headteacher's News

The children loved the opportunity to share their learning with you this week with the maths games and work sharing. Sessions were intended to show how much learning can be embedded through games and we hope you came away with a few key things that you can do to support your child.

What tips can I use to help my child be successful at maths?

- Be positive, and talk about the ways you use mathematics every day.
- Point out the ways in which different family members use mathematics in their jobs and at home.
- Let your child know that everyone can learn mathematics.
- Praise your child when he or she makes an effort and understands something for the first time.
- Encourage your child to be persistent when a problem seems difficult.

Encouraging them with a positive mindset will support their future attainment.

Well done to some of Year 6 who shared their musical talents with their grown ups yesterday afternoon.

We look forward to welcoming the Year 3 and 4 parents for their performance of Porridge next week. Tickets have been sent home. Please note there is no space for school aged siblings in the evening performance.

We also look forward to the PTA book fair next Wednesday and the disco on Friday. See the next page for more details.

Have a good weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

This week parents in all year groups came in to play maths games with their children and then took the opportunity to look at their workbooks. Nursery sang a number song to parents which they are encouraged to carry this on at home. Reception played number games such as the race to ten, where the dice is rolled and blocks are stacked up accordingly, the first to ten is the winner. Other years played games that reinforced telling the time on a clock and snakes and ladders with a difference! The dice is thrown and the player moves to the relevant square which contains a times table. If the player keeps answering correctly, they keep playing. Other activities included some problem solving tasks, such as magic squares, and games reinforcing times tables. The atmosphere was wonderful and we received positive feedback from adults who attended the event! Thank you for your support.



Important Dates

Mon 11th Mar	9am Y5 & 6 maths games/work sharing with parents
Tues 12th Mar	9am Nursery & Reception maths games/work sharing with parents
Wed 13th Mar	9am Y1 & 2 maths games/work sharing with parents
Thurs 14th Mar	9am Nursery & Y3 & 4 maths games/work sharing with parents
Thurs 14th Mar	2.40pm Y6 spring music concert
Wed 20th Mar	PTA Book Fair
Wed 20th Mar	Nursery Easter craft day
Thurs 21st Mar	Y3 & 4 production
Thurs 21st Mar	KS2 charity cake sale.
Friday 22nd Mar	Reception & KS1 charity cake sale.
Friday 22nd Mar	School Disco
Wk beg 25th Mar	House cross country final
Wk beg 25th Mar	Science week and house science quiz
Fri 22nd Mar	Y3 Trip to Colchester Castle
Tues 26th Mar	Last day of term for Nursery
Thurs 28th Mar	2pm Last day of term
29th Mar—12th April	Easter break
Mon 15th April	Start of term
April (TBC)	PTA Quiz Night at The Belgian Brewer
Thurs 25th April	2.30pm Y5 Music concert
Thurs 9th May	2.30pm Y4 Music concert
Fri 10th May	2pm PTA committee meeting
13th—16th May	Y6 SATS
Mon 20th May	Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew
Thurs 23rd May	2.30pm Y3 Music concert
27th—31st May	Half Term
Mon 3rd June	Inset Day
W/C 3rd June	Y4 National multiplication assessments
3rd—7th June	Y6 School Journey, Kingswood
Sat 8th June	PTA Summer Fayre
W/C 10th June	PTA Father's Day Shop
Mon 10th June	Y1 National phonics, screening.
Mon 10th June	Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony
Thurs 13th June	Visit from Herts & Essex Music Group
Fri 14th June	Y5 Egyptian workshop
Thurs 20th June	Visit from Woodwind Stortford
Fri 21st June	Y2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
Fri 5th July	PTA Sports Day After Party & Colour Run
W/C 15th July	PTA Ice Cream Sales
Fri 19th July	PTA Break the Rules Day
Fri 19th July	2pm Last Day of Term
2nd & 3rd Sept	Inset days
Wed 4th Sept	First day of the school year

Safeguarding

NSPCC have a website that supports parents in keeping their children safe. This covers areas such as, early parenting advice, managing family life, children's friends and relationships, staying safe online and much more. Please click below for more details.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

If you are worried about a child, you can contact the NSPCC for advice from a children protection specialist.

Email: help@nspcc.org.uk Phone: 08088005000

Enriching the Curriculum



In French, Years 3 and 4 have been making "jeu du coin coin" (chatterboxes) as an enjoyable way to practise their French conversational skills. In Year 3, their creations focussed on French colours, numbers and in "getting to know you" questions. In year 4, they used them to find out the favourite colours and animals of their classmates whilst practising their French alphabet. When your child brings theirs home, we hope you will enjoy helping them practise speaking French in this fun way.

On Thursday, Year 6 performed for parents at their spring music concert. Class 11 played a rendition of "Old Macdonald" and Class 12 "Two Birds" on the recorder. You could tell they had been practicing at home! Holly, Luca, Toby, Vishu, and Susie played solo pieces on the piano. Susie and Stanley played the saxophone, Alexandra, Mila and Vishu sung beautifully and Jackson played the drums. All the children were brilliant and parents were heard commenting on the way out about how wonderful their performances were! Well done children.



Due to their fantastic progress in reading, twelve children were selected, as a reward, to go on a short trip to Elm View Care Home today with Mrs Rogers and Mrs Tedder. The residents listened to the children reading their current books and everyone discussed what books they liked to read.



Afterwards they all had a drink and a biscuit before returning back to school. The residents were very impressed with how articulate and well behaved our children were.

Sport

Yesterday, after school the Gold, Silver B and an our girls team played matches at the Bishop Stortford College and gave the following accounts.

"We played their gold team. It didn't start well. Even though we put up a good fight, the other team were really good at passing and getting past our players. They scored one goal in first half and then four in second. We pushed through and Freddie C scored a goal from the corner flag with my assistance". By Harry from the Gold team.

"The Silver B team drew 2-2. The opposition played really well in the first half scoring twice. We had to play catch up after that, with William and Finley both scoring. I saved three goals that came right at me. We were pretty much evenly matched." By Harry

"The girls team won 8-0, this included Dilys who scored one goal, Matilda who scored another and Arabella who scored two goals. The colleges defence was not great, so we managed to get past them on many occasions. They did have a few shots at goal but Susie saved them all! They were a good team to play with." By Niamh.

Reminders and notices

Cake sale

Vishu, Eden, Milly, Tallulah, Lottie, Elizabeth and Hollie in Year 6 are running a charity cake sale on Thursday 21st March for KS2 and Friday 22nd March for Reception and KS1. This is to raise money for ARC an animal rescue charity. Tasty treats will range from 80p to £1.50 and purchases will be limited to four per child. Cash only please.

Easter Holiday Club

Sportscool are running an Easter holiday club. A leaflet will be distributed in your child's book bag today. Please note there is a 'happy programme code' which provides free places for some families.

Celebration of Achievements

Nursery: Ollie (from last week), Ethan and Amelia.

R1: George R2: Emilie

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on "Writing".

Well done for: writing a brilliant persuasive letter using ambitious vocabulary and formal language, huge improvements in their writing and a attitude towards improving, writing a fantastic letter to Wild persuading her to return to the forest, making an effort to include challenging vocabulary and details, developing their editing skills, particularly when adding conjunctions and relative clauses.

Class 1: Taurus

Class 2: Chloe

Class 3: Sophia

Class 4: Varhin

Class 5: Iris

Class 6: Leto

Class 7: Hugo

Class 8: Felix

Class 9: Ruby

Class10: Olivia

Class 11: Harry

Class 12: Matthew

Easter Packs

Northgate would like to offer some of our families the opportunity to have a small art and activity pack provided for them with a few bits to occupy busy minds over the school holidays. We appreciate, in the current cost of living crisis, the cost of days out and endless activities for children over the holidays can all mount up.

If you feel you would benefit from this, please email Mrs Ferdinand on Suzanne.ferdinand@northgate.herts.sch.uk by Friday 22nd March with your child's name and which pack you would like. There will be Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 packs available.

Northgate School Association

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming to Northgate Primary School on Wednesday 20th March at school pick up! An opportunity to spend your World Book Day vouchers whilst earning books for our school. Lots of fab deals available!

Please find us on the KS1 playground at 3.15pm. Please note we can take cash and card!

School Disco

Our School Discos are taking place on Friday 22nd March. Digital Pocahontas will be on the decks, we have hot dogs and pizza (must order in advance), glitter tattoos plus sweets and chocolates galore at the tuck shop.

EYFS/KS1 Disco- 5pm - 6.15pm (parents must stay). Tickets for entrance and hot food are available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-nozlpkz>. All tickets must be bought in advance.

KS2 Disco- 6.45pm - 8pm (no parents)

Tickets for entrance and hot food are available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-moagmqr>.

All tickets must be bought in advance.

As always, we can't deliver our events without the help and support from parents/carers. Please sign up using the following link to volunteer at the discos. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-48570913-disco>

**Hope you all have a relaxing weekend.
Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team**