

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

May 28th 2021

Headteacher's News

We have ended the half term developing everyone's creative skills. Well done to Year 3 and 4 for their wonderful production of Pirates vs Mermaids. They all did an amazing job with their singing, acting and dancing, even without an audience. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in producing the show and thanks to all the parents for providing the costumes.



We have had two wonderful Design and Technology days where the children have had the opportunity to investigate, design and make models. Classes focused on aspects of DT that they missed due to the national lockdowns. The children displayed fantastic creative skills and enjoyed working with others to make some fantastic finished products. Please see some of the children's amazing work on the next page. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have helped the classes with their projects.

The children have worked hard this term to adjust to life back at school and I think really deserve a well earned rest. I hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 8th June.

Safeguarding

Bishop's Stortford Cricket Club Please be reminded that the Cricket Club are concerned about safety of our pupils, including climbing up the sight screens and running across the car park. **Please be reminded that if you are using their grounds and club, to respect the rules that they have in place.**

Sun Cream Following a chilly, wet spring, we are looking forward to the prospect of sunnier days ahead. Please ensure your child wears sun cream when they return to school after half term. Sun hats should also be brought into school to wear on sunny days.

School Council

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 held meetings with their classes to generate ideas – a range were suggested - toy day, Disney day, outdoor day, computing day and many more. School council then voted on having a pyjama day as it was fun but also easy to organise. They also discussed with their classes which charity they could raise money for. The top three that were suggested were Cancer Research, Shelter and RSPCA. School council voted and the RSPCA came out as the preferred option. So on Friday 25th June, School Council would like everybody to come to school in Pyjamas (including all staff!) and bring 50p. All the money raised will be sent to the RSPCA.

Important Dates - 2020/21

31st May-4th Jun

Mon 7th June

Tues 8th June

21st-23rd June

Thurs 24th June

Fri 25th June

Thurs 1st July

Tues 6th July

Thurs 8th July

Fri 9th July

Tues 13th July

Thurs 15th July

Mon 19th July

Tues 20th July

Weds 21st July

Thurs 22nd July

1st-2nd Sept

May Half Term

INSET DAY

Children Return to School

Year 6 School Journey

Year 4 Instrumental Concert

Pyjama Day - School Council

Year 3 Instrumental Concert

Year 5/6 Performance

Move Up Day

Sports Day (details to be confirmed)

Outdoor Learning Day

Take Over Day

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

End of Term at 2.00pm

INSET day

OCCASIONAL DAY

INSET DAYS

Year 5 - Fundraising for Namutumba School

Afternoon Tea

This half-term our topic in year 5 has been Northgate to Namutumba where we have been learning about Uganda in geography. We have compared climates, looked at the different biomes in Africa and at urban and rural areas of Uganda. As part of our DT project, we created an afternoon tea in a box to raise money for our link school in



Namutumba. To do this we baked Victoria Sandwiches and



made a variety of sandwiches. Year 5 parents were able to order a box and we managed to raise over £300.

Thank you to all the parents for their support.

Cake Sale

Alfie, Grace, Bella and Molly from Class 9 held a fabulous bake sale today in aid of Namutumba, our link school in Uganda. The friends worked hard to make lots of cakes, including gluten and dairy free options and sold them at

break time. Well done to everyone involved!



Enriching the Curriculum - EYFS/KS1 DT



Nursery have been busy creating all things 'outer space'.

R1 and R2 enjoyed making cylindrical rockets and salt dough aliens.



Class 1 were learning to peel and prepare carrots along with lots of different fruits.

Class 2 have been preparing tropical fruit and making fruit kebabs



Class 3 have spent their DT days making moving vehicles.



Class 4 have been using a saw to cut dowel for moving vehicles



Enriching the Curriculum - KS2 DT



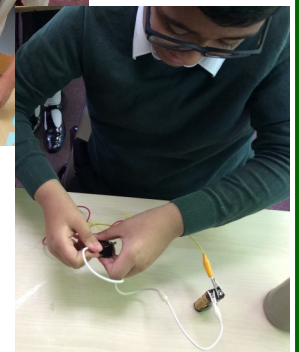
Class 5 and Class 6 have been making finger puppets.



Class 7 and Class 8 have been making Viking themed moving toys with a cam.



Class 9 and Class 10 working on electrical circuits for their desert buggy



Class 11 and Class 12 have been making their dia de muertos modrock 'sugar skulls'.



Enriching the Curriculum - Music Lessons

Instrumental Music Lessons

At this time of year, we would usually have visits from Music For Schools Foundation, a charity which aims to make music lessons more accessible and affordable for families. The instruments offered are: clarinet, flute, cornet (from Year 3), trumpet and alto saxophone (from Year 5). An instrument package is offered in order to enable younger children to use a suitable instrument for their size and physical capabilities, for example a mini-clarinet and curved head flute.

Lessons can be individual or small group, depending on uptake and usually take place at the end of the school day. If your child is in Year 2 or above and you would like to book instrumental lessons for next academic year, further information is available at mfsf.org.uk. MFSF's mission is to make music accessible to all, and therefore offer a number of children lessons at a reduced rate, according to eligibility criteria; please contact them for more information.

Instrumental lessons for a wider range of instruments and opportunities to play in ensembles for instrumentalists of different standards are also available from the Hertfordshire Music Service, taking place at Birchwood High School. Further information can be found at Herts Music Service

Mrs Newman



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Matilda	R1: Rafael
	PM: Hepzibah	R2: Lucas

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on music

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their fantastic contribution to the instrumental concert and enthusiasm in music lessons.

Well done to:

Class 1: Ailbhe	Class 7: Matilda
Class 2: Alexis	Class 8: Kiki
Class 3: Jack	Class 9: Aleya
Class 4: Marco	Class 10: Tristan
Class 5: Anabella	Class 11: Bede & Ena
Class 6: Tahsin & Vaishnavi	Class 12: Isla

Northgate School Association

Congratulations to Hannah Macfie who is the winner of this month's 250 Club draw and will be pocketing £512. What a great start to the half term holiday for Hannah!

At last the sunshine is peeking through so we are hopeful that the remainder of the summer term will actually be summery! While events are still difficult, we hope to bring a few ice cream sales to the playground soon. Please also keep an eye out for details of our Father's Day shop!

Wishing you all a lovely half term break. Your PTA



Summer School

Bishops Stortford Northgate Primary School

26th July – 30th July
Mon – Thurs 10am - 2pm
Friday 10am-4pm

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.

To book your space now or for more information please visit:-

<http://creativetheatreacademy.com/> or email Creative Theatre Academy on hello@creativetheatreacademy.com