

# Northgate Primary School

## Newsletter

October 12th 2018

### Headteacher's News

It was great to see so many parents at our EYFS and KS1 assemblies this week. The children love the opportunity to share their learning. Harvest is also a time to think of people less fortunate than us and we thank everyone for the donations for the Bishop's Stortford Foodbank.



It was also good to see so many parents at the Phonics Workshops in Reception and at our Upper Key Stage 2 Curriculum Evening last night. A variety of workshops were run, including on grammar terms and how we teach some of the more challenging mathematical content we cover. We hope you found the event useful. If you would like to give feedback on any parent information sessions please email [interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk). Parents have asked for access to some of the resources that we used. We will keep you informed when these are available.

I would like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to help organise these events.

### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place on Tuesday, 6th November from 3.30pm to 6.00pm and Wednesday, 7th November from 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

Please can **Class 7's** appointments be booked with Mrs Gavin, to avoid duplication, however Miss Ward will also be at the Wednesday appointments with Mrs Gavin.

Please can Class 12's appointments be booked with Mrs Clynes to avoid duplication, however Mrs Crumpler will also be at all appointments.

The booking system on eSchools will open at 6.00pm next Friday, 19th October and will close on Tuesday, 23rd October.

Miss Harding will also be available for SEN appointments on Tuesday, 6th November and Wednesday, 7th November.

Miss Greaves will be offering appointments for the children she teaches in Year 6 and these can be booked through the school office.

### Important Dates

Fri 19th Oct	School Discos 5.00-6.15pm EYFS & KS1 6.45-8.00pm KS2
Tues 23rd Oct	Individual School Photos
Wed 24th Oct	Reception-Year 5 Flu Immunisation
Wed 24th Oct	<b>11.15am</b> Nursery phonics with parents <b>2.45pm</b> Nursery phonics with parents
Thurs 25th Oct	9.30am Potential Parent Tour
25th/26th Oct	Black History Day
<b>Half term</b>	<b>29th Oct - 2nd Nov 2019</b>
Fri 2nd Nov	Association Fireworks Night
<b>Mon 5th Nov</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 6th Nov</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Tues 6th Nov	Year 2 Pirate Day
<b>Tues 6th Nov</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>Wed 7th Nov</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>Fri 9th Nov</b>	<b>11.00am Potential Parent Tour</b>
Wed 14th Nov	2.45pm Yr 2 Spelling & Phonics
Thurs 15th Nov	2.45pm Yr 1 Spelling & Phonics
Tues 4th Dec	10am and 2pm Nursery/Little Ladybirds Xmas Concert
Thurs 6th Dec	2pm Reception Xmas Concert
Sat 8th Dec	Christmas Market
Fri 21st Dec	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Mon 7th Jan 19	Children Return to School
Half Term	18th - 22nd Feb 19
Mon 25th Feb 19	INSET DAY
Tues 26th Feb 19	Children Return to School
Fri 5th Apr 19	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Tues 23rd Apr 19	Children Return to School
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd Jun 19	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun 19	Children Return to School
Sat 9th Jun 19	Association Summer Ball
Tues 23rd July 19	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th July 19	Occasional Day

\*Red = New Item

### Safeguarding

Please remind your children, including pre-schoolers, that they are not permitted to scoot or cycle on school premises. The entrance area is extremely busy in the morning and we do not wish to have any accidents. Also, please do **NOT** walk your children through the staff car park as this is very dangerous. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

### Year 5 Imperial War Museum Trip

On Monday, Year 5 visited the Imperial War Museum as part of their WW2 topic. "I really enjoyed the museum because there were lots of interesting things to do and see. I liked going inside the Anderson shelter and answering the questions we were given" ...**Esme** (class 9). "I enjoyed seeing real WW2 uniform and the gear. I am enjoying our topic!" ...**Fin** (class 9).



### Enriching the Curriculum

#### Birchwood Games

On 28th September Year 3 took part in the Birchwood games where they all had great fun trying lots of new sports. "I liked how we did all different activities. Hip hop was my favourite" ...**Lara** (class 5) "I liked the dodgeball because we played lots of different games" ... **Grace** (class 5)



#### Football

Last week Northgate played football against Manor Fields. "Manor Fields had a very quick start against the Gold Team, scoring 2 early goals in the first half. Northgate didn't give up and kept fighting for a way forward. Eventually, we pushed up and Thomas put the ball in the left side of the goal to bring the score 2-1. Another goal came from Archie who slotted it in the bottom corner for the equaliser. In the second half both sides were pushing for a goal and shot after shot was saved. We would like to give Man of the Match to Archie for having an amazing game and getting the equaliser" ... **Evan** and **Jack** (class 11).

The Silver Team played Windhill and won 1-1. We all enjoyed it thoroughly and in the first half we scored 3 goals. At this point it was 3-0. In the second half we scored another goal and annoyingly, with 2 minutes left, Windhill sneaked a final goal. Thank you for listening...**Huey** (class 12).

#### Tri-Golf

Northgate came 6th out of 10 schools at the Tri-Golf competition held at Birchwood yesterday. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and demonstrated excellent technique and teamwork. The children who took part were: Amber E, Ruby B, Georgina B, Zoe H, Ena M, Oliver S, Bede P, Will C, James W and James M.



### School Association

#### Disco

URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS - we need about 20 more parents to help out at the discos next week. If we don't get this, then we may have to cancel the whole event - or at least cancel the hot food. This would be a great shame & very disappointing for the children. Please don't wait for someone else to do it - we need YOU. Tickets go on sale in the playground on Monday morning, priced at £3. Hot food (hot dogs or pizza, served with chips) available to pre-order at £2.

### Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Eira R1: Sidney  
PM: Erin R2: Beatrix

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their diplomatic skills, showing patience and compromise.

Well done to:

Class 1: Freya	Class 7: Imogen
Class 2: Max	Class 8: Whole Class
Class 3: Grace	Class 9: Jacob
Class 4: Mac	Class 10: Amber
Class 5: Noah	Class 11: Ethan
Class 6: Finley	Class 12: Lily

Our **Teamwork Tigers** this week were praised for working well in their groups.

These included Thomas and Teddy (R1).

Our house point winners this week were the **Romans**.

### Reminders and Updates

#### SECONDARY TRANSFER 2019

**Year 6** parents please remember that applications need to be made by 31st October 2018 and they can be made at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

#### Year 6 Cake Sale

Some children from year 6 held a cake sale at break time last week and raised a fantastic £200 for Animal Rescue Centre in Bishop's Stortford.

#### Absence

If your child is off sick please call the absence line by 9.00am. If you prefer, please email [absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk).

If your child has a medical appointment please write a note for the teacher before the day of the appointment and if the appointment means your child will miss morning registration you also need to let school know their meal choice.

#### Happy Sacks

There will be a Happy Bags clothes recycling collection next Friday, 19th October at 10.30am. The bags will be sent home with the children on Monday. Filled bags can be left in the bike shelter on or before next Friday morning.

### Community

Aspects are running the following workshops. For further information, please see the attached flyers.

#### Incredible Kids Workshops

Their Incredible Kids Workshops are fun and interactive, focusing on areas such as self-esteem, building resilience, mental health and well-being, and emotional regulation so children can feel confident emotionally.

#### Sleep Matters Workshop

Their Sleep Matters workshop is an interactive parenting workshop which allows you to explore areas around sleep and techniques to use in parenting.