

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

July 15th 2022

Headteacher's News

We hope your child enjoyed meeting their new teacher this week. Parents will have the opportunity to meet them at 'Meet the Teacher'. Please see the Important Dates list to find out the timings of these.

We have had tremendous support from so many volunteers this year that has really benefitted the children's education so would like to thank all those who have regularly given up their time with a **Volunteers Coffee Morning** - next **Tuesday 18th July at 9:00am**. We hope you can make it!

A huge congratulations to all our Year 6 children who did extremely well in their end of Key Stage assessments. We had 90% achieve age related expectation (ARE) in maths and 83% achieving ARE in reading. This fantastic result is a reflection of the hard work and positive learning attitude Year 6 have shown throughout the year. We are extremely proud of them all, particularly with the last 2 years of disrupted education.

International Week has been a great success this week with the children increasing their geographical understanding of countries of the Commonwealth. There has also been emphasis on gaining an understanding of diversity in sport through our seated volleyball house event. Thanks to the staff for organising the event.

Next week is our last week—and we know we are expecting extreme heat. Therefore, all children (including those on trips) may wear their school PE kit if it is cooler than their uniform.

Please ensure they all have a sunhat and suncream. We will ensure they are not out in the sunshine for too long and when outside, use the shaded areas. We finish at 2pm on Thursday 21st July.

Have a lovely and safe weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

International week Bollywood dancers

What a brilliant week we have had this week! The children have loved discovering new information and learning about the human and physical geography of a country from The Commonwealth. All children also did a piece of writing about their country.

As well as learning about their chosen country, we have also had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a Bollywood dancing workshop which was a real highlight of the week! All the children had great fun learning a range of dance moves. The children were praised for their wonderful behaviour and attitudes.

Important Dates - 2021/22

Mon 18th July	Art Day
W/cm 18th July	PTA Ice Cream Sales
Mon 18th July	Year 5 trip to Rye Meads Nature Reserve.
Mon 18th July	Year 4 trip to Mountfitchet Castle and Norman village.
Tues 19th July	Take Over Day
	Volunteers Coffee Morning 9:00am
Weds 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:00am
Weds 20th July	Rebekah Green fitness circuit and talk.
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at 2:00pm
1st-2nd Sept	INSET DAYS
Monday 5th Sept	Children Return to School
Meet the teacher dates	
Friday 9th Sept	Y6 2:45am
Tuesday 13th Sept	Y4 9:00am
Wed 14th Sept	Y1 9:00am
	Y5 2:45pm
Thur 15th Sept	Y3 2:45pm
Fri 16th Sept	Y2 9:00am
Tues 20th Sept	R 2:45pm
Wed 21st Sept	N am 11:00am
	N pm 2:45pm
*Red = New Item / Change to Item	

Enriching the Curriculum

On Monday 11th July Year 5 had Egyptian day. They learnt about the history of Ancient Egypt including looking at artefacts such as amulets and mummy bandages. They experienced playing an Egyptian board game which was a bit like snakes and ladders and were shown how Egyptians counted and measured things. In the afternoon, they role played how a pharaoh lived and was mummified.

"It was very interesting and a fascinating experience" George

"It was very cool seeing how Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs get mummified." Harry



Safeguarding

Contact Details In case of an emergency, we must ensure we have up-to-date contact details on file. A [form](#) is available on the school website for you to update your details and to inform us of any changes to your email address, mobile phone number, address etc. Many thanks.

Enriching the curriculum

As the Commonwealth Games are being held in Birmingham this year, the children have been learning about some of the events that take place there and some of the records achieved. All children have completed their own Perry sporting challenges each day linked to the events completed at the games and today all children took part in a seated volleyball house competition, which the Normans won.

Our International week ended with our Market Place on the playground. Each class have worked hard to produce an item based around their country to sell to grown ups and the money raised will be donated to charity raising money for Ukraine. Thank you for your generous donations. The total raised will be announced in our final newsletter.

Congratulations to our House Cup Winners

2021/22 House Cup Winners: Normans (celebrate with break the rules day Tuesday 19th July. They can break 2 school rules eg coloured hair accessories , a different coloured t-shirt, ear-rings, nail varnish).

Summer Term House Cup Winners: Romans (celebrate with own clothes day Tuesday 19th July)

Reminders

Guided reading

There is no guided reading next week. Thank you to all the parents who have supported with this over the year. It has made a big difference to the children. We have our Volunteers Coffee Morning on Tuesday morning at 9:00am.

Library Books

Please return all library books ASAP. As you know, books are very expensive and unfortunately, due to the number lost or damaged last year, we will ask for a £5.00 donation towards any unreturned books. We currently have 78 books missing so please make sure your child has a good look for any that may still need returning to school.

Dinner money

Please ensure that all dinner debts are cleared at the end of the term. Any credits will be forwarded on to next year.

Earrings

It is Northgate's policy that earrings must not be worn in school. If your child is having their ears pierced over the summer, we suggest they have them pierced early in the summer holidays. To help ensure they are ready to remove earrings for the start of the autumn term, we are allowing children to come into school with newly pierced covered earrings on next week as we have no outdoor lessons. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Lost Property

We have received many new items of lost property. If you have lost anything please go to the school office. All lost property will be removed from the boxes in the main reception area at the end of term and will be sent to a charity shop.

Food Bank

Thanks again for your generous donations. We will continue collecting for the food bank until the end of term. Please drop off any donations to the box in the foyer by the office.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Anaaya

R1: Charlie

R2: Willow



This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on Art KS2. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their work including their creativity and precise detail.

Well done to:

Class 1: Lucas S

Class 7: Toby

Class 2: George

Class 8: Millie

Class 3: Max

Class 9: Amelie

Class 4: Ailbhe

Class 10: Jasper M and Oscar

Class 5: William

Class 11: Megan

Class 6: Harry

Class 12: Jayden

Parent Teacher Association

Ice Cream Sales

As you can see, we have organised the hot weather just in time for our ice cream sales! Ice creams are available next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please see attached poster.

250 Club

Congratulations to this month's winner Melodie Towse, a cheque is on its way to you shortly!

Stikins Name Labels

Please remember to order your name tags for your children's school uniform. Labels can be ordered from Stikins at www.stikins.co.uk using the school fundraising number **14587**. The Northgate School Association receives commission for each order.

Thank you

A massive thank you for all your support of the PTA this year. Taking over the role of Co-Chairs was rather daunting in November 2021, but as a team we have been able to run a number of amazing events for the kids and our wider community raising large sums of money for our school. Since we've been in the chair, we have raised money for the following:

KS2 Pantomime and Refreshments * Sports and Play Equipment * EYFS Ducklings * EYFS and KS1 Pantomime/ Christmas Activity * £2000 worth of books * EYFS Picture Books * Christmas dinner crackers and squash * Year 1 Equipment * School Enrichment Weeks (£1000 each) * Laptops * Year 6 Leavers Photo Booth * Festival of Literature * Diversity Books

And we've allocated £10,000 to our new Music Room coming shortly!

What a difference we have all made, thank you! Without the PTA, the school wouldn't be able to provide these additional resources. THANK YOU!

PTA events are fun; we ensure that they are! We would love to welcome any parent to the team to help and support us.

Our next event will be Fireworks Night on 4th November, so please put the date in your diary and come and join us! Hope you have the most amazing summer.

Your PTA Co-Chairs, Geri Wren and Jo Parrott