

September 23rd 2022

Headteacher's News

We hope that you found the 'Foundation Stage Meet the Teacher' sessions informative and that the Year 1 phonics session was useful. Next week there will be a multiplication workshop for year 3 and 4 parents. Year 4 will take part a national multiplication assessment at the start of next year. At Northgate, we value giving the children opportunities to be involved in many different roles across the school in order to help them learn a variety of skills, including responsibility and organisation. Key roles in Year 6 are the House and Vice Captains, who carry out different jobs throughout the year and across the school. To appoint the House Captains two methods were used. The staff voted based on who has consistently modelled the school code in terms of behaviour, attitude and work ethic. The children also wrote and delivered a short speech to the senior leadership team highlighting their attributes and experience to make them a successful House Captain. The leadership team were truly blown away with the children—they all delivered their speech with confidence, giving wonderful examples of how they had been an active member of the Northgate community and how they had developed their leadership and teamwork skills. It was a very close run competition with so many strong candidates. Winners can be seen with other leadership roles on the next page. Well done to everyone who took part! Children also voted for some of the other leadership positions this week including the school council. Have a lovely weekend!

Enriching the Curriculum

Reading corners

Thank you so much to the PTA for their generous donations towards our class book corners! Teachers have been busy over the holidays creating lovely, inviting spaces where the children can come and enjoy reading. These areas all have comfy seating, cosy spaces and a wide selection of high-quality books. Books have been categorised so that children can select them more easily. Please encourage your child to read at home as much as possible, and record this in their reading diaries. In addition to improving your child's reading skills, this also benefits their concentration, social skills, communication skills and imagination. Comics can be a great way to encourage our more reluctant readers, and the Bishop's Stortford Library has a wide selection.



Nursery

Over the last few weeks, the youngest pupils of Northgate have been forming new friendships with other children; learning to compromise and share the learning toys. All the children in Nursery have settled extremely well and are enjoying their topic of 'All About Me'.



Year 2

Year 2 started their Science topic - Living Things and their Habitats. They have classified and grouped items based on whether they are alive, dead or non living. The children enjoyed hunting for objects outside. This week they played a game where they sorted animals into the correct habitats. The teachers have been impressed with all of the scientific knowledge that the children have shared!

Statements from Class 12 pupils regarding their experience at the beginning of term.

'The first few weeks back at Northgate have been very normal. It has been easy to settle into our new classes with new teachers'. **Isabella**

'The new school year has come round with a flourish, bringing new topics and excitement and creating a peaceful happy time for learning'. **Eva**

Important Dates

Mon 26th Sep	9.00am Volunteer Safeguarding Training
Mon 26th Sep	7.30pm PTA Committee Meeting
Tues 27th Sep	Year 3 and 4 Times table workshop
Fri 30th Sep	9.00am Reception phonics workshop
Fri 30th Sep	9.30am PTA coffee morning
Wed 5th Oct	R-Y6 Flu immunisations
Wed 5th Oct	9.00am Reception Harvest assembly (Parents in)
Wed 5th Oct	2.45pm KS2 Harvest assembly (no Parents)
Fri 7th Oct	9.00am KS1 Harvest assembly (Parents in)
W/c Mon 10th Oct	Reading with parents
	Nursery— Mon 9:05 & Fri 2:45
	Reception —Mon 9.05
	Year 1 & 2 —Tues 9.05
	Year 3 & 4 —Wed 9.05
	Year 5 & 6 —Thurs 9.05
Fri 14th Oct	Black history day
Mon 17th Oct	6.45pm--8.00pm Y5/6 Parent info Evening
Thurs 18th Oct	9.00am Year 2 Learning support
Fri 21st Oct	RE day
24th—28th Oct	Half Term
31st Oct	INSET DAY
1st-4th Nov	Well-being week
Fri 4th Nov	PTA Fireworks
8th/9th Nov	Parent consultations
8th/10th Nov	Class 3 (Not Y2) Parent consultations
Mon 9th Nov	Individual photos
Fri 11th Nov	Final of house science quiz
Mon 14th Nov	7.30pm Northgate PTA AGM meeting
Wed 7th Dec	9.15am & 2.30pm Reception Christmas production
Tue 13th Dec	2.30pm & 5.30pm KS1 Christmas production
Tues 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th Dec	R & KS1 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 15th Dec	KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Tues 20th Dec	9.00am Volunteer coffee morning
Tues 20th Dec	Northgate's Got Talent
Wed 21st Dec	Break the Rules Day
Wed 21st Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Online safety:

Phones and smart watches must not be brought into school. Any that are (under exceptional circumstances) must be handed into the class teacher at the start of the day and are brought in at your own risk. Last year we had a incident where a child was taking pictures of others without permission on their smart watch.

House Captains

Well done to the new house captains in year 6

Romans	Vikings	Normans	Saxons
Meriel	Isabella	Eva Mac	Jasper W
Eva M	Emily	Ewan	Kiki
William	Santa	Sakeena	Felicity
Eshaal	Tommy	Yoana	Curtis

School Council

Well done to the following pupils that have been elected to join our school council

Class 1: Thomas & Ettie	Class 7: Finley & Amanda
Class 2: Nicolae & Georgia	Class 8: James & Evie
Class 3: Charlie & Emily	Class 9: Ollie & Penelope
Class 4: Aflie & Beren	Class 10: Oscar & Susie
Class 5: Edward & Annabelle	Class 11: Jeevan & Izzy
Class 6: Otis & Amber	Class 12: Phoebe & Ava



Music

A Musician from the Music for Schools Foundation came into school on Thursday to take an assembly. He played an assortment of music on brass and woodwind instruments. We are sure the children found this inspirational.

The Foundation offers lessons at school for children in Years 2 - 6 in the **Recorder, Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet, Cornet and Saxophone**.

To sign your child up for lessons please enrol by visiting www.mfsf.org.uk and click on **Enrol**

Choir club

Choir Club started on Thursday lunchtime in the hall for Years 3 to 6. Our new Music teacher Mrs Cheung leads the club and hopefully the children will be able to perform during the year.

Reception Parent Tours Dates

Thursday 6th Oct 9.45am, Tuesday 18th Oct 9.45am

Wednesday 2nd Nov 9.45am, Friday 11th Nov 9.45am

Please email the office on admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk to book onto a tour.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Wyatt and Giulia



R1: Octavia R2: Harry

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on reading.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: using expression and taking account of the punctuation, segmenting longer words to help read more fluently, reading out loud and using a clear voice.

Well done to:

Class 1: Chloe	Class 7: Cian
Class 2: William	Class 8: Cian
Class 3: Jibreal	Class 9: Theo
Class 4: Esmay	Class 10: Jack
Class 5: Emma	Class 11: Eva
Class 6: Mia	Class 12: Aaron



Northgate School Association

Fireworks Night

We are looking forward to our PTA Fireworks Night on 4th November. Gates will open at 5pm and the skies will be alight at 7pm.

The fireworks display is being conducted by Essex Pyrotechnics who have provided the fireworks in the past, so we know it will be an amazing display!

We are lucky to have Smoked BBQ Kitchen and GraceMakesDough supporting our event again so you'll have lots of lovely food to choose from. We also have The Belgian Brewer who will be supporting us with their drinks including mulled wine plus the hot drinks van providing a wide selection to keep us warm! We'll also have fairground rides, glitter tattoos (that glow in the dark!) and a delicious sweet stall which will include toffee apples!

Tickets must be purchased in advance. You can buy tickets here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-dvzdgz>

As with all events, we do need your help to deliver the event safely. Please sign up using the following link to help us on the night <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AAE23AAF85-northgate8>

A huge thank you to Russell Property who are sponsoring our event- we're very grateful!

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs

Reminders and Updates

Parking Restrictions in local roads

We have had a complaint from a local resident in Willow Road. Apparently some parents have been parking across driveways and parking both sides of the road, completely blocking the footpath. This leaves no space for pushchairs or wheelchairs to pass other than in the road.

Parking restrictions were brought in to allow residents access their homes at all times. We ask you to be very mindful of this and remember that it is unacceptable to block the pavement and park on the road without a permit during certain times.



Harvest Festival

Please bring in donations of food to school on Tuesday 4th Oct for Harvest Festival. There will be boxes in each class to put items in.

We will display the items collected at our harvest assembly and afterwards it will be donated to the food bank.

Please see a list of food that the food bank need attached to this newsletter. Also if you could spare any cat/dog food pouches, Mrs. Hayes will take them to the 'Herts for Hogs' hedgehog Hospital.

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones is a new social group for parents and carers at Northgate who have children with ASD or suspected ASD. It has been set up in response to feedback from parents. The aim of the group is to bring parents/carers together, enable experiences and ideas to be shared and friendships to grow. The next coffee morning will be held 9am-10am on Friday 18th November in the school library.

