

April 29th 2022

Headteacher's News

It is great once again to be organising trips to extend the children's experiences beyond the classroom. This week the Year 4 children had the opportunity to visit an aquarium and go to the beach. Next week Year 1 will go to Audley End.

These trips help engage children with future learning but also develops their 'cultural capital'. We are aware that it is widely accepted that a person's level of cultural capital is a huge indicator of how well they are able to succeed academically and engage in wider society, however, many of these school trips are expensive. Therefore, if your circumstances have changed and you believe that you may be in need of some financial support for trips, please investigate if you are entitled to through the [pupil premium scheme](#).

Wishing you a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Year 4 - Sea Life Centre Visit

Year 4 had a fantastic day on Tuesday when they visited and explored the Sea Life Centre in Southend.

During our trip, we saw a range of different sea creatures such as sharks, stingrays and starfish and were also lucky enough to watch the penguins feed.

We were also able to eat our lunch on the beach due to the lovely weather which was another highlight of the day.

Miss Adams and Miss Kavanagh



Safeguarding

Online Safety at home is an ongoing issue for many parents and carers. There are many websites available on this subject, all offering information and resources to help and advise if an online safety issue should arise. **Where to go for support:**

[Childnet](#)

[NCA-CEOP Thinkuknow](#)

[NSPCC](#)

[Parent Zone](#)

[Vodafone Digital Parenting Resources](#)

Important Dates - 2021/22

Mon 2nd May

Tues 3rd May

May 2022

9th-12th May

Thurs 19th May

Thurs 19th May

Fri 20th May

Thurs 26th May

Fri 27th May

30th May-3rd Jun

Mon 6th June

Thurs 9th June

Tues 14th June

Thurs 16th June

Fri 17th June

W/cm 7th June

7th-10th June

7th-24th June

Sat 11th June

W/cm 13th June

Thurs 16th June

20th to 24th June

Weds 22nd June

Thurs 30th June

Mon 4th July

Tues 5th July

Weds 6th July

Fri 8th July

W/cm 11th July

Thurs 14th July

Mon 18th July

W/cm 18th July

Tues 19th July

Thurs 21st July

1st-2nd Sept

Monday 5th Sept

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Year 1 - Audley End Fairy Walk/Train Ride

Year 2 SATs

Year 6 SATs week

Year 5 Instrumental Concert

Crucial Crew (St James' Church)

PTA Film Night

Year 6 Instrumental Concert

Queen's Jubilee Lunch

(wear red, white and blue)

May Half Term

INSET DAY

Year 4 Instrumental Concert

9am - Year 1 and 2 Reading with Parents

9am - Year 5 and 6 Reading with Parents

9am - Year 3 and 4 Reading with Parents

Friendship Week (revised date)

Year 1 Phonics Week

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

PTA Summer Fayre

Father's Day Shop

Year 3 Instrumental Concert

Year 6 School Journey

Year 1 - Paradise Wildlife Park

Happy School Bag Collection

Year 5/6 Rehearsal at Theatre

Year 5/6 End of Year Performance

Provisional Year 3 - Celtic Harmony Trip

Sports Day

International Week

Move Up Day

Art Day

PTA Ice Cream Sales

Take Over Day

End of Term at **2.00pm**

INSET DAYS

Children Return to School

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Dangerous Parking

Yet again we have been contacted by local residents, informing us that cars are parking in the 'keep clear' areas outside school. There is also an ongoing issue with the school car park gates being blocked or partially blocked which is an extremely serious issue as it prevents emergency vehicle access into the school grounds.



Please park responsibly and safely at all times.

Enriching the Curriculum BSP Handball Competition

On Thursday this week, we took a team of Year 5 pupils to compete in the Bishop's Stortford Partnership Handball Competition. This was the first competition that many of the children have taken part in and the first time we have competed in handball.

The team did incredibly well in their first outing and we were very proud of them for trying so hard.

Miss Kavanagh



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Theo and Evie

R1: Phoebe R2: Chloe

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their work, including trying really hard with phonics, recognising digraphs and for discussing stories and using the ideas to write their own stories.

Well done to:

Class 1: Faith

Class 7: Jack

Class 2: Apryl

Class 8: Albie

Class 3: Jacob

Class 9: Mac

Class 4: Matthew

Class 10: Meriel

Class 5: Marco

Class 11: Abyan

Class 6: Ellie

Class 12: Ryan

Learner Focus - Reading

There are lots of websites available for families to use when reading at home. Here are a few that you might want to try.

Oxford Owls

Oxford Owls [free eBook library](#) has been created to help children aged 3–11 to develop their reading skills at home. Visit [Oxford Owls](#) for more information.

BookTrust

Whatever your child's age and whatever books they like to read, BookTrust can help you to find something new.

Use their [Bookfinder](#) to look for books that suit your child's interests, watch online storybooks, or see what's out this month.

Northgate School

The school website has a page dedicated to reading, offering two short videos on reading at home, as well as a reading list for all age groups. Visit [Northgate Reading Page](#)



Reminders and Updates

Absence - Appointments

Absence requests should be made at least 10 days in advance and preferably as soon you know that you need to take your child out of school.

Absences reported to us with less than 48 hours notice should be emailed to absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

Please could we ask you to provide us with as much notice as possible in order to cause the minimum amount of disruption to the class.

Northgate School Association

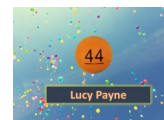
Break the Rules

Thank you to all the children that got involved in Break the Rules day on the last day of term; we together raised over £567!

250 Club

Congratulations to Lucy Payne, you are this month's 250 Club winner! A cheque is on it's way to you. Enjoy!

Please remember, you can join the 250 club at any time and be in with a chance of winning a lovely sum of money! Just contact us at ptanorthgate@gmail.com for further details or to sign up.



Summer Fayre

Does your dog have the waggiest tail? Are they the most handsome hound? Northgate PTA will be holding a fun dog show at the Summer Fayre on the 11th June 2022.



Covid Guidance

Herts CC are encouraging residents to be kind and stay healthy by following simple steps to live life safely with Covid, stop the spread and protect others. For up-to-date information go to [Covid Living](#).

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Registration survey coming soon!

As a reminder, we are unable to run this event without volunteers, please complete our survey [here](#) to confirm your support.

Wishing you a lovely long weekend.

Best wishes

Gerri Wren and Jo Parrott

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs