

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

July 19th 2019

Headteacher's News

During this week there have been many exciting activities, including Year 6 Bikeability. For most of the week, the children were on the roads learning how to ride safely with traffic. Also this week, the children participated in an art day where they made items such as clay pots, Mexican mirrors and colourful festival masks. I would like to thank Mrs Pratt for organising such a wonderful day.

Acting Headteachers on Takeover Day...Elsie-May and Eryn (Y6)

Yesterday the children enjoyed being taught by upper KS2 on Takeover Day. Classes completed a range of activities with year 5 and 6, for example, learning about dinosaurs, playing capture the flag in PE and doing some graffiti art.

Acting Headteachers on Takeover Day...Sian and Isabelle (Y5)

This year has been a captivating year, full of exciting opportunities for everyone such as Science Week which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Thank You

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped us throughout the year.

Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work. They make a huge difference in school and help us to fund so many different activities and events that contribute to a rich and stimulating curriculum.

Farewell

We would also like to wish the current fabulous year 6 a happy first year at their new schools. Best of luck from all the staff at Northgate.

Unfortunately, this year we have to say a sad farewell to some members of staff. We hope that they have a brilliant time at their new jobs. They will all be greatly missed by staff and pupils.

Acting Headteachers on Takeover Day...Marcy and Priya (Y6)

I would like to thank the whole school community; children, staff, parents, governors and friends of the school, for your support again this year. There have been so many wonderful opportunities and I am so proud of what the children achieved. I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and look forward to seeing you again on the 4th of September. J. Tanner



Important Dates

Mon 22nd July	9.05am Yr 6 Leavers Assembly followed by Work Sharing
Tues 23rd July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th July	Occasional Day
Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep	INSET DAYS
Wed 4th Sep	Children Return to School
Mon 9th Sep	Volunteer Safeguarding Training
Mon 9th Sep	2.45pm Yr 3 Meet the Teacher
Tues 10th Sep	9.00am Yr 1 Meet the Teacher
	2.45pm Yr 2 Meet the Teacher
Wed 11th Sep	Volunteer Safeguarding Training
Wed 11th Sep	2.45pm Yr 4 Meet the Teacher
Thurs 12th Sep	2.45pm Yr 5 Meet the Teacher
Fri 13th Sep	2.45pm Yr 6 Meet the Teacher
Mon 16th Sep	2.45pm Rec Meet the Teacher
Wed 18th Sep	11.15am Nursery Meet the Teacher
	2.45pm Nursery Meet the Teacher
(parents can attend either session, regardless of children's session)	
Wed 25th Sep	9.00am LKS2 Reading with Parents
Thurs 26th Sep	9.00am UKS2 Reading with Parents
Fri 27th Sep	9.00am KS1 Reading with Parents
Tues 15th Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
Thurs 17th Oct	6.45pm-8.00pm Y5/6 Parent Info Eve
28th Oct-1st Nov	Half Term
Mon 4th Nov	INSET DAY
5th-8th Nov	Well-being Week
Fri 8th Nov	Fireworks
Tues 12th Nov	Parent Consultations
Wed 13th Nov	Parent Consultations
Fri 29th Nov	Occasional Day

Safeguarding

Medicines

All medicines e.g. auto-injectors, inhalers, piriton, etc.

MUST be collected from school on Tuesday and their **expiry dates need to be checked** to make sure they are replaced, if necessary, for September.

If your child needs any medicine please be advised that it must be in its original packaging, in date and, where relevant, have the pharmacy label attached. Children must not bring medicines to school in their bags or pockets, they need to be brought in by an adult and handed in/collected to/from the school office. An 'Administration of Medication' form must be completed and handed in at the school office by the parent/carer. Forms can be obtained from the school office or can be found on the school website. Parents need to be aware of expiry dates and replace items such as inhalers and auto-injectors prior to expiry.

Art Day

The theme of this year's Art Day was sculpture. Children created some interesting and imaginative sculptures using both natural and manmade materials. They had experience of working with natural materials found in the school environment and other materials such as clay, art-roc, wire, art straws, lolly sticks, paper plates and plastic spoons. All year groups found out about the work of a different famous sculptor. Thank you for the parents who helped us create our amazing sculptures.



Year 2 Colchester Zoo Trip

As part of our 'Wriggle and Crawl' topic, Year 2 visited Colchester Zoo. We had a great day and saw lots of different animals. Some of us were lucky enough to feed some animals as well. The children were very excited about travelling to and from the zoo on the pink double decker bus! Thank you to the parents who helped us on this trip.



Year 4 Stansted Mountfitchet Trip

Today, as part of their 1066 topic, Year 4 visited Stansted Mountfitchet Castle. Despite the rain, the children had a fabulous day exploring how people lived at that time. We were fortunate enough to get hands-on experience firing a catapult. They also received a certificate for their manners and behaviour whilst at the castle. Thank you to the parents who came to help.



School Association

Association News

What a year 2018/19 has been. PTA events and activities have raised around £17,000 this year which is absolutely fantastic! THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any and every way to this effort. This money will go to financing some great experiences and resources for the children of Northgate. We have vacancies on the committee for the 2019/20 year so please get in touch if you would like more information about any of the Officer or ordinary roles, or if you'd like to get involved in PTA activities without committing to being a trustee. It's a chance to make new friends, have a say in how the money is spent, be a role model and have some fun. It's both challenging and rewarding in equal measures and you'll be doing something amazing for the children. Wishing you all a well-deserved and fantastic summer break.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

R1: Dylan & Amanda

R2: Vito

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their creativity, perseverance and artistic skills.

Well done to:

Class 1: Elisa	Class 7: On School Trip
Class 2: Fletcher	Class 8: On School Trip
Class 3: Charlie	Class 9: Amelia
Class 4: Poppy W	Class 10: Sophie
Class 5: Nathan & Charlie	Class 11: Poppy
Class 6: Alfie	Class 12: Archie

Reminders and Updates

Guided Reading 2019/20

Guided reading will commence on **9th September**. If you are able to continue next year, please go to the school office and complete a form. If you have not before but would like to volunteer for guided reading, please go to the school office to complete the paperwork. Thank you

Enable Caption Competition

As per our email sent yesterday, Archie in Year 6 has reached the final of the Enable Caption Competition with Shepreth Wildlife Park to win a family ticket to the park and £100 for school. Archie is number 8. **Voting closes at the end of today** so please vote at www.facebook.com/enableflip now. Thank you

Library Books

Please remember to return all library books by the end of term or a £5.00 donation for any books that are lost or damaged.

Outstanding Payments

Please remember that all outstanding dinner money payments need to be made immediately.

Community

Bishops Stortford Sports Trust

Next Tuesday, 23rd July, The Sports Trust across the road have an important cricket game being held at their ground. It is an annual local charity match which draws quite a crowd and means the club will be very busy.

As Tuesday is the last day of term they wanted to let us know about their event so that if you decide to go over to the club your children are kept a close eye on. The main ground will be in full use for the game and the outer area filled with spectators and they are expecting it to be very busy.

There will be no area for children to play and the club have requested that they do not want a repeat of last year when children were running round having water fights, kicking footballs against the cricket sight screens and the Marquee.