

October 21st 2022

Headteacher's News

We hope you found the parent workshops useful this week. As ever your feedback is always appreciated, so please feel free to email us on interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk to comment on any of the workshops we ran or any further ones you feel would be beneficial. Thanks to all the teachers for their time spent organising these events.

Today we had an assembly focusing on Black History, celebrating the lives of famous people. Please see below some of the people the children have been learning about.

Yesterday we welcomed Mrs Clynes back after maternity, who will be taking on the role of acting deputy head for the rest of the year. Mrs Jones has stepped down from the position to spend time with her family and will now be working two days a week in class 5. Mrs Shepherd will continue as acting assistant head.

Many congratulations to Early Birds, Night Owls and Little Ladybirds who were awarded outstanding by Ofsted recently.

After this busy half term, I am sure everyone will appreciate the rest during half term. With an INSET day on the 31st October, we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 1st November** for our Wellbeing Week. Thank you to our PTA for supporting this event. Happy half term!

Enriching the Curriculum

Black History Week

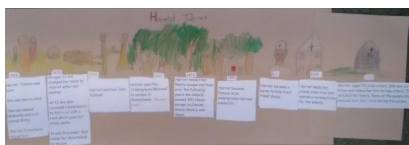
Nursery children this week have been reflecting and celebrating their differences. Children have been looking in a mirror and describing their hair, eye colour and skin tones. They have used skin tone paint or pencils to create themselves or a member of their family. They are unique and individual to each child. The children also watched a Ceebies Episode of JoJo and Gran Gran, created for Black History Month, 'It's Time for a Voyage'.



Year 2 studied the life of Rosa Parks and made a timeline in class about significant periods during her life. The children found this very interesting.



Year 3 learned about Harriet Tubman this week. She was known as the "Moses of her people," Harriet was **enslaved, escaped, and helped others gain their freedom as a "conductor" of the Underground Railroad.**



Executive Council

The members of the executive council along with Miss Hartley had a meeting with our Business Manager yesterday to discuss stock for the school shop, which will be making a return soon. The pupils learned lots of business skills, from budget setting, to selecting stock and costing products. They really enjoyed this experience and are looking forward to selling the items to the school children soon.

Important Dates

Mon 17th Oct	6.45pm--8.00pm Y5/6 Parent info Evening
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 Parent consultations
Wed 9th Nov	Individual photos
Fri 11th Nov	Final of house science quiz
Mon 14th Nov	7.30pm Northgate PTA AGM meeting
18th November	2:30pm Toy sale new/nearly new (details to follow)
Tues 22nd Nov	Flu immunisations (for unvaccinated pupils)
Fri 2nd Dec	Christmas film night
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)
Fri 16th Dec	Last day of Nursery before Christmas
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
Thurs 5th Jan	INSET DAY
Fri 6th Jan	R—Y6 return to school after Christmas break
Mon 9th Jan	Nursery returning after Christmas break
Mon 5th June	INSET DAY

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Children are online more than ever before which is incredibly positive for their learning and development. However, they are also exposed to certain dangers if the internet is used inappropriately.

To reduce the number of risks, it's essential that children know how to keep themselves safe online and what to do when something isn't quite right.



Enriching the curriculum

Year 4 have been studying Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, to finish this topic that had a Mad Hatters Tea party this afternoon. None of the children were late for this very important date!



Northgate Football match .

On Monday both the gold and silver team played Thorley Hill.

Silver Team

The players were Oscar, Archie, Freddie, Harry, John, Brandon, Albie, Ronnie, Matthew and Aiden. We won 15-0. It was a good match! - Written by Harry Class 9

Gold Team

There wasn't enough energy when the match started so the score was quickly 2-0 to Thorley Hill. Northgate found an opening, 2-1. A few more goals later at half time the score was 4-2 to Thorley Hill. Northgate came back onto the pitch with confidence as the whistle blew for full time we had won 6-5. All the players did really well. The goals came from, Harry, Daniel, Curtis and Alfie with Archie setting up many of the crosses. Written by Curtis and Daniel Y6

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: George L and Ada

R1: Alyssa R2 Jack

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on History. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: giving a wonderful explanation of why we celebrate black history and the importance of representation in our learning, for explain why Harriet Tubman helped others, for a great diary insert describing life during the great plague. Well done to:

Class 1: Evie	Class 7: Vito
Class 2: Faith	Class 8: Kai
Class 3: Orla	Class 9: Annabella
Class 4: Faris	Class 10: Lottie
Class 5: Sidney	Class 11: Ruby
Class 6: Joshua	Class 12: Meriel



Reminders and Updates

Year 5 and 6 information evening.

To the parents who missed the meeting on Monday please click on the link below where you will find lots of useful information relating to it.

Link here:

https://www.northgate.herts.sch.uk/web/parent_information_evening_-_year_56/431419

Nursery closing early for Christmas

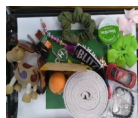
A letter has gone out to our Nursery Parents and Carers to inform them that due to some major electrical work being carried out in their classroom, they will close early for Christmas and come back a day later after the holidays than the rest of the school. Our building requires new wiring, LED lighting and ceilings. Over the next few months work will be carried out in all classrooms but we are trying to minimise disruption to the children.

House Tag Rugby Competition Year 1-6

All pupils need to come into school wearing their PE kit on Wednesday 1st November as each class will be taking part in the house tag rugby competition.

Lost Property

We have huge amounts of unnamed clothing in the tubs in the reception area. Please come and claim your missing items as soon as possible. It is important that names are still readable on your child's clothing, so please check this. Also we have some treasured possessions. Please see the photo attached.



SEND News

Support for Autism and ADHD in Hertfordshire

The Autism and ADHD transformation programme, which includes Hertfordshire County Council, NHS trusts, HPCI and local voluntary organisations, has been working hard to improve services for families and young people.

A key area of work has been ensuring you know where you can go to access support in your local area. This will hopefully help you get access to support as early as you can.

To find out more about the support available please watch this 3-minute animation or visit the Herts Local Offer.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/autismADHDsupporthertfordshire

Northgate School Association

Fireworks Night—Sponsored by Russell Property.

Thank you for all your support. Our Fireworks Event is now fully SOLD OUT! But.....we still need more volunteers from those with tickets. If you can help please sign up using the following link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-northgate8>

We have lots of exciting new events happening this side of Christmas! These are:

Northgate Yellow Pages

Are you a small business owner? Place an advert in our Northgate Yellow Pages! A coloured printed A5 brochure will be published before Christmas. It will be sent home in school bags and circulated via our newsletter, PTA and Year Group social media pages.

Prices are: Full Page £40 (A5)
Half Page £20 (A6)

For more information or to book your space, please contact advertising@northgatePTA.com.

Northgate Calendar

We are launching a student Photography Competition! Winners will be published in the Northgate Academic School Calendar 2023/24. More details to follow. Why not borrow your parents' camera to capture our monthly theme! October's theme is "Happy Halloween!". Look out for November's theme on the PTA Facebook page. Please email your child's photo entry to: calendar@northgatepta.com

Russell Property Christmas Card Competition

During November 2022, your child will have the opportunity at school to create Russell Property's Christmas Card design featuring their owl logo. There are two competitions, one for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. There will be book vouchers for each of the first place winners and runners up.

Christmas Film Night

On Friday 2nd December 2022, we are having our Christmas Film Night for the children and Mulled Wine/social for the adults.

Break the Rules Day

And finally, we have our Break the Rules on the last day of term. Lots of rules to be broken!!

We hope you have a relaxing half term break.

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs