

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

June 16th 2023

## Headteacher News

A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA for the fantastic summer fayre on Saturday. I know there was an amazing amount of hard work behind the scenes to produce such a successful event. Thanks to everyone who supported the event—we hope you enjoyed it. The money raised will be funding many school projects, including Art Solutions who will be joining us in a couple of weeks.

Next week we will sadly be saying goodbye to Liz Cojeen our Receptionist. We wish to thank her for all her hard work in the office over the last few years, supporting the school and families. We will miss her hard work and commitment and wish her all the best with future ventures.

We were sad to say goodbye to coach Sonny, who is leaving us to work as a coach for Tottenham Hot Spurs. We wish him all the best with his very exciting next step.

We are also sad to announce that we have some members of staff leaving at the end of the year. Congratulations to Mrs Bull as she has had a promotion to become the leader of the preschools at Avanti. Miss Crowe is leaving us to widen her experience, having been a pupil and a teacher at Northgate.

Mrs Port will also be stepping down as a class teacher, for family reasons but we hope to see her as one of our supply teachers. I am delighted that we have employed some excellent new experienced staff including Mr Jack Sainsbury, Mr Tom Brown, Mrs Julia Hickey and Mrs Petra Ahwe. We are currently sorting out staffing and classes for next year and will soon be able to announce where everyone will be placed.

Well done to all the children who complete the Year 1 national phonics assessment and the Year 4 children who completed the National Multiplication check!

Hope you have a fantastic weekend.



## Enriching the curriculum

Both Amara and Eveleigh-Mae in **Nursery** drew their dads this week. They are a couple of budding artists; brilliant work children!

As part of their work on diversity and inclusion, on Wednesday **Year 6** joined pupils from other local schools to watch an online presentation by Chris Lubbe, who is an international keynote speaker. Chris fought for years against apartheid and was a former body guard of Nelson Mandela. The Children also had the opportunity to ask him

questions.

**Nelson Mandela said, 'Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world.'**

"On Wednesday our Year Six class had a talk from Nelson Mandel's bodyguard Chris Lubbe. Chris told us about the struggles that black, mixed race and Asian people had to experience during the South African apartheid, where hates crimes against non white people were perfectly legal!" by George Class 11



## Important Dates

Tues 20th June

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**Fri 23rd June**

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Mon 26th June

Mon 26th June

**Wed 28th June**

Thurs 29th June

Fri 30th June

Thurs 6th July

Fri 7th July

Fri 7th July

Fri 7th July

Mon 10th July

Tues 11th July

Thurs 13th July

Thurs 13th July

Fri 14th July

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Mon 17th July

Tuesday 18th July

Wed 19th July

**Thurs 20th July**

Monday 4th September

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Y2 music festival: afternoon performance **2pm**

Y5 music festival: evening performance **6.15pm**

Reception trip to Audley End House and Gardens

**Year 5 Egyptian day workshop**

Year 4 trip to Stanstead Mountfitchet Castle

Art Solutions in to work with Years 3,4,5,6

7.30pm PTA committee meeting (online)

**Nursery Sports Day: AM 10.30am—11.30am**

**PM 2.00pm—3.00pm**

Year 2 trip to Colchester Zoo

Sports day (**Reception—Year 6**)

Y 5/6 Performance rehearsal at Theatre **9.00am**

Rehearsal at the theatre Y5/6 only **9.00am**

Y 5/6 afternoon performance to parents **1.30pm**

Y 5/6 evening Performance to parents **6.30pm**

9am Year 5 & 6 Maths games and parent work

sharing

9am Year 1 & 2 Maths games and parent work

sharing

9am Year 3 & 4 Maths games and parent work

sharing

Move up day

Reserve sports day (in case of weather problems)

PTA Ice cream sales

Art day

Take over day

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

**End of Term at 2:00pm**

Children return to school

## Enriching the curriculum - music

We are looking forward to the **Bishop Stortford Schools Music Festival** next week where the Year 2 and the Year 5 children will be performing. The Year 2 performance will be at 2pm and the Year 5 performance will be at 6.15pm. Please make sure you are aware of the details of timings regarding this event and when and where children are to be dropped off and collected. **Also ensure the Year 2 children have a packed lunch for the day.** There are some spare tickets for this event still on sale. Please ensure your child is in smart school uniform.

Yesterday, in the **KS2 music assembly** pupils from Herts and Essex High School performed songs from musicals. It was absolutely wonderful and the children and staff enjoyed it very much.

"I said thank you Mrs Cheung for setting up this music assembly. It was the best assembly ever!"

by Sophia in class 5:



## Safeguarding Important Notice

If your child requires any medication at school, this includes prescription and non prescription medicines, creams or lotions please bring them to the school office as children

should **not** be carrying them in their bags. Parents need to fill out a form and they will be kept in the medical room.

All medicine needs to be in its original packaging with instructions inside. Many thanks.



## Enriching the curriculum



### Sport

"On Tuesday, we played a cricket match against Windhill. Unfortunately, we lost but we all tried our best and everyone did incredibly well". By Yoana Class 11

### Tag Rugby Festival:

27 Year 4 children spent the afternoon at Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club participating in a tag rugby tournament. Each team played against a range of different schools and worked together to score some fantastic tries and play some brilliant rugby. It was a fantastic afternoon enjoyed by all! Well done Northgate!

Year 5 have been immersing ourselves in our new ancient Egypt topic this week, through creating pyramids that are taller than 30cm and stand up by themselves, learning how to write in hieroglyphics and acting out the death of Cleopatra and Tutankhmen using props!



Year 6 had fun experimenting with forces today during a visit from Fab Science. We didn't want the children to miss out on this enlightening and educational experience because they were on their school journey last week!

## Extra curricular

The beds outside the office look fantastic, thanks to the Well-bean gardening club who meet every Wednesday lunch time. All of the flowers and herbs in the photographs were planted by them. Our Northgate gardeners are doing really well and developing green fingers. The plants just needed an extra drink this week!



## Community News

Hertfordshire's free tree giveaway is back for 2023, after over 4,000 residents claimed 46,000 trees in the first year of the scheme.

You can choose from up to eight different species of trees, specially selected to suit Hertfordshire's geography and climate, or a hedgerow pack, made up of a mixture of species. There are a limited number of each species and they are given away on a first come-first-served basis, so act quickly if you have specific trees in mind.

Click [here](#) for more information and to order your trees.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:



Nursery: Amara and Giulia

R1: Eleanor R2: Maddie

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Computing". Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: following a process to create a pictogram on the computer, showing excellent knowledge of computer systems and search engines, continuing to develop their skills on the computer, improving their speed at typing, for enthusiasm in group work and sharing ideas, growing confidence when navigating around a computer, showing a natural ability for coding and for applying their computer knowledge across the curriculum.

Class 1: Ashton

Class 7: Dylan

Class 2: Manuel

Class 8: William

Class 3: Connor

Class 9: Freddie

Class 4: Nicolas

Class 10: James

Class 5: Bill

Class 11: Elena

Class 6: Peter

Class 12: Ben

## Reminders and Updates

### Dinner Money accounts

Please ensure that your child's dinner money account is not in any arrears. If it is, please clear this. They need to be cleared before the end of term. Please remember that all meals should be paid for in advance. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Stepping Stones

This is our social group for parents and carers at Northgate who have children with ASD or suspected ASD. The aim of the group is to bring parents and carers together, enable experiences and ideas to be shared and friendships to grow. The next coffee morning will be 9am – 10am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Chris Russell from SPACE will be attending. SPACE is staffed by parents, carers and professionals who are passionate about supporting Hertfordshire families. They run support groups, training events and help families navigate local services. Come along and find out more.

## Northgate School Association

What a Summer Fayre we had last week and amazing weather too (if not a little too hot!). We hope you had a wonderful time. It was lovely to see so many of you there. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who supported us on the day; we couldn't have done it without you. We are still waiting for some money to come in from our vendors, but it looks like we have raised about £4000 which is really good and well needed by the school. Times are tight, so we hugely appreciate this.

### Father's Day

A huge thank you to Rachel Spence and Natalie Gill who have led this year's Father Day shop sourcing presents, wrapping and running the shop. We hope you enjoy your gifts!

### Sports Day

We can't believe it is almost Sports Day! We have a PTA event straight after Sports Day starting at 3.15pm. We have music, fish and chips van, bar, inflatables and a colour run! Please see attached poster detailing how to book the colour run and inflatables. Have a lovely weekend.

Your PTA Co-Chairs Geri & Jo