

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

May 21st 2021

## Headteacher's News

Well done to the foundation stage who had the Early Years Quality Mark extended. The report praised that the Early Years trained practitioners know their children well and model how to use learning resources. It commented on how the access to resources



encourages children to become independent learners. The report stated that the Learning Journals present exemplary records of learning across the year and that parental contributions to children's Learning Journals during lockdowns have proven particularly effective. We still have places available for our afternoon nursery in September if you know anyone who may be interested.

We always wish Northgate to have an excellent reputation within our local community but this week again we have been asked to communicate with our parent community about behaviour that has shown a lack of respect for our neighbours.

The Cricket Club have reported poor behaviour of Northgate pupils, including climbing up the sight screens and running across the car park. They wish parents to be reminded that if they are bringing their children to their grounds and club, that they respect the rules that they have in place.

We have also had a further complaint about parents parking at Westfield Road plus people congregating outside the entrance to the footpath.

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Have a lovely weekend.



## Important Dates - 2020/21

Weds 26th May	Year 3/4 Play Recording
27th-28th May	DT Days
<b>31st May-4th Jun</b>	<b>May Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 7th June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 8th June</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
21st-23rd June	Year 6 School Journey
Thurs 24th June	Year 4 Instrumental Concert
Thurs 1st July	Year 3 Instrumental Concert
Tues 6th July	Year 5/6 Performance
Thurs 8th July	Move Up Day
Fri 9th July	Sports Day (details to be confirmed)
Tues 13th July	Outdoor Learning Day
Thurs 15th July	Take Over Day
Mon 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
<b>Tues 20th July</b>	<b>End of Term at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Weds 21st July</b>	<b>INSET day</b>
<b>Thurs 22nd July</b>	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY</b>
<b>1st-2nd Sept</b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
<b>Fri 3rd Sept</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>

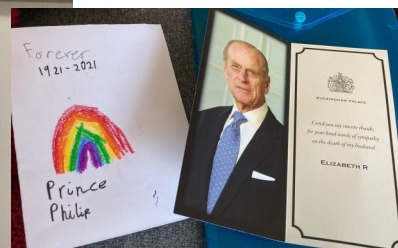
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## Pupil News

Aditi (C13) recently wrote a beautiful condolence card to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the loss of her husband Prince Philip. Aditi was thrilled and surprised to receive a card back from the Queen sending her sincere thanks for her kind

words of sympathy on the death of her husband.

We are all very proud of the kindness shown by Aditi.



## Safeguarding

### Playground Apparatus

Please do not allow your child to climb on the playground apparatus before or after school. Even if you are supervising your child on the equipment, children are encouraged to join them when they are not being monitored. We have had accidents in the past and do not wish for these to be repeated. Please be reminded that as many of our first aiders are TAs, they are not available outside of school hours to administer first aid.

### Scooters in School

Please remind your children, including pre-schoolers, that they are not permitted to scoot or cycle on school grounds. The scooters move very quickly and it is therefore unsafe. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Volunteers for DT Days

Thank you to those of you who have offered to help with our DT days next Thursday and Friday.

We are still looking for parents and carers who are able to help out with the DT projects our classes are planning.

If you are able to help, please contact the school office by emailing [secretary.pa@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:secretary.pa@northgate.herts.sch.uk).

## Reminders and Updates

**Missing Library Books** The school library have **over 500 books** which have been loaned out and have not been returned to school.

Could we please ask you to check at home for any school books, and ask that they are returned to their class teachers or to Mrs Booth during library lessons.

The school has recently spent a significant amount on books - many of which now need to be replaced. This will be particularly challenging this year when our school budget and the PTA fundraising has been significantly impacted by Covid. We would therefore ask you to please make the time to check your children's books at home carefully, and to return any that belong to the school.

School library books can be easily identified as they are stamped inside the front cover with the Northgate School stamp and each book has an individual code.

**Healthy Snacks** Please make sure your children's snacks are healthy. Crisps, biscuits and chocolate are not allowed. If these items are found, they will be returned home at the end of the day.

## Community News

**Open Day at The Gardens of Easton Lodge**  
**23rd May 2021 - 11.00am - 5.00pm**

The Gardens are looking lush and lovely. At the Open Day there will be a storyteller, treehouse and trail, and dogs are welcome on leads. There will also be produce stalls, a local folk duo and a local woodturner and coppicers.

The Entry fee is £5.50 and free to children under 16 years old. Tickets must be bought in advance and can be found through the Trust's website, [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk) or the ticket sale site [Trybooking](http://Trybooking).

**Half Term Events at South Mill Arts**

South Mill Arts (formerly Rhodes Theatre) have lots of exciting events on during the Half Term holidays that are perfect for primary aged children to enjoy. They are showing Raya and the Last Dragon, Wolfwalkers and Frozen 2, a Family Magic Spectacular and a Discover and Make Archaeological Pottery session. Please visit [South Mill Arts](http://South Mill Arts) for more information.

## National Child Measurement Programme

Herts County Council have sent a letter to parents and carers regarding the suspension of the NCMP which we have attached to this email. While the measurement programme is not currently taking place, the support offered to young people and families has not stopped.

If you are concerned that your child is underweight or has difficulty with food such as fussy eating, and they are not currently receiving support for this, then you can contact the Public Health, School Nursing service for assessment and advice.

The BeeZee Lite programme have several opportunities for your families, including a masterclass on changing habits at home. Details can be found here [BeeZee Masterclass](#), along with a recipe for [Kleicha](#) to celebrate Eid.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Benjamin	R1: Owen
	PM: Tate	R2: Aarav

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on History and Geography.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for an amazing timeline of events from the Viking period and for including some fantastic facts about St Lucia in their topic work.

Well done to:

Class 1: Leo	Class 7: Hannah
Class 2: Isabella	Class 8: Archie
Class 3: Sebastian S	Class 9: Tommy
Class 4: Archie	Class 10: Charlie H-W
Class 5: Jack	Class 11: Joshua
Class 6: Fletcher	Class 12: Ruby

## Enriching the Curriculum - Vikings

As part of Year 4s topic 'Traders and Raiders', we have been learning about the Vikings in history. For homework, Year 4 were set a project to make a Viking long boat or to sketch/research one. Here are some photos of some of the fantastic Viking long boats that have been made so far.

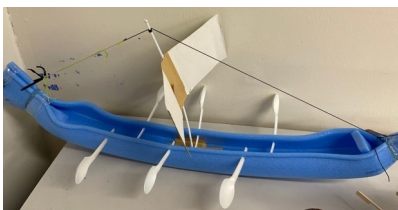
Ailsa (Cl8) brought in this fantastic Viking long boat cake with some

beautiful written

notes on how she made her cake. Ailsa's cake recipe included butter, sugar and vanilla essence and the decorations included fondant,

edible silver paint, food dye and chopsticks. Ailsa shared her cake with everyone in class. Well done Ailsa!

Grace D (Cl8) made this very detailed, painted model of a Viking long boat.



Meriel made her long boat model from a piece of blue foam with plastic spoons as oars.



Michael (Cl8) used co-ordinating brown lego bricks to create his Viking long boat.

