

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

November 6th 2020

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a good half term. With the current changes in Government guidelines, it has been a great week for us to focus on the children's wellbeing. The focus this year has been Five Ways to Wellbeing, trying to help young people to make the most of opportunities, and to deal with stressful situations by taking time out. This approach gives children support with how to cope when things get tough. It is hoped this will increase their interpersonal and intrapersonal skills, empathy and communication skills and improve their life skills. The five ways are; Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give. To find out what the children did on each section please see below.



As part of the week, the children had the opportunity to complete a session with Mindful Minis. We would like to thank the PTA for funding these sessions. If you are interested in finding out more about the PTA, please join them for their AGM on Tuesday 17th November.

Next week the parent consultations will be carried out using telephone appointments. Please see page 2 for more information. As guidelines change, we continue to reflect on what we can do to keep our community safe. By changing the time our Reception children are collected, we believe there are now less people in the Foundation playground at the end of the day.

Hope you have a safe weekend.

Important Dates - 2020/21

Mon 9th Nov	Flu vaccines
9th- 12th Nov	Parent Consultations
16th-27th Nov	Yr 2 Phonics Screening
Tues 17th Nov	PTA AGM
Fri 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children
Weds 16th Dec	School virtual Christmas videos released
Thurs 17th Dec	Winning House Non-Uniform Day
Fri 18th Dec	PTA - Break the Rules Day
Fri 18th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 4th Jan	Children Return to School
15th-19th Feb	February Half Term
Mon 22nd Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 23rd Feb	Children Return to School
Fri 26th March	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 12th Apr	Children Return to School
Mon 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
10th-13th May	KS2 SATs week
May 2021	KS1 SATs
31st May-4th Jun	May Half Term
Mon 7th June	INSET DAY
Tues 8th June	Children Return to School
7th-11th June	Yr 1 Phonics Screening and Yr 2 Retakes
7th-18th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Tests
Weds 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Thurs 22nd July	OCCASIONAL DAY

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Wellbeing Week - Five Ways to Wellbeing

As part of the five ways to Wellbeing the children were able to: **Connect** - *Feeling connected to others*. This forms part of the children's homework this week.

Be Active - *Healthy Body, healthy mind*. The children took part in Mindful Minis sessions and worked towards the daily mile destinations.

Take Notice - *Remembering the simple things that make you happy*. The children created their own safe space that has been put up in their classrooms.

Keep Learning - *Embracing new experiences and knowledge*. Each class chose a topic that they wanted to learn about which included outdoor learning, new art skills and new PE skills.

Give - *Giving to others*. The children are sending inspirational messages to put a smile on faces of the residents of the elderly care home. The children created hand prints to hang on the trees in their grounds. Miss Williams and Mrs Leeks will take a photo of the decorated trees for you all to see.



Safeguarding

Message from Hertfordshire Police

Phone Theft - Know the Facts

Robbery is the act of stealing from a person using violence or by causing fear of violence which can result in life imprisonment. For example a person who pushes a student walking home from school and steals the phone out of their hand has committed robbery.

How to Stay Safe

- ◆ When out and about keep mobile phones in a closed bag or a zipped pocket so it is not visible to others.
- ◆ If you need to use your phone when out and about, try and find a well-lit public area.
- ◆ Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- ◆ Do not become distracted by people asking for directions/the time.
- ◆ Set a PIN on the handset and SIM card.
- ◆ Know the phone's make, model and IMEI number. Dial *#06# into your phone to obtain the IMEI number.
- ◆ Do not store any personal details such as bank accounts.
- ◆ Sign up to a free app such as Find my iphone and register your phone to an accredited property database so the police can return it if it is found.



Enriching the Curriculum

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

On the last day of last half term, Year 4 enjoyed their Mad Hatter's Tea Party to conclude their Alice In Wonderland topic. Everyone loved eating lots of delicious treats as well as playing some Alice in Wonderland themed party games such as pin the grin on the Cheshire Cat and tea cup ping pong.



A huge thank you to Mrs Solomon who arranged for a spectacular cake for the children to enjoy!

Pirate Day

Year 2 had Pirate Day this week to introduce their new topic 'Land Ahoy!'

The children came to school dressed in their Pirate costumes and enjoyed learning all about Pirates. Both classes made their own tea-stained treasure maps and learnt all about Pirate ships.



Parent's Consultation - Guidelines

The teacher will telephone on the given number at the start of the time you have been allocated.

If the teacher needs to call more than once to get through, the meeting will still only last for your given slot. For example if your slot is 4.40pm until 4.50pm and they only manage to get through at 4.45pm then your consultation will only last 5 minutes.

At the end of your given slot the teacher will need to end the call as they will need to contact the next set of parents.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Fundraising - Community Projects

Residential Care Home Collection

Friends of Stansted Surgery have asked for treats for their elderly in the care homes across Stansted. They are unable to see friends and family at this time and would like to deliver treat boxes to bring a little cheer. They would love donations of sweets, biscuits, toiletries or anything you think of as a lovely treat, to come into school on Wednesday 11th November. We will also be sending them drawings, poems and decorated hands from the children.

BSLTC Food Bank Project

The BSLTC ladies team have kicked off their 'Bounce Back' Community Food Bank Project and started a collection that includes not only food, but also other essential items. Lots more information, including how we can help, can be found on their Community Project Leaflet which is attached to this email and can be found [here](#).

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Samuel	R1: Jibreel
	PM: Faith	R2: Florence

This week our Wellbeing Ambassadors were praised by their class teachers for excellent listening and working well during the Mindful Mini's sessions.

Well done to:

Class 1: Henry	Class 7: Rose
Class 2: Jackson	Class 8: Meriel
Class 3: Matilda	Class 9: Ruby K-R
Class 4: Luca	Class 10: Violet
Class 5: James	Class 11: Ena
Class 6: Freddie	Class 12: Ryan

Northgate School Association

Christmas fundraisers

While our legendary annual Fireworks fundraiser sadly could not go ahead this year we have been turning our thoughts to the festivities of Christmas and we have three fundraising activities planned. We are aware that some families will have been affected more than others financially and we do not want to put anyone under pressure to participate but we welcome and very much appreciate the support from those that are still able to.

Christmas cards (and other items)

On Monday the children will be bringing home a form with all the details of how to order your Christmas cards and other festive items, specially printed with your child's designs. This is a great way to send personalised cards and other gifts to loved ones over the Christmas season while also supporting the PTA and a local Bishop's Stortford business, CZ Design & Print. We earn commission on the items you purchase. Cheques should be made payable to 'Northgate Association' and completed order forms and artwork should be returned to school (via class teachers) by Monday 16th November for your goods to be received early in December.

The Big PTA Raffle 2020

We are taking part in The Big PTA Raffle 2020, a nationwide PTA extravaganza, taking place between now and 6th December 2020. Purchase tickets and be in with the chance of winning up to **£5,000** in each of 12 draws at www.bigptaraffle.co.uk. Each £3 ticket will generate a number that will be entered into all 12 draws. Search for Northgate PTA when buying your tickets. We are excited to be a part of The Big PTA Raffle 2020 and look forward to seeing if you are a winner!

Break The Rules Day

The children will be able to have a little bit of rebellious fun on the last day of term, Friday 18th December and, in exchange for a small cash donation, be able to break a few of the school rules! This went down so well last time we ran this event, with the teachers also taking part and enjoying being a little bit naughty! Look out for the posters listing the rules that may be broken!