

March 6th 2020

Headteacher's News

We hope you enjoyed our 'World Book Day' Parade yesterday morning. All the children looked amazing and showed off their creativity with their costumes.

Congratulations to Miss Ward who has given birth to her second daughter, Freya.

On Wednesday, we were visited by three local Headteachers as part of the local schools EnVision project, where local schools work together on school improvement. They were here for the day, working in classrooms and talking with teachers and children. They focused on early reading skills, which included looking at how we teach these skills and how we have organised our early reading books. It was beneficial having an outside view on our strengths and possible areas of development.

Thanks to the PTA with their support funding new scheme books.

Have a lovely weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day by dressing as an **adjective**. The children's costumes were **amazing**, **fantastical**, **exciting** and **colourful**. All of the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed dressing up. Mrs Boom's **bubbly**, Miss Hartley's **childish** and Mrs Leeks' **caring** costumes were just **superb** and won the School Council's vote for best teacher costumes. The children thoroughly enjoyed the parade and story run-around and the best costume winners were awarded by the School Council.

Class 1: Rosie for Fidgety	Class 7: Lara for Old
Class 2: Zakariya for Sweet	Class 8: Violet for Wealthy
Class 3: Jacob for Shiny	Class 9: Issy for Cosmic
Class 4: Max for Delicious	Class 10: Jamie B for Gory
Class 5: James for Elegant	Class 11: James for Extra-Terrestrial
Class 6: Martha for Contagious	Class 12: Max for Reverse



Enrichment - A History Detective Day

Ethan G and Oliver C-S joined with children from other primary schools in the museum at the Rhodes Arts Complex today. It was a lovely opportunity for children from our local community to come together to develop their learning and to take part in activities which included identifying museum artefacts and replicas, using archaeological skills to explore timelines and discovering how to draw pottery. Our students thoroughly enjoyed their morning which was interactive and challenging.

Important Dates

Mon 9th March	2.50pm Year 5 Work Sharing
Thurs 12th March	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
16th-20th March	PTA Mother's Day shop
Thurs 19th March	9.00am NNAM Mother's Day Breakfast
Thurs 19th March	3.00pm NNPM Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Fri 20th March	9.00am Reception Mother's Day Breakfast
Tues 24th March	2.50pm Year 6 Work Sharing
Weds 25th March	2.15pm and 6.30pm Year 3 and 4 Show
Thurs 26th March	11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing
Thurs 26th March	2.50pm Nursery PM Work Sharing
Friday 27th March	2.50pm Year 4 Work Sharing
Mon 30th March	2.50pm Year 2 Work Sharing
Tues 31st March	2.50pm Reception Work Sharing
Weds 1st April	2.50pm Year 1 Work Sharing
Thurs 2nd April	2.50pm Year 3 Work Sharing
Fri 3rd April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 20th April	Children Return to School
May 2020	Year 2 SATs
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)
11th-15th May	Year 6 SAT's week
25th-29th May	Half Term
Mon 1st June	INSET DAY
Sat 6th June	PTA Summer Fayre
Tues 2nd June	Children Return to School
8th-12th June	Year 6 School Journey
8th-12th June	Yr 1 Phonics Week
8th-26th June	Yr 4 Times Tables Tests
Fri 3rd July	Sports Day
Tues 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm
2nd-3rd Sept	INSET DAYS
Friday 4th Sept	Children Return to School
26th-30th Oct	Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET DAY

Safeguarding

This week the Coronavirus action plan was launched. This document sets out what the UK as a whole has done to tackle the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next. The action plan can be found here: [Covid Action Plan](#)

On Monday the DfE launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Please could we remind you that it is your responsibility to notify the school immediately if your child or a family member has travelled to/from, or has had direct contact with anyone from, a Coronavirus affected area in the last 14 days.

Enriching the Curriculum

Sport Relief Week

Next week is Sport Relief Week and we will be joining in with 'Get Your Kit On' on **Friday 13th March** to raise funds to help tackle poverty.

Along with people of all ages across the UK, we will be wearing sports kit for the day, in return for a small donation of £1. Come to school in your sports club kit, be that running, gymnastics, karate, dance or rugby; in your favourite team kit or simply your school PE kit.



Netball Match - Richard Whittington - Monday 2nd March

Northgate netball team had a convincing win against Richard Whittington on Monday with a final score of 20-4. From the start of the game all players executed great passes and made excellent interceptions. The team worked well together, and although in High 5 netball you have to change positions every quarter this did not effect their performance.

The team finished the league 3rd which is commendable considering many of the players are new to the game. We are incredibly grateful to Mrs Smith who has worked with the team since September and she has awarded player of the league to Zoe H who has made a significant improvement and is becoming a very good netballer.

Netball training will re-start after Easter on a Tuesday after school and letters will be sent nearer the time.

Football Match - BSC Thursday 5th March

Yesterday we took three teams to play a fixture against Bishop's Stortford College. Despite playing in torrential rain, all three teams played tirelessly with great success, winning two of their matches and closely drawing the third.

An incredible amount of goals were scored in very tough conditions. The players would like to give a big thank you to Mr Dunn for giving them the opportunity to play and for being with them during their matches.

Thank you also to the parents for their support during the wet conditions and during the season so far.

School Association

CONGRATULATIONS to our March 250 Club winner, Ellen Hamer! A cheque for over £500 will be with you soon! We still have numbers available for anyone who would like to join in. Email Mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk to sign up.

We had a very productive committee meeting on Tuesday this week, discussing our Summer Fayre on Saturday 6th June and agreeing a date for a 'Break the Rules Day' on Friday 22nd May! We were also very pleased to be able to let Mrs Tanner know that our fundraising this year to date, together with the surplus from last year, is enough to commit the £12,000 we were aiming for towards the new ICT suite! This is fantastic news for the school and the children, and we would like to thank everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts to make it happen. Please see our attached Spring term newsletter for a summary of our fundraising and spending so far this year, and for upcoming event details.

Thanks

Your PTA

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Faris	R1: Henry
	PM: Tobias	R2: Jacob

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on reading

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for understanding of non-fiction text, beautiful reading and amazing World Book Day costumes.

Well done to:

Class 1: Max	Class 7: Jenson
Class 2: Cian	Class 8: Tristan
Class 3: Abigail	Class 9: Ruby
Class 4: Freya	Class 10: Jamie
Class 5: Ewan	Class 11: Jacob
Class 6: Meriel	Class 12: Poppy P

Mrs Pursglove's Sport Star of the week is Jack G.

Reminders and Updates

Uniform Reminders

As we are now halfway through the year, please be reminded that skirts and trousers must be smart school wear. The Upper Key Stage 2 children are expected to wear a shirt and tie and ties are optional in Lower Key Stage 2.

Smart black shoes should be worn, without flashing lights (or with the lights turned off). Children are **not** allowed to wear trainers, fashion shoes or boots. Hair accessories must be in school colours, yellow or bottle green. Children are not allowed to wear hair gel and hair below shoulder length must be tied up. Children are not allowed to wear ear-rings. Thank you for your support.

Appointments

Whilst we would always encourage you to try and make appointments for your child outside of school hours, if you do have a planned appointment during the school day, could you please ensure that the class teacher is informed as soon as the appointment time is received, and at least 24 hours before the day. Appointments should also be confirmed to the office, either directly or via the admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk email address. Thank you.

Absence Line

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school it should be reported by 9.30am on the day by emailing absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk or by calling school on 652 376 and selecting option 1. Thank you.

Parking outside School

We have received complaints that parents are parking on the zig zag lines outside school. It is incredibly dangerous for the safety of the children when cars are parked on these lines and the roads are regularly patrolled by parking enforcement officers. Thank you.

Key Stage 2 Cake Sale

Congratulations to the Year 6's who organised last week's cake sale. They raised £125 for the British Heart Foundation. Well done!