

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

November 13th 2020

Headteacher's News

We appreciate parent consultations were different this year being held over the phone. However, we hope you found it useful and that it gave you a good sense of how your child is progressing, as well as areas that your child now needs to work on. Our school reflects the national picture, as reported in the Ofsted's second report into the impact of the pandemic, that many children have been impacted by the school closures. Our teachers are working hard to reactivate learning and catch up, and they really appreciated your supportive words in these stressful times.

On Remembrance Day the whole school completed a two minute silence. Those on the playground at that time said it was very moving as they could hear the Last Post playing in the distance. Please read more about the how Year 6 gained a greater understanding of World War I in their online session this week. More information on their day can be found below.

Thank you for all your donations for the Food Bank. I am sure it will make a great difference to a large number of local families. Thank you also for the donations of treats for the Residents of Care Homes in Stansted. This will be taken to them next week, so if you would still like to donate please send your donations in via the classrooms on Monday.

This term we usually run several parent workshops to help parents to support their children's learning. This year we have created some PowerPoints which will be uploaded next Wednesday. We hope you find them useful.

Hope you have a safe weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

Year 6 History World War I

Yesterday Year 6 took part in a webinar about World War I where a historian told us all about the key events. At the end we had an opportunity to ask questions about anything else we wanted to know. One fact we learnt was that near Christmas in 1914, some German and British soldiers stopped fighting and talked to each other. They even played a game of football - sadly Germany won.

Charlotte - Class 11



Important Dates - 2020/21

16th-27th Nov	Yr 2 Phonics Screening
Tues 17th Nov	PTA AGM
Weds 18th Nov	Parent Information Powerpoints
Fri 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper/Elf Day Isabel Hospice
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

Safeguarding

We have received several complaints regarding the gathering of groups of parents at the school gate at drop off and collection times.

We would kindly ask you to show consideration to our neighbours so that they can pass freely along the pavement on Cricketfield Lane.

Under the current lockdown legislation you can be fined for being in a group of more than two people, this includes children of school age.

You can find the latest Government information by following this [link](#).

Thank you for your co-operation during this difficult and sensitive time.

Video/Media Experience Required

As we are now unable to bring prospective parents into Northgate for tours, we are planning to compile a 'Virtual Tour' video to appear on our website. If you have the necessary skills to help us with this we would love to hear from you, be it filming, editing or the loan of equipment. Please email secretary.pa@northgate.herts.sch.uk by the end of school on Monday. Thank you in advance.

Enriching the Curriculum

MATHLETICS IS BACK!

We are delighted that Mathletics is back at Northgate. To celebrate, we have registered for the Mathletics 'November Numeracy Challenge', which will run from Monday 16th to Sunday 22nd November.

This is a world-wide competition, as schools are challenged to earn participation points.

Your child will bring home their login details today, so please look out for them.

Good luck next week! *Mr Dunn*

Virtual Birchwood Sports Partnership

Last week, the Year 5 and 6 children took part in our first Virtual Birchwood Sports Partnership Competition of the year. Children completed different skill based activities focussing on football. Scores were recorded and we have entered in 4 mixed teams to represent Northgate against other local primary schools.

Well done to all children who participated and those that made the teams.

Eco-Committee

The Eco-Committee have met for the first time since being elected. The children introduced themselves to each other including two newly appointed EYFS members from reception classes - Shay and Iris.

The children received their badges and discussed their role within school and future plans of aiming to achieve a Green Flag Award for Northgate. The children went back to classes to complete an environmental audit and vote on what the group's name should be. *Mrs Bull*

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Heidi	R1: Orla
	PM: Talia	R2: Lucas L

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Art.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for excellent firework pictures using thin and thick brushwork.

Well done to:

Class 1: Charlie	Class 7: Rose
Class 2: Otis	Class 8: Pixibelle
Class 3: Max	Class 9: Eva
Class 4: Ellie	Class 10: Jasmine
Class 5: Toby	Class 11: Casey
Class 6: Maddie	Class 12: Violet

Reminders and Updates

Primary Admissions

The process for applying to primary schools is now live.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Applications close on 15th January 2021.

Community News

Citizens Advice

With the latest lockdown restrictions, Citizens Advice would like to remind you that they are there to help with free and confidential advice for anyone living in the area. They can also provide foodbank vouchers and referrals to other support agencies. Please see details on how to contact them in the attached leaflet.

Northgate School Association

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 17th November at 8pm and will be held via Zoom. All parents are invited to attend. Please email ptanorthgate@gmail.com to be sent the log in details. **We will also be drawing the November 250 Club winner at the AGM.**

Christmas Card Fundraiser

Children should have brought home details of this fundraiser and an order form this week. Please return artwork and completed forms on Monday 16th November via class teachers. Cheques should be payable to 'Northgate Association'.

Big PTA Raffle

Join in this national event to be in with 12 chances to win £5,000 for every £3 ticket purchased. 50% of ticket sales go to our PTA funds. Buy tickets online <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/northgate-primary-school-cm23>

Christmas Trees from Squires

Once again Squires Christmas Cabin, based at Sworders Auctioneers in Stansted, are pledging £5 to our PTA for every Christmas tree sold to a Northgate parent/carer. Their trees are fantastic quality and they have lots of other lovely things for sale in their Christmas shop. Just state that you are supporting Northgate School when purchasing.

Consultation on Proposed Admissions Arrangements for 2022/23

In accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education's School Admissions Code, Northgate Primary School Trust is consulting on their admission arrangements for the academic year 2022/23 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

In the oversubscription criteria for first, infant, primary, junior and middle schools; the wording and definition of Rule 5 is amended to - Children for whom it is the nearest school or academy. This includes all schools except those which allocate places on the basis of faith (membership or practice) before allocating on the basis of distance/location.

To clarify our policy on twins and multiple births by amending the definition to - Hertfordshire County Council (HCC), as the admission authority will admit over the school's published admission number when a single twin/multiple birth child is allocated a place at a school.

The consultation period runs from 26th October to 6th December 2020.

Please send any comments you may have regarding the proposals to the school directly by emailing us at: admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk - using the subject heading 'Consultation on Proposed Admissions Arrangements 22/23'.