

January 31st 2020

## Headteacher's News

We were all delighted to receive a letter from the Department of Education this week.

*"Dear Mrs Tanner,*

*I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.*

*Your results, as published on 13th December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard... This means for achievement in mathematics Northgate Primary school is in the top two per cent of primary schools in the country.*

*Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Nick Gibb*

*Minister of State for School Standards"*

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Maths Games

We were delighted to welcome so many of you to our Maths Games sessions this week.

We received many positive comments from parents which included enjoyment of the interaction with class learning, making maths more enjoyable and making education fun. Thank you to everyone who came to join in with the games. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing their parents the skills they have learnt over the course of the year. We hope it helped your understanding of their learning.



## Safeguarding

### Medicines

If your child needs any medicine please be advised that it must be in its original packaging, in date and, where relevant, have the pharmacy label attached. Children must not bring medicines to school in their bags or pockets, they need to be brought in by an adult and handed in/collected to/from the school office. An Administration of Medication form must be completed and handed in at the school office by the parent/carer. Forms can be obtained from the School Office or can be found on the school website. Parents need to be aware of expiry dates and replace items such as inhalers and auto-injectors prior to expiry. We appreciate your support in this matter.

## Important Dates

3rd - 7th Feb	Life Bus in School
Mon 3rd Feb	3.15pm Life Bus Parent/Carer Drop In
Tues 4th Feb	8.50am Life Bus Parent/Carer Drop In
Tues 4th Feb	2.30pm Life Bus Parent/Carer Workshop
Fri 7th Feb	2pm Year 3 to Festival of Literature
Fri 7th Feb	School Discos KS1 5pm, KS2 6.45pm
Mon 10th Feb	9.30am Year 1/2 to Festival of Literature
Mon 10th Feb	2pm Year 5 to Festival of Literature
Tues 11th Feb	2pm Year 6 to Festival of Literature
Weds 12th Feb	2pm School Council Picture Book Award
Thurs 13th Feb	2pm Year 4 to Festival of Literature
Thurs 13th Feb	Year 5 Instrumental Concert
<b>17th-21st Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 24th Feb</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 25th Feb</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
25th - 28th Feb	Technology Week
<b>Tues 25th Feb</b>	<b>4-7pm Parent Consultation Meetings</b>
<b>Weds 26th Feb</b>	<b>3.30-6.30pm Parent Consultation Meetings</b>
Weds 4th March	2.45pm Year 2 Maths Workshop
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
Sun 8th March	Hertfordshire Gala Concert - Albert Hall
Mon 9th March	2.50pm Year 5 Work Sharing
Thurs 12th March	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
16th-20th March	PTA Mother's Day shop
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
<b>Fri 3rd April</b>	<b>End of Term at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Mon 20th April</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
<b>May 2020</b>	<b>Year 2 SATs</b>
<b>Fri 8th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)</b>
<b>11th-15th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SAT's week</b>
25th-29th May	Half Term
<b>Mon 1st June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Sat 6th June	PTA Summer Fayre
<b>Tues 2nd June</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
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 <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>2nd-3rd Sept</b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
<b>Friday 4th Sept</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

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### Sport

Last year Jude from Class 6 ran 100km throughout November to raise money for Tommy's, the baby charity. Huge congratulations to Jude who has now completed his fundraising and managed to raise £2,116!

### Technology Week

**Calling all Engineers** - The week following February half term will be Technology Week in school and we will be welcoming ComputerXplorers who will run sessions with the children during the school day. If you have an engineering background and would like to come into school to talk about your job with the children, help with a technology activity or even to speak in assembly, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us on admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk or pop into the office.

### French Enrichment

This morning we welcomed 20 Year 5 pupils from 8 local schools, to join with some of our Year 5 pupils for a French enrichment session. It was a lovely opportunity for children from our local community to come together to develop their learning, where the objective was to improve confidence, fluency and good pronunciation in a relevant context. The children were served pancakes 'la chandeleur' to celebrate Pancake Day in France.

### Life Bus

Next week the Life Bus will be back in school. This mobile classroom offers LifeSpace sessions to provide high quality, inspiring enrichment experiences, developing essential life skills. Parent drop in sessions and a workshop will be held on:

Mon 3rd Feb 3.15pm Life Bus Parent/Carer Drop In  
Tues 4th Feb 8.50am Life Bus Parent/Carer Drop In  
Tues 4th Feb 2.30pm Life Bus Parent/Carer Workshop

The workshop will provide a structured session to give adults a chance to experience and discuss some key elements of the programme. Numbers are limited to 18 and the sign up sheet will be held in the School Office. If you are not able to come to the workshop, then please feel free to come to a drop in session to say hello, have a quick chat and to take a leaflet with more information about the sessions and the range of resources available to support wellbeing throughout the year.

## Reminders and Updates

**Polite Reminder: No dogs** should be brought past the gate onto school grounds. We appreciate your co-operation as there are lots of small children around who may be fearful.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Lena	R1: Aarohi
PM: Autumn	R2: Oscar

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for very quick finishing of number bonds, great mental arithmetic and always persevering. Well done to:

Class 1: Olivia	Class 7: Felix
Class 2: Evie B	Class 8: Eva
Class 3: Maddie	Class 9: Honey
Class 4: Will	Class 10: Alice
Class 5: Curtis	Class 11: Lucy
Class 6: Ailsa	Class 12: Ethan S

Mrs Pursglove's Sport Star of the Week is Gregor Macfie for helping her in PE lessons.

## Community News

Please be aware that there will be local roadworks taking place from Monday 10th February for 10 weeks, which will affect Hadham Road and Bells Hill, for water and gas works. If this affects you, please ensure you allow extra time for your journey into school.

## School Association

### School Disco - Friday February 7th - Information

**Tickets:** you can now buy tickets for the disco online at:

[Northgate School Association event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

Entry to the disco is £4. Please note that **we will not be selling tickets in the playground**. Tickets will still be available on the door, price £5.

**Hot food:** the food options are hot dog or pizza served with chips at £2 each. Please pre-order when you buy your tickets.

**Sundries:** refreshments and glitter tattoos will be available to buy but we will no longer be selling glo products at the disco.

**Foundation and Key Stage 1:** all children must be accompanied by an adult. You are welcome to bring younger siblings, free of charge. **Key Stage 2:** For safety and safeguarding reasons - NO COATS, CAMERAS or PHONES are allowed at the disco. all children must be collected by an adult at 8pm.

**VOLUNTEERS:** we still need more parents to make this a safe and fun event. please sign up at: [Disco February 7th 2020](#)