

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

October 22nd 2021

Headteacher's News

I would like to thank parents for their support this half term as we have adjusted to our ever changing situation. Fortunately the number of Covid cases has remained low after our initial outbreak. However, Hertfordshire County council wish to remind parents that Covid-19 case rates throughout Hertfordshire remain high, especially in younger age groups. They recommend that schools do not currently host any further large scale gatherings or celebrations.

This half term has ended with an interesting week focused on Black History. Work from each class was shared with the school through our assembly on Google Classrooms. Please see page two to see what the children have been learning.

We hope you found the parent workshops useful this week. As ever your feedback is always appreciated, so please feel free to email us on interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk. Thanks to all the teachers for their time spent organising these events.

After this busy half term, I am sure everyone will appreciate the rest during half term. With an INSET day on the 1st November, we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 2nd November for our Wellbeing Week. Thank you to our PTA for supporting this event.

Happy half term!

Enriching the Curriculum - House Rugby

Today we were delighted to see all of our year 1-6 classes take part in House Tag Rugby, where children from across the school represented their houses and were able to win points. It was fantastic to see the children demonstrate the rugby skills they have been learning over the past half term and to show their sportsmanship during the matches.

A massive well done to everyone who took part!

The results are as follows:

- 1st Vikings with 35 points
- 2nd Romans with 29 points
- 3rd Saxons with 27 points
- 4th Normans with 25 points

Thank you to Miss Kavanagh for organising this exciting event.



Important Dates - 2021/22

25th-29th Oct	October Half Term
Mon 1st Nov	INSET DAY
2nd-5th Nov	Wellbeing Week
Tues 9th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings
Weds 10th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings
Mon 15th Nov	PTA AGM
Weds 17th Nov	Happy School Bag Collection
Weds 1st Dec	Early Years Christmas Production
Thurs 2nd Dec	Flu Immunisations (Rec-Y6)
Weds 8th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production
Fri 10th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 13th Dec	KS2 Pantomime (Southmill Arts)
Tues 14th Dec	KS1 Pantomime (in school)
Tues 14th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch
Weds 15th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 16th Dec	KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Mon 20th Dec	PTA Break the Rules Day
Mon 20th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Tues 21st Dec	Jubilee Occasional Day
Weds 5th Jan	Children Return to School
14th-18th Feb	February Half Term
Mon 21st Feb	INSET DAY
Weds 2nd March	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 1st April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Tues 19th April	Children Return to School
May 2022	Year 2 SATs
9th-12th May	Year 6 SATs week
30th May-3rd Jun	May Half Term
Mon 6th June	INSET DAY
7th-10th June	Year 1 Phonics Week
7th-24th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thurs 30th June	Happy School Bag Collection
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

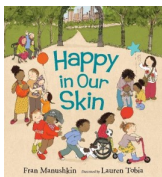
Citizens Advice

We know that life is tough for many at the moment and that some within our school community will be worried about how to make ends meet over the autumn/winter. Citizens Advice would like to remind you that they are there to help, providing free, impartial and non-judgmental advice to anyone on any matter. They can help with income maximisation and provide food and fuel vouchers for those who need them. Please contact them on their Advice Line (Monday - Friday 10am to 4pm) 0800 144 8848 or via their Message Line (anytime) 01920 459 944 (you will need to leave a message and they will contact you) or you can visit their website [HERE](#) for more information. see the attached leaflet for more information.

Enriching the Curriculum - Black History Week

The school wide focus this week has been Black History.

Reception Year have talked a lot about what makes us different, special and unique. They discussed the differences in their classes including abilities, favourite things, hair colour, skin colour, eye colour and talents. They then spoke about visual impairments, hearing impairments and physical disabilities.



Year 1 have been learning about Ruby Bridges as part of Black History week. They read a story about her life and discussed why she is an important person in history. The classes talked about how we are all the same and different which makes us special.



Year 2 looked at Rosa Parks as their significant individual for Black History week. They learnt and discussed the impact that Rosa Parks had on the nationwide effort to end racial segregation of public facilities in the 1900s. "Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat just because she was a black person".



Year 3 have been learning about Harriet Tubman. The classes learned that she helped free over 700 slaves using the underground railroad, which was code for the escape route to Canada where slavery was banned. They used code words such as conductors (a person who helped them) passengers (the slaves) and stations were the safe houses.



Year 4 focused on the work of Elizabeth Heyrick who campaigned against slavery. They found out how slaves were treated and were shocked by some of the punishments they received if they tried to escape!



Year 5 learnt that Martin Luther King was an inspirational person who changed lives for the better. He had a vital part to play in stopping segregation between black and white people. His speech 'I have a dream' helped people to stand for equal rights.



Year 6 watched a video on what the civil rights movement was. They looked at Ella Baker and her role as 'the mother of the civil rights movement'. They discussed the meaning of white privilege in society and the importance in educating people of these issues.



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Ava

R1: Thomas

R2: Israel-Amare

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on being a historian.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for excellent engagement and discussion around Black History week work on Rosa Parks and for showing great insight into the slave's feelings escaping on the underground railway.

Well done to:

Class 1: Anaya

Class 7: Dilys

Class 2: Orla

Class 8: Jack

Class 3: Edward

Class 9: Maisy

Class 4: Alfie

Class 10: Jasper W

Class 5: James

Class 11: Finley

Class 6: Daniel

Class 12: Annie

Reminders and Updates

Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent consultation meetings will take place in school on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November. You can sign up for a space to meet with your child's class teacher on School Cloud from 7pm on Monday 1st November 2021.

Secondary Transfer 2022

Please be aware that the deadline for applications is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by 31st October. The Admissions Team recommend that parents complete it in advance of this date, so that any queries can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are delighted that we can sell Poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion again in school this year, and you can support the Poppy Appeal by making a small donation in school when we return on 2nd November.

100 years on, your support is as vital as ever as the impact of Covid-19 continues to leave some of the people we support in urgent need of our help.

Eco Council

The school eco-councillors would like to remind parents and carers to be aware of their of the level of fumes around the school. They kindly ask that car engines are turned off while you are waiting outside the school. Thank you for your co-operation.



Year 4 - Mad Hatters Tea Party

This week Year 4 enjoyed their Mad Hatter's Tea Party to conclude their Alice In Wonderland topic.

Everyone loved eating lots of delicious treats and decorating their own biscuits.



Northgate School Association

This month's 250 Club draw winner is Kerry-Ann Tilley! Congratulations! £504 coming your way very soon.

Come along to our AGM on Monday 15th November at 7:30pm. All parents, carers and school staff are invited to attend and participate. We are really hoping for some new committee members too!