

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

May 12th 2023

Headteacher News

Well done to all the year 6 who completed their National SATs tests this week. As ever, they worked extremely hard and we were proud of their positive attitude. Thanks to the staff for providing the breakfasts.

Well done Year 4 for a fantastic instrumental concert. Once again we were "wowed" by the wealth of musical talent and the enjoyment music clearly brought as the pupils shared songs they had learnt in class, and individuals played their pieces. Thank you to Mrs Cheung for organising the event.

As a school we are proud of all the enrichment opportunities that we offer the pupils at Northgate, including all our themed weeks. This week staff have started organising our science week for after half term and one of the highlights will be Fab science, who will be running workshops for the children. We can run these workshops thanks to the hard work our PTA, who are paying for this event, and have funded all our themed weeks in recent years. This is just one of the aspects where our PTA have supported our school. Most of the new books in the libraries have been bought by the PTA, as is the equipment the children play with at playtime to name but a few of their recent purchases. As well as supporting with resources, the PTA events are fantastic community opportunities such as the fireworks and the Summer Fayre. I know we all have incredibly busy lives, but the PTA would appreciate any support you can give with their events, including with the upcoming Film Night and Summer Fayre. Please see the PTA section in the newsletter for further information. Their fundraising makes a difference to what we can offer the children.

Hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

Audley End Fairy Walk/Train Ride

On Tuesday Year 1 had a magical day on their school trip to Audley End. They explored the enchanted forest using their imagination while walking through the fairy woodland and had fun on the train ride spotting different creatures along the way! This was a great trip and has been invaluable in supporting their ideas for their writing back in the classroom. All the children behaved extremely well. Thank you very much to all the parent helpers that joined us too!



Important Dates

May 2023

Fri 19th May
Thurs 25th May
29th-2nd June
Mon 5th June
Wed 7th June
w/c 6th June
5th-9th June
Fri 9th June

Sat 10th June
w/c 12th June
5th-16th June
12th-16th June
12th-23th June
Tues 13th June
Tues 20th June
Mon 26th June
Thurs 29th June
Fri 30th June
Thurs 6th July
Fri 7th July
Mon 10th July

Tues 11th July

Thurs 13th July

Thurs 13th July
Fri 14th July
w/c 17th July
Mon 17th July
Tuesday 18th July
Wed 19th July
Thurs 20th July
Friday 21st July
Monday 4th September

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Y2 SATs

PTA film night (EYFS/KS1 and KS2)

2.40pm Year 3 Summer music concert

Half term

INSET day

Y3 Celtic Harmony trip

Science week

Y6 School journey

'Non Uniform Day in return for a bottle for our Summer Fayre'

PTA Summer fayre

PTA Father's day shop

Year 4 Multiplication tables.

Y1 Phonics week - (plus Y2 phonic catch ups)

Y4 Times tables tests

Happy bag collection

Reception trip to Audley End house and Gardens

7.30pm PTA committee meeting (online)

Y2 trip to Colchester Zoo

Sports day

Year 5/6 Performance rehearsal (at Theatre)

Year 5/6 Performance

9am Year 5 & 6 Maths games and parent work sharing.

9am Year 1 & 2 Maths games and parent work sharing .

9am Year 3 & 4 Math's games and parent work sharing .

Moving up day

Reserve Sports Day (in case of weather problems)

PTA Ice cream sales

Art Day

Take over day

Year 6 leavers assembly

End of Term at 2.00pm

Occasional day

Children return to school

Safeguarding

Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help.

We all experience difficulties at some point. Families First can help you find early help and information to prevent issues from getting worse.

Families First will work with you and your family to create a package of support. The service is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 (25 if they have a learning need or disability).

Issues they can help with are: Parenting, mental and physical health problems, drug or alcohol dependency, domestic abuse, school related concerns – such as your child is not attending school, debt problems, risk of becoming homeless.

Parenting advice offered: Childcare, advice and courses for parents, Staying healthy, Emotional and mental health, Relationship support, Private fostering, Keeping children safe online, Domestic abuse, Money advice, Carers, Services for Young People.

Please click [here Families First \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/families-first) to learn more.

**EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY**

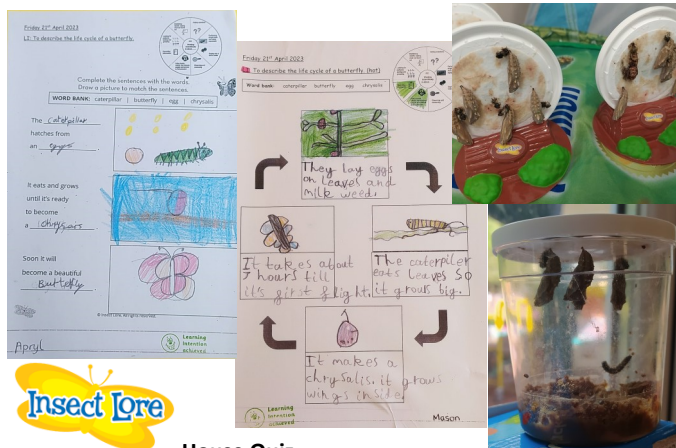
Enriching the curriculum

Reception Ball

On Wednesday Reception had a Cinderella Ball. They had a banquet, learned how to bow and curtsy and had a ball. They danced together and Nursery joined in to. They all looked wonderfully regal and had a fabulous time.



Both EYFS and Year 2 are studying the life cycle of a butterfly. EYFS are three weeks in and all but one caterpillar has turned into a Chrysalis. Year 2 are slightly ahead and their butterflies are all at pupa stage. The Classes are so excited to see the metamorphosis and are regularly looking and checking for changes. They can't wait to see the butterflies emerge and released into the world! Please see below some beautiful work showing the Butterfly life cycle.



House Quiz

Following on from the nation coming together for the Coronation last weekend, we are having a 'Britain and British Values' house quiz the week after next. For the younger children, the focus will be some of the key geographical facts about the United Kingdom and some basic questions about democracy in the UK, such as who can vote and where voting happens. With the older pupils as well as the geography, it will include some key facts around our democracy, such as who is included with our parliament and how they are chosen.

Reminders and Updates

Please be reminded that children should not come to school in boots. Only shoes should be worn as part of the school uniform. Trainers are not to be worn with uniform unless a letter is provided directly to the class teacher explaining the reason why.

Children are not allowed extreme hair styles at school, these include tramlines and mohicans. Hair products are not encouraged and all hair accessories should be modest and bottle green or yellow in colour.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:



Nursery: Abigail and Fintan

R1: Nate

R2: Connor

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Science". Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: working really hard and thinking scientifically, using good vocab, being knowledgeable about the life cycle of a butterfly, challenging themselves to share their knowledge with the class, confidence in classifying different seeds and their explanations, careful and clear recording of observations made, excellent presentation and accurate recording of results in their 'air forces' topic, a fantastic enquiry about tooth decay and how their experiment linked, a great understanding of the variables in their tooth decay experiment, applying their scientific knowledge during group shared activities and their dedication to continue researching topics at home with great passion.

Class 1 Lilly

Class 7: Luca

Class 2: Emily

Class 8: Thomas

Class 3: Rafie

Class 9: Ben

Class 4: Thomas

Class 10: Will

Class 5: Erin

Class 11: The Whole Class!

Class 6: David

Class 12: The Whole Class!

Well done to the whole of year 6 for doing their very best in their assessments this week! You are all super stars!

Northgate School Association

We hope you all enjoyed the Coronation bank holiday. It's event season, so please keep checking our posts here, on our social media and via the school mail.

Film night

Film night is only a week away. Please book your tickets now. Due to the cost of ordering food and reducing waste, we can only accept pre booked tickets.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-morexzm>

To volunteer on the night, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-ptafilm>

Summer Fayre

The deadline to enter the dog show is 26th May. To sign up your children and furry friend, please click the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-gajlipo>

If you fancy volunteering at the event, please sign up here to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-northgate10>

If you are able to bake a cake, fairy cakes, brownies etc. for the Summer Fayre, please email us at ptanorthgate@gmail.com. Our baking skills are poor, so we need your help!

Your PTA Co-Chairs

Geri Wren & Jo Parrott