

March 27th 2020

## Headteacher's News

How rapidly life can change in a week! The school has been a really strange place without the children – they have all been greatly missed! I hope you and your family are well. I appreciate that these are most challenging times for us all.

We are really grateful for your understanding with the Government's message of staying at home to protect the NHS. This means we have managed to significantly reduce staff numbers to also protect them and their families. I once again thank my wonderful team who are still happy to come in to ensure the school has remained open for those children who absolutely need to attend.

The few children who have been in this week have painted a rainbow which has been put outside the school as a symbol of hope, as other children have done across the country.

I hope the staff have also entertained your child with their story telling. They are posting one story each day for the children to enjoy. To view these on YouTube, search for Northgate Primary School and click on our logo or follow this link [Northgate Story Time](#). You can also subscribe to receive notifications of new stories added.

I hope everyone keeps safe and well.  
Best Wishes.



## Celebration of Achievements

Congratulations to everyone who has successfully logged on to Mathletics this week. There has been some fabulous maths going on across all year groups.

Based on their participation throughout the week, we will be giving an award to the one child in each class.

The winners this week are:

Class 1: Aditi	Class 7: Jenson
Class 2: Vito	Class 8: Evie
Class 3: George	Class 9: Eric
Class 4: Luca	Class 10: Kaysan
Class 5: Jasper	Class 11: Tom
Class 6: Jude	Class 12: William

The **leading classes** this week are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Class 9    2<sup>nd</sup> Class 1    3<sup>rd</sup> Class 10**

Well done to these classes and to everyone for their hard work this week.

## Reading At Home

Whilst our children work from home, I would like to emphasise the importance of sustaining daily reading. Reading is vital and one of the easiest ways to boost wellbeing. With our current situation, we ask that, if you can, sit and read with your child/children at least three times a week for 20 minutes. Reading aloud is the best way to read as it allows you to check on understanding and pronunciation. Most importantly, it is a wonderful shared experience. Perhaps your child could Facetime/Skype (etc.) their relatives who are self-isolating and read to them; a great way to read and stay in touch with loved ones.

Just to remind those Year 5/6 parents who do not have their class reader, there are still books to be collected from the school entrance hall.

## Maths with Carole Vorderman

Fantastic mathematical news! The Carole Vorderman Maths Factor will be **FREE** for everyone during the period of UK school closures, to support children's' continued learning at home. The course contains over 1,000 maths sessions and Carol Vorderman teaches each topic through a fun and lively video, which is coupled with practice sessions to build your child's knowledge and confidence in maths. The link to the website can be found here [Maths Factor](#).

## Home Learning

Hopefully you are starting to build some daily structures and routines at home. Please be reassured that we will do our best to support you through these extremely difficult times.  
Some frequently asked questions.

### I cannot see my child's work on eSchools.

You must access eSchools through the link on the Northgate website home page. Either click on the login button on the top right corner of the home page, or on the eSchools login button under Links and Downloads. This will take you to the Northgate eSchools page. School Closure Work is set up as a project and is only visible on the child's login, so you must log in as the child to see the work. (Homework is set up differently and so is visible to parent and child logons).

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### Home Learning

#### I cannot see my child's work on eSchools (continued from page 1).

##### When logged in as your child:

1. Click on 'My Class' at the top of the page.
2. Click on the project titled 'School Closure Home Learning' (title may differ slightly for each year group)



#### Can I ask my teacher a question?

Yes you can—through eSchools, when logged on as the child.

This link shows you how:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjXEhD1m3h8>

From the dashboard you can click on new message.

#### My messages

New message

View all

★	From	Subject	!	📎	Date

In the 'To' field type in the surname of your teacher and their name will pop up.

Create new message

✉️ Attach 📧 Important 📧 Save draft

To:

Subject:

Message:

Cancel Send

#### Can I send my finished work to the teacher?

Yes but you should not need to as you have been given answers to self-mark, and checklists to self-edit writing.

Try to put as much work as possible into your home learning book or in a folder.

#### Can I ask my Teaching Assistant a question?

No, Teaching Assistants do not have access to messages.

#### Can I message my friends through eSchools?

No, this form of communication is only for pupils and parents to contact their teacher.

#### Espresso Login Reminder

<http://www.espresso.co.uk/online>

Username: Student15775

Password: northgate

#### Nursery Parent Logins

Logins for children in Nursery will be sent out during the next week.

### Wellbeing

This week local communities have been joining in with putting pictures in their windows as part of a neighbourhood walk. It's something simple that can make children feel part of a wider movement. Here is one which you might choose to follow (or not, it's your choice!);

March 23rd - Rainbows

March 30th - Space

April 3rd - Under the Sea

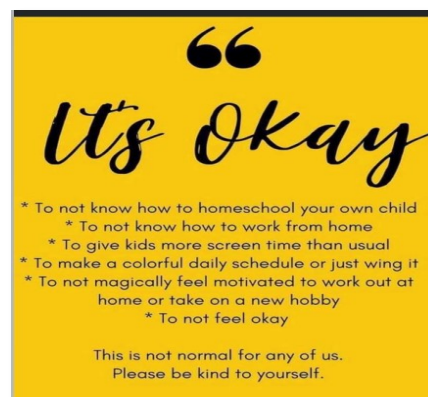
April 6th - Flowers

April 10th - Easter

April 14th - Animals

April 18th - Flags

April 22nd - Hearts



### Home-School Gallery

#### Class 5

Hannah in Class 5 has made a lovely Roman inspired Mosaic.

Well done Hannah.



#### Class 6

As part of Quincy's topic work he has made an aqueduct out of lego and attached a motor so the water can move.

Great work Quincy.