

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

July 12th 2019

## Headteacher's News

A huge congratulations to all our Year 6 children who did extremely well in their end of Key Stage assessments. We had 100% achieve age related expectation (ARE) in maths which is an amazing achievement, particularly with the current high expectations. With 97% achieving ARE in writing and reading, our combined score for children who achieved ARE in all three subjects is 97% which is 32% above the national level. This fantastic result is a reflection of the hard work and positive learning attitude Year 6 have shown throughout the year. We are extremely proud of them all. My thanks go to all the staff and parents who have helped the children achieve this brilliant result. Science week seems to have been a great success. It was wonderful to see so many of you sharing your children's science learning. A big thank you to the PTA for funding the Fab Science workshops which really enthused the children! Thank you also to Mrs Gitto for organising the event to once again help raise the profile of science to our children and encouraging budding young scientists!

We hope your child enjoyed meeting their new teacher yesterday. Parents will have the opportunity to meet them at 'Meet the Teacher'. Please see the Important Dates list to find out when. We have had tremendous support from so many volunteers this year to really benefit the children's education and would like to thank all those who have regularly given up their time with a Volunteers Coffee Morning - next Thursday, 18th July at 9.00am. We hope you can make it!

## Science Week

The school has enjoyed a fantastic science week focused on outdoor learning, habitats and the environment. We kicked off the week with a mix up morning, creating bird feeders in house groups. Thank you so much for all your donations and recycling to enable this to take place! It was excellent to see so many parents and carers join their child's class for science activities each morning.

All year groups have visited the pond this week, thoroughly enjoying investigating which creatures dwell in our school grounds.



## Important Dates

15th - 19th July	Yr 6 Bikeability
Mon 15th July	2.45pm CURRENT Reception Work Sharing
	2.50pm Year 3 Work Sharing
Tues 16th July	Art Day
	9.00am NEW Reception Stay & Play
	9.00am NEW Nursery AM Stay & Play
	2.00pm NEW Nursery PM Stay & Play
Wed 17th July	2.45pm Year 1 Work Sharing
Thurs 18th July	Takeover Day
	9.00am Volunteers Coffee Morning
Fri 19th July	Yr 4 Stansted Mountfitchet Trip
	2.00pm Little Ladybirds Graduation (please note change in time)
	2.45pm Year 2 Work Sharing
	Yr 6 Family Party at the Rugby Club
Mon 22nd July	9.05am Yr 6 Leavers Assembly followed by Work Sharing
Tues 23rd July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th July	Occasional Day
Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep	INSET DAYS

## Wed 4th Sep

## Children Return to School

Mon 9th Sep	2.45pm Yr 3 Meet the Teacher
Tues 10th Sep	9.00am Yr 1 Meet the Teacher
	2.45pm Yr 2 Meet the Teacher
Wed 11th Sep	2.45pm Yr 4 Meet the Teacher
Thurs 12th Sep	2.45pm Yr 5 Meet the Teacher
Fri 13th Sep	2.45pm Yr 6 Meet the Teacher
Mon 16th Sep	2.45pm Rec Meet the Teacher
Wed 18th Sep	11.15am Nursery Meet the Teacher
	2.45pm Nursery Meet the Teacher

(parents can attend either session, regardless of children's session)

15th Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 8th Nov	Fireworks
3rd Dec	Happy School Bag Collection

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

## Safeguarding

There are still a number of parents parking in or walking their children through the staff car park. For safeguarding reasons children should be walked through the pedestrian gate on the footpath. We have had children almost being run over in the past so please do not put your children in danger.

## Reminders and Updates

### Art Day

We are having a Sculpture Day next Tuesday, 16th July. If you are interested in helping please let the office or your child's class teacher know.

### Library Books

At Northgate we are very lucky to have our school library which is an excellent and extremely valuable resource. Please return books to school by next **Wednesday, 17th July**. As you know, books are very expensive and unfortunately, due to the number lost or damaged last year, we will ask for a £5.00 donation towards any unreturned books. Please make sure your child has a good look for any that may be missing.

### Earrings

It is Northgate's policy that earrings should not be worn in school. If your child is having their ears pierced over the summer, we suggest they have them pierced early in the summer holidays. To help ensure they are ready to remove earrings for the start of the autumn term, we are allowing children to come into school with newly pierced covered earrings on 22nd and 23rd July as we have no PE lessons on those days. We appreciate your support in this matter.

### Guided Reading 2019/20

Can KS1 guided readers please complete a form (in the sign in folder) to say whether you will be able to continue next year. We would welcome new volunteers for guided reading and if you are interested, please ask at the school office. Thank you very much to all of this year's volunteers.

### Lost Property

We have received many new items of lost property, including 2 rings. If you have lost anything please go to the school office. All lost property will be removed from the boxes in the main reception area at the end of term and will be sent to a charity shop.

### Outstanding Payments

Please remember that all outstanding payments need to be made by the end of next week, including school dinners and trip money.

## School Association

### Association News

This year seems to have whizzed by and what a busy one it's been! We hope you enjoyed the colour run and disco last Friday. It's always nerve wracking to put on a new event so we would love to know what you thought. Please go to our Facebook page (search for 'Northgate Primary PTA') and vote in our poll. Feel free to leave a comment too. Alternatively you can email us at [ptanorthgate@gmail.com](mailto:ptanorthgate@gmail.com).

As the school year draws to a close we are thinking about next year's committee and we have vacancies for trustees and officers. We will be sending out detailed information on this next week but, in the meantime, if you are interested in joining as a trustee or taking on the role of treasurer, secretary or chair/co-chair please get in touch on our the email address above.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Lola	R1: Martha
	PM: Erin	R2: Luca

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their use of scientific vocabulary and skills, including predicting.

Well done to:

Class 1: Anabella & Rose	Class 7: Carolina
Class 2: Brandon	Class 8: James W
Class 3: Eva D	Class 9: Adam
Class 4: Curtis	Class 10: Poppy B
Class 5: Tilly	Class 11: Violet
Class 6: Jack	Class 12: Sam & Isaac



### **FRENCH CLUB AT NORTHGATE ! LE CLUB**

**FRANÇAIS** – [www.lcfclubs.com](http://www.lcfclubs.com) - is a company

which specialises in successful language teaching methods for 3 to 11 years olds. Children are taught to speak the language through games, songs and varied activities in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Moreover, parents receive regular feedback from lessons and are invited to 2 shows per year. Madame Craston is a French native from *Lyon* with 20 years' experience. In September she will run a club on a Wednesday 3:15pm to 4.00pm, ideal for Years 1 and 2. For your information, the cost per session is £6. To register your child or for more information, please contact Madame Craston on: 07887 780 439 or [sabine.craston@ntlworld.com](mailto:sabine.craston@ntlworld.com)

## Community

### Shepreth Wildlife Park

Win a family ticket for + £100 donation for your child's school **#SheprethCaptionCompetition** [Shepreth Wildlife Park](http://www.sheprethwildlifepark.com)

All you need to do is to complete a funny caption to complement the photo on the competition entry form, which is available either via download from our FB page, or participating schools and participating companies and send or deliver by hand to your nearest participating company by **Friday, 12th of July 2019**. T's and C's do apply <http://ow.ly/cbt150ux51e>  
<https://www.facebook.com/enableflp/>

### Time to Remember at the Gardens of Easton Lodge

We will be remembering our area's World War I and II history at our Open Day on 21st July. There will be lots of interest to both children and adults! Visitors will learn about the volunteer regiments, including the Essex Yeomanry which trained on the Easton Lodge estate, which played a huge role in World War I; and the airfield at Easton Lodge, which was the base for the American Army Air Force 386 Bomb Group and then the RAF in World War II. There will be military and vintage motorcars on display and a range of stalls and fun activities for children. Please see the attached flyer for further information.