

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

July 7th 2023

Headteacher News

Congratulations to Years 5 and 6 for their hugely entertaining performance of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' on today at South Mill Arts Centre. We look forward to their final performance tonight. It was a wonderful opportunity for so many of our children to shine, with some exceptional acting performances, as well as some brilliant singing and dancing. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work putting the show together and a big thank you to parents for your support.

This week I hope you have received information about your child's new teacher and their reports. If you have any questions regarding the report, the teachers will be available next Wednesday 12th July after school for a consultation to discuss your queries. Please ring the school office before the end of Tuesday 11th July and they will arrange a time for you.

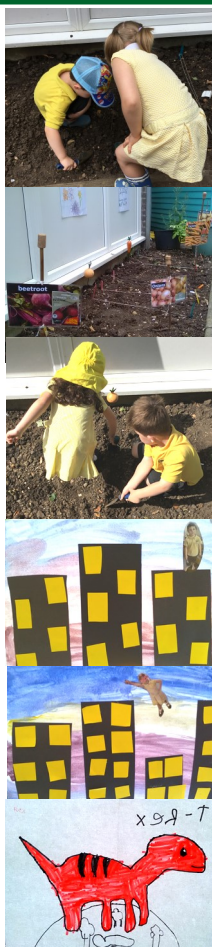
We look forward to seeing you at the maths games sessions and the work-sharing next week. Please see the dates for your child's class. Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

The **Nursery** children have continued with their topic of growing. They helped plant wild flower seeds, potatoes, carrots, onions, beetroot and oregano. Some crops will hopefully thrive over the summer holidays and will be a visual reminder to children that change is different but its good. We are all growing. Some children have created crops for September for the new Nursery children, including some younger siblings. These will be ready for Harvest festival.

Reception have been talking about superhero qualities and characteristics, concentrating on perseverance, tolerance and respect. We all bring superhero qualities out in one another every day, from kindness to creativity, bravery to patience. The classes have been decorated with cityscapes portraying the children themselves as superheroes.

In English **Year 1** have been using conjunctions in their writing to extend their sentences and use more imaginative language. They have read 'The Girl and the Dinosaur' by Hollies Hughes in class, which is a rhyming magical book about believing in the impossible. This book has really inspired the children's imaginations. They have also decorated the classrooms with their 3D Dinosaur designs.



Important Dates

Mon 10th July	9.15am Y2 DT Puppet Parent Workshop
Mon 10th July	9am Year 5 & 6 Maths games and parent work sharing
Tues 11th July	9am Year 1 & 2 Maths games and parent work sharing
Wed 12th	Consultations regarding reports
Thurs 13th July	9am Year 3 & 4 Maths games and parent work sharing
Thurs 13th July	Move up day/secondary transition day.
Thurs 13th July	9.15am—10.15am Nursery/Reception intake morning
w/c 17th July	PTA Ice cream sales
Mon 17th July	Art day
Tues 18th July	Take over day
Tues 18th July	9am Volunteer coffee morning
Wed 19th July	9.00am Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wed 19th July	Northgate's got talent
Thurs 20th July	End of Term at 2:00pm
Thurs 31st August	Inset day
Fri 1st Sept	Inset day
Monday 4th September	Children return to school
Wed 6th Sept	9am Y2 meet the teacher
Thurs 7th Sept	2.45pm Y3 meet the teacher
Fri 8th Sept	2.45pm Y6 meet the teacher
Mon 11th Sept	2.45pm Y4 meet the teacher
Tues 12th Sept	9am Y5 meet the teacher
Wed 13th Sept	9am Y1 meet the teacher
Tues 19th Sept	2.45pm Reception meet the teacher
Wed 20th Sept	11am & 2.45pm Nursery meet the teacher
Tues 30th Oct	Inset Day

*Red = New Item / Change to Item



Hertfordshire Libraries are proud to present The Summer Reading Challenge 2023.

This year's sports and games themed challenge, Ready, Set, Read! aims to keep

children reading for pleasure throughout the summer holidays. Children are encouraged to read 6 library books over the summer holidays. This could include listening to an e-audiobook, reading independently or even parents or carers reading picture books to younger ones... all reading is good reading in our book! Here's how it works:

- Visit a local library to sign up for the challenge from Saturday 8th July
- Borrow 2 books with the participant's library card
- Read the 2 books, come back to the library and tell us something about them in exchange for some stickers and a reward
- Repeat steps 2 and 3 until all stickers and rewards are earned
- Receive a personalised certificate, medal and gift on completion.

Safeguarding

Please see below a link to the Herts For Learning online safety summer newsletter. This covers topics such as children moving up to secondary school, dealing with safety concerns and provides useful links to the NSPCC website.

<https://thegrid.org.uk/assets/hfl-online-safety-newsletter-summer-2023-staff.pdf>

EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY

Enriching the curriculum



The topic for Year 2 children this term has been 'The Great Fire of London'. When Art Solutions came in to work on Displays

around the school, both classes made brilliant displays, showing a 3D scene of houses alight in the City. Words were added to describe and give a feeling of the sights, sounds, smells and what it must have been like to be there at the time.

Year 5 have been learning about Tutankhamen and Ramesses this week - the Ancient Egyptian pharaohs. They made pyramids and wrote key facts about the pharaohs on to them, and then decorated them beautifully to make sure they were appropriate burial grounds for such important pharaohs!



Sporting News

This half term, the year 5 and 6 netball teams have worked incredibly hard to play some brilliant netball. Our aspire team have made brilliant progress within the training session and our compete team have come a long way working together!

Congratulations to our compete netball team who were undefeated within the league and have been crowned winners! Well done everyone!



Windrush Day 22nd June

Mrs Smith and Mrs Tanner put together a display to mark the 75th anniversary of Windrush day. There are some books for children to look at, maps, commemorative stamps and the design of a new 50p coin.

Reminders and Updates

Please remember that on move up day (Transition day) Thursday the 13th July, children will be getting to know their new Teachers and environment for next year. Only Nursery children who are moving up to reception at Northgate are to attend school 9.15am to 10.15am. Nursery Children who are attending schools elsewhere will not be at school that day at all.

Library books

There are over 200 library books outstanding, these need to be returned to school by Friday 14th July. Please search high and low at home. Thank you.

Stepping stones coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning today. Chris from SPACE was an excellent speaker and feedback from parents was very positive. We hope to arrange our next coffee morning in September.

Please follow the link below to find out more about the charity.

[SPACE Hertfordshire – Supporting families in Hertfordshire | Autism | ADHD | Neurodiversity \(spaceherts.org.uk\)](https://spaceherts.org.uk)



Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Allegra and Robin

R1: Theo R2: Kitty

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Sports person". Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: showing a good attitude on sports day, trying their best and supported their peers, excellent enthusiasm and determination in dance, confidence building and resilience, brilliant sportsmanship and behaviour, for showing excellent enthusiasm, preservice and determination during sports day and sensibly learning the production dance in PE.

Class 1: Matilda

Class 7: Marvin

Class 2: Toby

Class 8: Teddy

Class 3: Thea Reynolds

Class 9: George

Class 4: Lena

Class 10: Kenny

Class 5: Rosie

Class 11: Alfie

Class 6: Alex

Class 12: Griff



SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Sportscool would like to present a SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB for primary school children aged 4-11 here at Northgate.

There are free places for families who receive Free School Meals (thanks to the Government backed HAPpy Programme).

All FSM parents/carers should have received a voucher code to use when booking via www.playwaze.com search 'sportscool'.

For all those not eligible for FSM please book your place via www.sportscoolwestessex.schoolipal.co.uk

Northgate School Association

Last few PTA events for this academic year!

Ice Cream Sales

Assuming that the weather is kind to us, we will be holding our annual ice cream sale at pick up on Tuesday 18th July and/or Wednesday 19th July. We will have a variety of ice creams and lollies. If anyone is free to help for half an hour on those days, please let us know!

Break the Rules Day

We have our Break the Rules Day on Thursday 20th July (the last day of term). For every rule you break, please give a 50p donation. See attached our Break the Rules poster for further details of the allowed rules to be broken. Have lots of fun being a little bit naughty!

Easyfundraising

As things are tight for us all, when you are next shopping, we would just like to encourage you to raise money for our Northgate PTA using **easy-fundraising**. Easyfundraising has partnerships with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend on their website to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand. Sign up to easyfundraising on their website or using their app- it's free. Every little helps as they say! Our unique website is: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northgate-association/>

Stikins Name Labels

Just a reminder with the new academic year approaching fast, please remember to order your name tags for your children's school uniform. Labels can be ordered from Stikins via their website at www.stikins.co.uk using the school fundraising number 14587. The Northgate School Association receives commission for each order.

Your PTA Co-Chairs: Geri Wren and Jo Parrott