

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

March 25th 2022

Headteacher's News

Please be aware that there has been a considerable amount of illness in school this week, including a number of Covid cases. To reduce the spread amongst children, the two classes who have been in a bubble this week have not mixed in shared class activities and are playing in separate areas. This unfortunately meant that Year 3 were unable to perform in their show. We are extremely sorry about this and hope parents manage to come in next week and see their dance. We have also had a significant number of staff off. Unfortunately we are still unable to any find supply staff to cover classes so once again we have had to cover as best we can internally.

It is great to see the children having opportunities to once again join in with a wide range of activities. Congratulations to both our boy's football teams who have made it to the local league finals. See below for more details.

We were delighted to see Year 4 perform amazingly in their show. We were treated to their production of 'Going for Gold' and I was really proud of all the children, who performed with such enthusiasm.

Thank you to parents for their support with such wonderful costumes, and all our dedicated staff who gave their time and energy to produce such a fantastic show.

Have a great weekend.

K.A.S. Football League

Our Gold and Silver teams stormed to victory this week, taking them into next week's league finals.

The Gold team played Little Hallingbury at home and got off to a good start with lots of shots which fell just wide of the goal. Toby then scored a brilliant goal at the end of the first half. The second half started with an early goal from Little Hallingbury bringing the score level. With just minutes to go Toby scored his second goal to put Northgate through to the finals. (*Wun Tin C12*)

The Silver team played Manorfields on Wednesday. Northgate had some good chances during the first half. Manorfields tried their best to score but the Northgate goal keeper and defenders dismissed all their shots. After an energy sucking first half, followed by a drink and team talk, Northgate pushed hard and were rewarded by a goals from Curtis and Mac. Manorfields then scored a lucky goal but it was too little and Northgate's Silver team went through to the final of the K.A.S football league. (*Ally C11*)

Safeguarding

New attendance and online safety policies have recently been updated and approved by Governors.

Please go to our [website](#) if you would like to understand the school's policy and procedures.

Important Dates - 2021/22

W/cm 28th March	Science Week
Tues 29th March	9am - Reception Science with parents
Weds 30th March	11am/2.30pm Nursery Science with parents
Weds 30th March	9am - Year 3/4 Science with parents (20 min)
Thurs 31st March	9am - Year 5/6 Science with parents (20 min)
Fri 1st April	9am - Year 1/2 Science with parents (20 min)
Fri 1st April	Northgate's Got Talent
Fri 1st April	Break the Rules Day
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
Thurs 19th May	Year 5 Instrumental Concert
Fri 20th May	PTA Film Night
Thurs 26th May	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
30th May-3rd Jun	May Half Term
Mon 6th June	INSET DAY
Thurs 9th June	Year 4 Instrumental Concert
7th-10th June	Year 1 Phonics Week
7th-24th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Sat 11th June	PTA Summer Fayre
W/cm 13th June	Father's Day Shop
Thurs 16th June	Year 3 Instrumental Concert
20th to 24th June	Year 6 School Journey
Thurs 30th June	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 8th July	Sports Day
W/cm 18th July	PTA Ice Cream Sales
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm
1st-2nd Sept	INSET DAYS

Science week

We are all very excited that next week is our school Science Week.

Covid permitting, parents are invited to come to share a science activity with their child. (See diary dates above for the dates and times).



Please come in via the office and wait in the dining room where Mrs Gitto, our science lead, will talk to you about science while the registers are being taken. You will then have the opportunity to go to your child's classroom where you will share a science activity with your child.

We hope this gives you an opportunity to share in your child's school learning and gives you a sense how we teach science in school.

Vacancies

[Key Stage 2 SEN 1:1 TA position](#)

[Nursery Class Teaching Assistant](#)

[Business Operations Assistant](#)

**EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY**

Athletics

I took 27 children across Year 6 to Wodson Park in Ware to compete in the U11 Hertfordshire County Finals in Sports Hall Athletics. There were 11 schools from across the county, each winning their school partnerships competition. The children had to compete in a range of track and field events, both individually and as a team. The girls team finished 5th overall and the boys 6th overall. Out of 11 of the best schools across the county I think this was an amazing achievement for them and representing the school. They were all amazing. *K Pursglove*



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Novanna and Harriet

R1: Arthur

R2: Penelope

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



Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their work, particularly the wonderful singing by Year 4 in their production of Going for Gold.

Well done to:

Class 1: Eliza

Class 7: Noemie

Class 2: Rosie

Class 8: Lottie

Class 3: Julien

Class 9: Yoana

Class 4: Eliza A

Class 10: Felicity

Class 5: Evelyne

Class 11: Morgan

Class 6: Harry

Class 12: Jack

Year 4 Production

On Thursday, the Year 4 children put on two fantastic performances of their production 'Going for Gold'. They took pride in emphasising the importance of striving for their best. They all worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and sing beautifully. We are very proud of them all.



Miss Adams and Miss Kavanagh

Northgate School Association

Mother's Day

A huge thank you for all your support with the Mother's Day Shop. It has been a huge success and we raised an amazing £400. The kids loved choosing their gifts and all walked away happy with their gift bag. We hope all our wonderful Mothers and Carers have a fantastic Mother's Day and you enjoy your gifts.

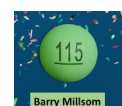
Thank you to Katie Homer for all your work on our Mother's Day Shop and to our parent volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you again to **Reyland Johnson Estate Agents** for supporting our event by purchasing our lovely gift bags. The bags are recyclable and biodegradable (with the ribbon and handles removed).

250 Club

Congratulations to Barry Millsom, you are this month's 250 Club winner! A cheque is on its way to you. Enjoy!

Please remember, you can join the 250 club at anytime and be in with a chance of winning a lovely sum of money! Just contact us at ptanorthgate@gmail.com for further details or to sign up.



Break the Rules Day

On the last day of term (1st April), it is Break the Rules day. This is always a brilliant day for our children, so for a 50p donation for every rule broken, please come to school and break some rules (rules permitted to be broken are on the attached poster!).

Parent Questionnaire

The sole purpose of the PTA is to provide your children with fun and varied events, as well as providing much needed funds for the school to enrich the curriculum. As a small volunteer group of working parents, we are unable to run all the events without the support of volunteers.

Please do take a minute to complete the survey [here](#) and help us to continue organising events that the children enjoy.

Best wishes, Geri Wren and Jo Parrott
Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs

Free School Meals

Your child could be entitled to free school meals, worth over £450 per child per year, and they might be able to gain extra support such as some financial support with trips and access to our pupil premium homework club, if you receive any of the following:

- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)

- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

If you receive any of these benefits, the [application](#) only takes 5 minutes to complete and in most cases you will be told straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until March 2023, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary), if that's after the end of March 2023. Have your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand when you apply. Don't miss out, apply now! For more information or assistance with your application visit www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals or call the customer service centre on 0300 123 4048 (8am-8pm Monday to Friday, 9am- 4pm Saturday).