

April 19th 2024

Headteacher's News

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable break. We are delighted to resume learning this week with new engaging topics and we have some exciting events for the summer term planned. It has been a great start to the term with our Year 4 footballers winning the KAS tournament today! Their great sportsmanship shone through the tournament! Well done boys! The new assembly topic of 'Tolerance', and our new Learning Power 'Creative Thinking Chameleon' has been introduced with all the children. This term all the National Assessments will take place. Next Wednesday, there is a parent information session about the Year 1 National Phonics Screening. The Year 6 assessments start on the 13th May and we also have Year 4 multiplication assessments in June. Other year groups will be completing assessments towards the end of May. Please make sure that your child makes the best of this key learning time by arriving at school on time and ensuring he/she does not miss school unless absolutely necessary. Also please ensure, if possible, that any external appointments are made after school. We greatly appreciate your support in this matter. We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Hayley Lynskey, the owner of Little Ladybirds and Night Owls. She had such a positive attitude and drive to ensure all children in her care had a fantastic experience. She will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayer are with all her family. Have a good weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

Thanks to the generosity of our families and the efforts from PTA fundraising, our EYFS children are reaping the benefits from the improvements made to their outdoor area. They are having lots of fun with new equipment which has been bought recently. They have car ramps made of different materials, an insect-investigation-tyre full of toy insects and magnifying glasses; with the edition of mud, we are sure to see lots of real insects making their home there soon! A mud kitchen has been made especially for this area and this week the children built greenhouses so that they can start growing plants from seed. This will fit in very nicely with their topic this term "living things". The weather has been a bit unsettled, but when the sun shined some children practised hanging out the washing on the new washing lines, perhaps they can help you at home too!



Important Dates

Mon 22nd April
Wed 24th April

Thurs 25th April
Thurs 25th April
Mon 29th April

Mon 6th May
Thurs 9th May
Fri 10th May
13th—16th May

Fri 17th May
WB 20th May
Mon 20th May
Thurs 23rd May
27th—31st May

Mon 3rd June
W/C 3rd June
3rd—7th June
Sat 8th June
W/C 10th June

Mon 10th June
Mon 10th June
Thurs 13th June
Fri 14th June

Thurs 20th June
Fri 21st June
Fri 21st June
Wed 26th June

1st July
2nd July
Fri 5th July
Wb 8th July
Wb 8th July

Thurs 11th July
Tues 16th July
W/C 15th July
Thurs 18th July

Fri 19th July
Fri 19th July
2nd & 3rd Sept
Wed 4th Sept

Y3 Greek Day
9.00am Y1 Parents phonics Information session.

2.30pm Y5 Music concert
PTA Quiz Night at The Belgian Brewer
R1 & R2 Trip to Willows Farm

Bank Holiday
2.30pm Y4 Music concert
2pm PTA committee meeting
Y6 SATS

Y4 Viking day
Neurodiversity week
Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew
2.30pm Y3 Music concert
Half Term

Inset Day
Y4 National multiplication assessments
Y6 School Journey, Kingswood
PTA Summer Fayre
PTA Father's Day Shop

Y1 National phonics, screening.
Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony
Visit from Herts & Essex Music Group
Y5 Egyptian workshop

Visit from Woodwind Stortford
Y2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
Y4 Stansted Mountfitchet Visit
Y1 Trip to Audley End

Y5 /6 rehearsal at theatre (timings TBC)
Y5/6 performance (timings TBC)
PTA Sports Day After Party & Colour Run
History week
History with Parents /work sharing 9am (see below)

School Transition Day
Take over day
PTA Ice Cream Sales

9.15am Y6 Leavers' assembly
PTA Break the Rules Day
2pm Last Day of Term

Inset days
First day of the school year

Safeguarding

In the interest of safeguarding families at Northgate and the wider community, local police officers will be monitoring parking outside school from time to time. They were present during pick up yesterday to observe the problems we are experiencing. Please allow extra time to park safely. Please remember parents do have access to a carpark at the Rugby Club and our crossing patrol person, Tony is there to ensure families are safe with the road crossing. Figures show that in 2021, 512 children aged seven or younger were killed or seriously injured on British roads. That's one young child every 17 hours – and the equivalent of a whole class of young children (27) every 19 days. Let us do all we can to protect our children!

Enriching the Curriculum

Mrs Fraser, one of our Governors is running a debating club for Year 5 and 6 on Wednesdays. This is designed to promote problem solving and innovative thinking skills. The children meet in and explore debating skills around fun topics, such as cats v dogs as pets and whether AI should replace teachers! Luckily, they decided against that idea!



Sport

This week in KS2, three teams from Northgate joined other local schools and competed at the KAS football festival in Manuden. Arabelle from Class 10 said "The girls played in two

teams, A and B. Both teams did really well and team A got through to the quarter final, drawing 0-0 at full time.

Penalties came next, but neither team scored. It was then sudden death! The opposition scored first and won. It was great fun, the weather was nice and warm and there was a lot of people watching on."

A mixed gender team (Year 3 and 4) played this morning and our Year 4 group won their tournament, with each player receiving a medal and a golden trophy!

Congratulations. Our Year 5 and 6 boys' team have their games this afternoon! Good luck and enjoy.



Celebration of Achievements

Nursery: River and Florence

R1: Sirius R2: Sara

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Maths".

Well done for: working independently on multiplications, for putting 100% effort into every lesson, having good recall with times tables, always challenging themselves with maths learning, understanding all of their new maths learning, making excellent translations in the class shape project, always contributing in maths lessons, accurate and precise translation of shapes, developing a good balance of solving calculation at speed, but taking time to make sure they are accurate, constantly working hard on Time Tables Rock Stars and helping the class to win all of their tournaments!

Class 1: Jolam

Class 2: Mia

Class 3: Aaron

Class 4: Flynn

Class 5: Bea

Class 6: Rafie

Class 7: Miken

Class 8: Melly

Class 9: Martha

Class 10: Daniel

Class 11: Albie

Class 12: Oscar



Northgate School Association

PTA Quiz Night

Our PTA Quiz Night is taking place at 8pm on Thursday 25th April at The Belgian Brewer. Please see attached poster.

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather your friends/family and join us for the PTA Quiz Night at The Belgian Brewer.

Tickets cost £2 per person and can be purchased here - <https://thebelgianbrewer.co.uk/product/nortgate-pta-pub-quiz-8pm/>
Thanks for your continued support!

PTA Summer Fayre

With the Summer Fayre on Saturday 8th June fast approaching, we are looking for lots of lovely volunteers to help us make it the best Summer Fayre ever!

This year's Summer Fayre is 'Beside the Seaside' themed (please see attached poster), so here's hoping that we have good weather. We have lots of lovely things planned for the Fayre- Crazy Golf, Football Dartboard, pony rides, loads of bouncy castles, delicious food and drinks, sandpits, games galore, our famous raffle, bottle tombola and lots of awesome shopping! We also have the police and fire brigade joining us and a live DJ.

We're very excited that Taylor Wimpey are partnering with us for this event, and they'll be there on the day too.

If you fancy running a game, helping with any of the above, please sign up here to help, there are lots of roles available.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/?#!showSignUp/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-48892296-northgate>

We can't run our events without your support, so please do sign up if you can. Thank you.

So make sure you book us in your diary - Saturday 8th June midday till 3pm.

Hope you all have a relaxing weekend.
Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team

Reminders and Notices

Healthy snacks

Please provide your child with healthy snacks at school, such as fruit, vegetables and yogurts etc. We **do not** want children to bring anything unhealthy such as chocolate, crisps, sweets etc.

Changes to EYFS uniform

To support with the cost of living, in September EYFS uniform will change so EYFS children wear green jumpers and cardigans rather than yellow (so they do not need to be replaced at the end of Reception.)

This term we are happy for EYFS children to wear either yellow or green jumpers, and yellow or green dresses. PE kit will not be changing.

School lunch Balance

Please check the balance of your child's school dinner account to make sure it is in credit. Thank you.

Lost Property reminder

We always have lots of lost property left at school, especially jumpers, hoodies and cardigans. Please remember to label your children's clothes. Anything we have unnamed will be washed at the end of every half term and put up for sale on the preloved rail.

Clubs update

We have some new lunch clubs starting up this term, including, Spanish, Year 1/2 Multi Skills, Year 3/4 Tri Golf and Netball, plus Year 5/6 Cricket and Netball. An updated list of all clubs will be on our website shortly.

Dogs on site

Northgate **do not** allow dogs onto the school premises (with the exception of assistance dogs). However friendly and well trained your dog is, the busy, noisy, unpredictable environment in a school playground may cause issues. This rule includes outside school hours.

Charity Work

Well done to Zorawar and his friends in Class 2 who really challenged themselves walking three miles on 24th March to raise money for Charity Water.Org. They have raised a fantastic £2,500!