

September 15th 2023

## Headteacher's News

We hope that you found the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions informative and we look forward to meeting the Foundation parents next week. If your child is in KS1 or KS2, you should be receiving a copy of the termly letter on Goggle Classrooms which provides key information for the year group. It will also be available on the school website. Please ask if you have not received it.

Our school value this half term is **'Responsibility'** and in assemblies we have been considering our role within our school to make it a happy place to learn and play.

Our half term Learning Power is **'Teamwork Tiger'** and already we have seen some excellent examples around the school. If your child comes home with a sticker, see if they can explain what skills they used to be a Teamwork Tiger.

As a school, one of our key roles is to monitor school attendance. If your child is struggling to get into school, and you would like some support, please contact our pastoral leader, Mrs Leeks on [pastoral@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@northgate.herts.sch.uk). She is always happy to support child and families to have successful starts to the school day. We hope you have a enjoyable weekend.

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Year 5 WWII Evacuee Day

On Monday, **Year 5** enjoyed **Evacuee Day**. They came in dressed as evacuees from World War II, and immersed themselves in what life was like during the war. The class learnt about the blackout and discussed what essential items they would take with them if they were being evacuated. They also made clay models of a week's worth of rations.

They all had fun and enjoyed learning lots of new things. Last week was **'Art Week'** the whole school looked closely at the work of British artist L.S. Lowry's 'Britain at Play'. The children created some amazing art work in his style and wrote some very descriptive piece based on the picture. This has been displayed in the corridors out side of the classes.



## Important Dates

Tues 19th Sept  
Tues 19th Sept  
Wed 20th Sept  
Mon 25th Sept  
Wed 27th Sept  
Tues 3rd Oct  
Wed 4th Oct  
Tues 10th Oct  
Tues 10th Oct

Wed 11th Oct  
Wed 11th Oct

Mon 16th Oct  
Tues 17th Oct  
Wed 18th Oct  
Thurs 19th Oct  
Fri 20th Oct  
23rd—27th Oct  
Mon 30th Oct  
Fri 3rd Nov  
Mon 13th Nov  
Fri 12th Jan  
Mon 4th Mar  
Fri 10th May  
Mon 24th June

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding training for volunteers **9.00am**  
2.45pm Reception meet the teacher  
11am & 2.45pm Nursery meet the teacher  
7.30pm PTA Committee Meeting online  
9am Y1 Phonics workshop for parents  
9am Reception Phonics workshop (parents)  
2.45pm Y3/4 times tables workshop (parents)  
9am KS1 Harvest assembly (parents in)  
9.20am Supporting Learning Y2 workshop parents  
9am Reception Harvest assembly (parents in)  
6.30pm—7.45pm Y5/6 Parent information evening  
9.05am KS1 Reading with parents  
9.05am LKS2 Reading with parents  
9.05am UKS2 Reading with parents  
9.05am EYFS Reading with parents  
RE Day  
Half term  
Inset Day  
PTA fireworks  
7.30pm PTA AGM  
2pm PTA Committee Meeting  
7.30pm PTA Committee Meeting  
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## Nursery Forest School

Nursery require parent volunteers for their outdoor learning Forest School. This will run every Wednesday 9.30am—10.30am. If you are interested in being a Volunteer, please let Miss Powala know via the class email address: [nursery@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@northgate.herts.sch.uk). Please note that you will have to fill in a volunteer's pack available at the office and attend safeguarding training. Volunteers are not currently needed for the afternoon session.

## Safeguarding

**Very important:** We are a nut free school as we have children with **nut allergies**. Please be careful not to include food containing nuts or nut products, such as peanut butter, pesto, Bakewell tart, chocolate products or desserts which contain nuts. Please refer to our website for more information.

**Contact Details:** In case of an emergency, we must ensure we have up-to-date contact details on file. A [form](#) is available on the school website for you to update your details and to inform us of any changes to your email address, mobile phone number, address etc. Many thanks.

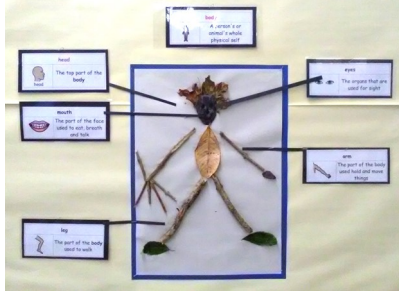
### Phones and smart watches

Children should not be bringing smart phones, smart watches or other mobile technology into school. These pose a safeguarding risk for children within the school if used inappropriately. Items found in school will be returned directly to parents. Permission can be granted for children in **Year 5 or 6** to bring in phones if they are walking home unattended and relevant forms have been completed. School will not take responsibility for any loss or damage.

This week **Nursery and EYFS** have read *The Colour Monster*, by Anna Llenas, which helps the children to explore feelings using colour. In the book a little girl shows a confused Monster what each feeling means through colour so he is able to work out how he feels. For example yellow is happy and blue is sad. The children have worked very hard producing a lovely display in the hall way, fantastic work!



In Science **Year 1** are looking at the human body. This week the children looked at the human form with creative eyes, they found and used objects from nature to produce the human shape. They are working on a fabulous display in their classes.



**Year 3** are studying 'Just so Stories' by Rudyard Kipling. These are some of the stories Rudyard Kipling made up for his children. They are called 'Just So' because he told them again and again, and the children always wanted them to be told just the same. He drew the black and white pictures himself. This week they have been practicing writing expanding noun phrases.



## Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Theo and Lama

R1: Darcy R2: Robin

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on 'a positive attitude to learning'.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: working really hard in all lessons, trying their best and persevering with challenging tasks, being a great role model, having a positive attitude to learning, a fantastic start to the school year, an excellent attitude towards team work, a great 'I can Attitude', always sharing ideas and being positive, embracing a challenge, giving everything a go with a smile.



Well done to:

Class 1: Theo Class 7: Jacob

Class 2: Freddie Class 8: Nia

Class 3: Olivia Class 9: Elise

Class 4: Isobel Class 10: Archie

Class 5: Dylan Class 11: Georgia

Class 6: James Class 12: Freddie

## Harvest Festival



Harvest Festival is approaching, we will soon be asking you to donate food for the Bishops Stortford Food Bank. Please bear in mind the items that they require most. These include: crisps, chocolate, tinned Fruit, tinned vegetables, sponge puddings, biscuits, coffee, tea, fruit juice, cereal, tinned meat/fish, jam, honey, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, rice puddings, UHT milk, soup, sanitary items, toilet rolls, toiletries, cleaning items and nappies size 4/5/6.

## Northgate School Association

### PTA Calendar

The first ever Northgate Primary PTA calendar has been a hit and selling out fast! Get your copy while you can! Plan your year ahead with ease around school commitments, as the calendar maps out all planned school and PTA events up to August 2024, whilst showcasing art work from almost all our Northgate students. Let us help you stay more organised this academic year! You can buy yours online from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-nodxnvz> and it will be delivered to your child.

### PTA Coffee Morning

Just a reminder, we're holding a PTA coffee morning on Friday 29th September at 9am in the School Staff room. Just an informal opportunity to meet some of the team and ask us questions plus learn about the money we have raised to date and what that money is being used to purchase. Please do come along and chat to us!

### PTA Fireworks Night

Tickets are now on sale for our popular Fireworks Night! Come and join us on Friday 3rd November 2023 from 5pm with skies alight at 7pm. We have food and drink vans, plus: music, games, glow items, face painting and more! Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-vvjldom> As always, we need volunteers for our big events. Please sign up here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/70A0B48AE23AAF85-northgate11> Please see attached poster for further information.

**Hope you all have a lovely weekend.**

**Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team**

## Reminders and Updates

### Office Opening Times

Please note that the school office opening times are as follows:

8.30am—4.30pm Monday-Thursday

8.30am—4.00pm Fridays

### Uniform

All children should be wearing full school uniform. Please see our website for details. If there are any exceptional circumstances with regards to uniform, please contact the office for advice.

Please remember if your child has had their ears pierced recently and can not take out the studs for a little while, we require a letter from parents stating when they can stop wearing them. These earrings should be covered by medical tape or a plaster at school.