

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

October 14th 2022

Headteacher's News

We hope you had a lovely time reading with your children this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents in school sharing books with their children. Please see the section on reading at home below. We look forward to seeing the Year 5/6 parents on Monday evening on supporting their children. On Wednesday 6th October, from 6.45pm to 8.00pm, we will be holding a Year 5 and 6 Parent Curriculum Information Evening. During this session we will be running a series of 15 minute workshops on supporting English and Maths. There will also be an opportunity to get a better understanding of the Year 6 SATs.

At this time of year the children are beginning to get tired and are more vulnerable to picking up illnesses, and this is often the period when we get an increased number of incidents of poor behaviour. It is important that students pay attention to all of the basic aspects of wellbeing to ensure that they can make good, considered decisions. Please help your child at this time in the term by making sure they have plenty of rest at home and are going to bed at a reasonable time. I am sure you are aware that there have been a number of pieces of research on how having screens in bedrooms has a detrimental affect on sleep. Thank you for your support. Have a lovely weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

Reading with Parents



We've enjoyed welcoming parents and carers into our classrooms this week to share our reading journeys. It's been really special to be able to share these moments with our adults. Reading is for enjoyment but also has such high importance as it unlocks all areas of the curriculum. Please make sure that your child is reading daily and that you are writing in their reading record.

Important Dates

Mon 17th Oct	6.45pm–8.00pm Y5/6 Parent info Evening
Tues 18th Oct	9.00am Year 2 Learning support for parents
Fri 21st Oct	Black history day
24th–28th Oct	Half Term
31st Oct	INSET DAY
1st–4th Nov	Well-being week
Fri 4th Nov	PTA Fireworks
8th/9th Nov	Parent consultations
8th/10th Nov	Class 3 Parent consultations
Mon 9th Nov	Individual photos
Fri 11th Nov	Final of house science quiz
Mon 14th Nov	7.30pm Northgate PTA AGM meeting
Tues 22nd Nov	Flu immunisations (for unvaccinated pupils)
Fri 2nd Dec	Christmas film night
Wed 7th Dec	9.15am & 2.30pm Reception Christmas production
Tue 13th Dec	2.30pm & 5.30pm KS1 Christmas production
Tues 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th Dec	R & KS1 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 15th Dec	KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Tues 20th Dec	9.00am Volunteer coffee morning
Tues 20th Dec	Northgate's Got Talent
Wed 21st Dec	Break the Rules Day
Wed 21st Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Thurs 5th Jan	INSET DAY

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Wellbeing and screen time

Public Health England have an interesting article on how healthy behaviour supports children's wellbeing. Subjects include life satisfaction, health, overall wellbeing, screen time, physical activity, healthy eating and diet. It is worth reading.

No scooting or cycling at school

Please remind your children including pre-schoolers, that they are not permitted to scoot or cycle on school premises. The entrance area is extremely busy in the morning and we do not wish to have any accidents. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Herts Hogline

Your donations of cat/dog food were delivered by Mrs Morgan to Herts Hogline this week and they asked us to pass on their grateful thanks for your generosity.



Enriching the curriculum

Both **Reception** classes went on their first local walk this week - they all had lots of fun walking to the cricket field, looking at signs of autumn and collecting acorns. They played some circle games before walking back to school along the tree shadow line.



Year 1 have been learning about their senses. Last Friday they became 'Popcorn Investigators'. They investigated how to make popcorn and used their senses (taste, touch, sight, hearing, smell) to describe it!



On Wednesday, **Year 2** enjoyed a walk to the site of Waytemore Castle in Bishop's Stortford as part of their Towers, Turrets and Tunnels topic. They enjoyed looking at the site of the old motte-and-bailey castle. They discussed its history, imagined what it would have looked like, measured out its walls and then drew detailed sketches of the mound. The children behaved exceptionally well and we were very proud of them.



Ten children from across **Years 3 and 4** played their first dodgeball tournament on Monday. They played against Howe Green and Thorn Grove. All children had a chance to play in a match and they thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this fixture.

On Thursday **Class 7** and Friday **Class 8** children attended a pizza masterclass at the Bishops Stortford Franco Manca restaurant. During this experience, the children were able to make and eat the pizza for lunch that they designed in class as part of their Design and Technology unit. The Franco Manca trip was incredible. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their time in the masterclass. They were all able to knead their own dough and pick toppings for their pizza. Once they were made, they all had time to tuck into their very own Franco Manca pizza.



Reminders and Updates

Parking

Please note that the staff car park should not to be used for pick up and drop off under any circumstance, including before and after school. Thank you.

Medicine

If your child requires any medication at school, this includes prescription and non prescription medicines, creams or lotions please bring them to the school office as **children should not be carrying them in their bags**. Parents need to fill out a form and they will be kept in the medical room.

All medicine needs to be in its original packaging with instructions inside. Many thanks.

School Cleaners required at Northgate School

Nightingale cleaning are seeking to appoint part time cleaners. £9.50 per hour. Hours 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Offer of appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced DBS. For further information please contact Sue at Nightingale Cleaning Ltd 07704 527664. Email s.moore@nightingalecleaning.com

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Everliegh-Mae & Jack

R1: Penny R2 Kitty



This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on Art

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: fantastic attention to detail on their self-portrait, for lovely art work and brush strokes, for the amount of effort put into drawings and how unique and create they are, for a fantastic pastel drawing figure in the style of Degas, for creativity and imagination within story pictures of the Gruffalo.

Well done to:

Class 1: Robin

Class 7: Max

Class 2: Maya

Class 8: Joseph

Class 3: Lara

Class 9: Stanley

Class 4: Lydia

Class 10: Ronnie

Class 5: Sasha

Class 11: Charlie

Class 6: Emily

Class 12: Griff



Northgate School Association

Costume Shop

Don't forget our Pre Loved Costume Shop which took place today and will be in the School Office again next Friday. Our Costume Shop is focusing mainly on Halloween costumes and Pirate costumes for those in Year 2 who have a special dress up day coming soon in school.

Fireworks Night

Thank you for all your support with our Fireworks Event- we are now SOLD OUT!

But.....we still need more volunteers to support our Fireworks event! Please sign up using the following link to help us on the night. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-northgate8>

Thank you again to our amazing Fireworks event sponsor, Russell Property.

Christmas Film Night

Please put Friday 2nd December 2022 in your diaries for our Christmas Film Night for the children and Mulled Wine for the adults! Watch this space for more information shortly.

Russell Property Christmas Card Competition

During November 2022, your child will have the opportunity to create Russell Property's Christmas Card design featuring the Russell Property Owl. Children will have the opportunity to create their design in School. There are two competitions, one for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. There will be book vouchers for each of the first place winners and runners up. Good luck everyone!

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs

Geri Wren and Jo Parrott