

June 30th 2023

Headteacher News

Another really busy week, with the highlight being the whole school Sports Day that took place today. See overleaf for more details. Thanks to Miss Kavanagh for organising today's event and Mrs Bull for organising the Nursery Sports Day. Well done everyone - it was a great day!

You will receive your children's school report next Wednesday, plus results for national assessments results. The year 6 SATs results will be published the following week, so will be sent out separately. The teachers have spent a long time summarising your child's strengths and identifying what their next steps are. If you have any comments about the report or year and wish to feed this back to the SLT, please email the school on interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk and clearly state your child's name and class. We value your opinions and will review all comments carefully. If you have any questions regarding the report, the teachers will be available on Wednesday 12th July after school for a consultation to discuss your queries. Please ring the school office before the end of Tuesday 11th and they will arrange a time for you.

We hope you have a great weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

Art Solutions came in to school Monday and Tuesday to work with **Years 2-6**. The children have designed and made some fantastic displays for school based on the children's learning powers: Creative Thinking Chameleon, Teamwork Tiger, Independent Elephant, Self Managing Monkey, Resilient Rhino, Reflective Learner Lion as well as book characters. The displays below were all made by the children from paper mache! Fantastic job everyone! This will certainly brighten up the hallways! Thanks to the PTA for funding this event.



Linked to their topic, **Year 1** had a wonderful visit from the Travelling Natural History Museum on Thursday. They used real dinosaur artefacts, fossils and a huge display of life size models. The children found this so enjoyable and educational.



Important Dates

Mon 3rd July	Y 5/6 costumes to be brought into school
Wed 5th July	Children reports sent out
Thurs 6th July	Y 5/6 Performance rehearsal at Theatre 9.00am
Fri 7th July	9.00am dress rehearsal at South Mill Y5/6 only
Fri 7th July	1.30pm Y 5/6 afternoon performance to parents
Fri 7th July	6.30pm Y 5/6 evening Performance to parents
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.
w/c 17th July	PTA Ice cream sales
Mon 17th July	Art day
Tuesday 18th July	Take over day
Wed 19th July	9.00am Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thurs 20th July	Northgate's got talent.
Monday 4th September	End of Term at 2:00pm
	Children return to school
	*Red = New Item / Change to Item



Year 2 went to Colchester Zoo on Thursday. They travelled there by double decker bus, which they all really enjoyed. Next week the children will write a recount of their experience using adjectives, verbs and adverbs to describe the animals that they observed. The children were so well behaved. Thank you to all the parent helpers for their support.



Year 5 & 6 Production

Please read the email sent out to parents and carers of Years 5 and 6 on Wednesday morning which gives the times of the performance, drop off and collections arrangements. There was also an update sent out separately regarding how to order tickets. If you have any queries or problems please let us know.

Safeguarding

Look out for a guide to digital parenting which will be given to your child next week to bring home. Its full of useful information covering what kids are talking about, safety measures, how to be an ally online, careers in IT for the future.

Enriching the curriculum

On Wednesday, the debate team from Boys High sixth form came in to visit year 5. As Year 5's topic this term is Ancient Egypt, the theme of the debate was 'this house would rather live in Ancient Egypt than modern Britain'. It was very exciting watching the two sides present their arguments and argue against each other in a professional way! Susie from Class 10 was appointed time keeper and she did a great job. It was a really fun afternoon and year 5 learnt a lot about the skills of a good debate!



Sporting News

On Wednesday it was **Nursery Sports Day**. All the children had a wonderful time running their races and the parents watching were very proud of their achievements! Well done children! On Friday the rest of the school had sports day, all the children worked hard to achieve their very best and really enjoyed the activities.



Reminders and Updates

Children from Year 5 are holding a loomband sale for charity on Wednesday 5th July at 10.45am in the dining hall. All proceeds will go to a cancer charity. Items range from 50p to £1.00



Northgate Community Project

As we are all aware, more and more families are struggling with increases in the cost of living, especially due to increased supermarket prices. To support some of our families we would like to offer them a household hamper for the holidays. This would include everyday items such as toilet roll, toothpaste, washing powder, deodorant and sanitary products as appropriate. If you feel you may be in a position to help by donating some of these products, we would all be very grateful. Please leave any donations of the following new items in the donation box in the front foyer.

If you would be interested in receiving one of these, please email Mrs Ferdinand at suzanne.ferdiand@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: The whole of Nursery! Well done children

R1: Joshua R2: Everyone in the class! Wonderful!

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: being one of the kindest and most thoughtful children, always being kind to others around them and looking out for their friends, developing their kindness skills throughout the year, always being a kind friend and making everyone in the year feel included in games and activities.

Class 1: Mia	Class 7: Vito
Class 2: Faith	Class 8: Ivy
Class 3: Emily	Class 9: Maddie
Class 4: Teddy	Class 10: Eden
Class 5: Emily	Class 11: Elena
Class 6: Sienna	Class 12: Isla

Speech & Drama Club

Best wishes to all of the children taking part in their LAMDA examinations this weekend - enjoy your performances and you'll have the most amazing, positive experience!

The aim of Speech & Drama Club is for children to develop a love, appreciation and understanding of language and literature. Our small-group lunchtime classes cover a range of activities from performing poetry and prose, devising and improvising scenes using texts, films and plays as inspiration and exploring a complete range of characters, mime and physical theatre, with specific work to increase self-confidence in vocal technique and diction.

For enquiries for September, classes are year group specific and available for those in Year 1 and above. If you would like further details, please contact Jacqueline Dearnley via email at jdearnley71@hotmail.com.

Northgate School Association

Sports Day

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Sports Day After Party. If you haven't got your tickets yet, they can be purchased from the PTA bar at the event. A huge thank you to Rachel Spence and Natalie Gill for leading this event! Much appreciated.

PTA Calendar

Our PTA Calendar will be on sale soon! The idea behind this project is to help parents and carers by providing important school dates at the start of the academic year whilst also showcasing the beautiful artwork from children at the school and winners of our Photography Competition. And you'll be raising money for our much needed school! Watch this space for details on how to purchase shortly.

Pre Loved Uniform Shop

WANTED: If you have any good quality (no rips or stains please!) yellow uniform that you'd like to donate to the pre-loved sale, please can you bring them into the office by 4th July.

We have lots of new families attending the school on the 6th and 13th July and the rail will be out. Thank you!

Stikins Name Labels

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 fund-raising number 14587. The Northgate School Association receives commission for each order.