

March 10th 2023

## Headteacher's News

I hope Year 1 parents found the phonics session informative—we were delighted so many parents could join us. All year groups have had parent information workshops this academic year. However, if you feel further workshops may be of benefit, please email with your suggestions to [interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk).

As part of developing respect for different faiths, we were delighted to welcome the Rev. Paddy Cable to our KS2 assembly this week, who introduced himself and spoke briefly about the season of Lent. If you have anyone of any faith who is willing to come into an assembly, please let the office know.

We are also looking for parents who have jobs that involve 'creative thinking' who would be happy to talk to a year group about their job in our creative thinking week. These opportunities are good for children to get a wider perspective on life beyond school. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

In creative thinking week, parents will be invited to work with their child solving a 'creative thinking task' together and then will have the chance to look at their books together as our 'work sharing'. See the diary for dates and times.

Hope you have a good weekend.

## Enriching the curriculum

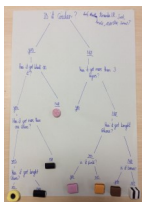
The EYFS children are sad today as we said Good-bye our baby ducklings who have grown so big they need to back to their farm and pond. All except for our little one, Lucky who was born with a broken leg. Lucky was taken to a duck sanctuary by one of the Little Ladybird ladies, Amy, mummy to Chloe in Nursery. We have had updates of Lucky's progress and a picture of him with his leg all bandaged up.



Year 3 finished off their volcano sculptures this week. They successfully created the sense of hot magma, volcanic ash and tephra. Well done children.



Year 4 have been looking at classification keys in science. This week we classified Liquorice allsorts ready for our lesson next week when we will classify living things.



In Science, Year 5 are learning about forces.

This week, they investigated how friction will slow down how fast a car can go, and how buoyancy keeps boats afloat. We made our own origami boats and placed them in trays of water, and we pushed cars down ramps made from different materials.



## Important Dates

Mon 13th March  
Tues 14th March  
Weds 15th March  
Thurs 23rd March

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Mon 27th March  
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Tues 28th March

Weds 29th March

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Thurs 30th March

Fri 31st March  
Mon 17th April  
May 2023

**Mon 1st May**

**Mon 8th May**

**Fri 12th May**

9th-12th May

Fri 19th May

29th-2nd June

Wed 7th June

**Mon 5th June**

5th-9th June

Sat 10th June

w/c 12th June

Mon 26th June

12th -16th June

12th -23th June

Tues 13th June

w/c 17th July

**Thurs 20th July**

Friday 21st July

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

PTA Mother's Day Shop: R1, R2, Y1, Y3 & Y6  
PTA Mother's Day Shop: Y2, Y4 & Y5  
PTA Mother's Day Shop: Nursery & All Years  
Year 3/4 production **2.15pm and 6.00pm performances**

Creative thinking week

Year 3 visit to Colchester Castle

9.00am reception challenge with

parents/work sharing

9.00am LSK2 Challenge with parents/work

sharing

Morning children 8.45am/afternoon children

2.45pm nursery challenge with parents/work

sharing.

9.00am KS1 challenge with parents/work sharing

House cross country final

9.00am UKS2 challenge with parents/work

sharing

Term Ends **2.00pm**

Children return to school

Y2 SATs Week

**Bank Holiday**

**The Kings Coronation Bank Holiday**

2pm PTA committee meeting (in person)

Y6 SATs Week

PTA Film Night (EYFS/KS1 and KS2)

Half term

Y3 Celtic Harmony Trip

**INSET DAY**

Y6 School Journey

PTA Summer Fayre

PTA Father's Day Shop

7.30pm PTA committee meeting (online)

Y1 Phonics Week - (plus Y2 phonic catch ups)

Y4 Times Tables Tests

Happy Bag collection

PTA Ice Cream Sales

**End of Term at 2.00pm**

Occasional day

## Safeguarding

### Free Relationship Support Courses

OnePlusOne offer free online relationship support courses for Hertfordshire residents. There are three digital resources available for parents:

- **Me You and Baby Too** – To help new and expectant parents adapt to the changes that parenthood can have on their relationship, raise awareness of the impact of stress and conflict on their baby and develop skills to manage conflict constructively.
- **Arguing Better** – To support parents experiencing high levels of stress and couple conflict to raise awareness of the impact on children, increase capacity to cope with stress together and develop skills to manage conflict.
- **Getting it Right for Children** – To support separating or separated parents experiencing high levels of conflict understand the impact on the child, develop positive communications skills, and co-operate in working out solutions.

For more relationship advice and support you can click [here](#) for more details.



On Wednesday, Bea, Dylan, Autumn, Eliza, Hazel and I went to a gymnastics competition. We all got changed into our brand new green leotards and went to

Stortford Gymnastics. First, we did a warmup and then the competition began! We did a beam routine where we balanced on the beam and did a tuck jump. Then we did our floor routine. My favourite position was the teddy bear roll. We did this one at a time and the judges marked us. I felt a little bit nervous, but I enjoyed it. Whilst we were waiting for the scores to be collected the gymnastic teachers showed us some impressive skills. One teacher did a flip over 5 other adults! We all cheered very loudly! We didn't win a medal, however we each got a certificate and I was really proud of myself and our team. By Mya Class 4

### Mathletics

Congratulations to Filip in Year 11, who has earned a gold certificate this week for earning 1016 points! Well done to you!



### Football match Northgate v Thorn Grove.

On Tuesday 7th March we had a top four deciding game. At the beginning of the match, Northgate were dominant. During the first 10 minutes, we had all the possession and this led to an outside of the box goal by Curtis (assisted by Max). Straight into the top right-hand corner! Our team had many other chances before half time, but we just couldn't put it in the back of the net. Half time. We switched sides and straight off the bat, Thorn Grove, attacked and won a free kick. Luckily, Theo pulled off an incredible stop. Theo threw it down the left-hand side. Daniel dribbled it up to Curtis, he passed back to Harry and he scored! Northgate were victorious at full time, 2-0.

### EYFS

The children in nursery had fun counting, sorting and sieving this afternoon. Nicole from R1 did really well with her phonics.



## Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Charlotte and Taria

R1: Edith R2: Hayden

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on 'Sportsperson'. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: fantastic efforts during swimming lessons, always participating in PE with great enthusiasm and determination, trying hard to improve their attacking and defending skills in game situations, for overcoming their nerves to participate in the gymnastics competition, trying their very best and encouraging their friends, for their excellent skills in Hockey and being a great team member, for motivating others in team sports and having an excellent attitude, for being a talented sports person across all sports, playing fairly and respecting the rules and for producing a fantastic gymnastics routine in PE.

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| Class 1: Arthur   | Class 7: Archie   |
| Class 2: Harrison | Class 8: Viktor   |
| Class 3: Dylan    | Class 9: Brandon  |
| Class 4: Mario    | Class 10: Dilys   |
| Class 5: Henry    | Class 11: Talulah |
| Class 6: Charlie  | Class 12: Daniel  |



## Neurodiversity Celebration Week

The children will be learning about Neurodiversity next week. Watch out on google classroom for a surprise!

For more information on this subject please click [here](#)

**Did you know Will.i.am has ADHD?**

"Music brings control to my thoughts. I am here to let you know that you can be anything you want to be"

- Will.i.am, Singer / Producer  
www.neurodiversityweek.com

"I have Aspergers and that means I'm sometimes a bit different from the norm. Given the right circumstances being different is a superpower"

- Orla Tierney  
www.neurodiversityweek.com

**Did you know Emma Watson has ADHD?**

"I don't want other people to decide what I am. I want to decide that for myself"

- Emma Watson, Actor / Activist  
www.neurodiversityweek.com

## Northgate School Association

### School Disco

We hope you all have a wonderful time at the School Disco this evening. A huge thank you to Rachel Spence and Natalie Gill for taking the lead on this event. We'll see you there.

### Mother's Day

Our Mother's Day Shop will be taking place from Monday. All goods are from UK businesses. Each gift will be £3 each and the children can buy on the following days at their morning break:

**Monday 13th March:** Reception, Years 1, 3 and 6

**Tuesdays 14th March:** Years 2, 4 and 5

**Wednesday 15th March:** Nursery and All Years

Lovely gifts for your children to choose from!

### Standon for Schools

Just a reminder about Standon Calling which is an unforgettable festival weekend for your family. Immerse your brood in the beautiful Hertfordshire countryside, with entertainment for all ages across main stages, woodland, water and dedicated kids' areas.

For every order placed, using our unique booking link below, 10% of the total face value will be donated to Northgate PTA. Plus we get discounted tickets!

<https://go.kaboodle.co.uk/Northgate-Primary-School-CM232RL>

The more tickets bought via our unique link, the more money is raised for our school – and the more fun will be had by all at Standon Calling!

**Your PTA Co-Chairs**  
**Geri Wren & Jo Parrott**

## Reminders and Updates

Our school [website](#) contains links to several forms for reporting information to the school office. These include:

**Absence Requests:** A request must be made in advance by completing an [Absence request form](#) for all holidays or medical appointments. A copy of any medical appointment letters must be sent to [absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk).

### Change of contact details

If you have recently moved house, changed phone number or your emergency contact details have changed, please let us know by completing the [change of contact details form](#).

### Photo Permissions:

Please ensure that the photo permission forms are updated to reflect your photo permissions choices for your child(ren).