

May 26th 2023

Headteacher News

Last Friday was quite eventful when the power went off at school so we apologise that there was no newsletter. Thanks to the staff and the PTA for dealing with the situation to ensure children continued their learning and activities as usual.

Well done to year 3 for their fantastic music concert. Once again we were dazzled by the musical talents of the whole year group as they performed their class songs, and then entertained by our individual instrumentalists. Thanks to Mrs Cheung for organising the event.

Well done to the Year 2 children who completed their national assessments over the last two weeks. Other children completed assessments this week which will help teachers identify gaps in learning and support their teaching in the summer term.

After half term Year 4 will start their multiplication tables test. Please ensure that your children are regularly practising their times tables at home, in the car etc.

This week the children took part in a house quiz and house netball competitions. Well done to Saxons for winning the house quiz and the Vikings for winning the house netball.

Thanks for the PTA for organising the film night last Friday to help raise money for the school.

Have a lovely half term and the children will return on Tuesday 6th June for our science week.

Enriching the curriculum

linked to their work on oceans [Year 4](#) enjoyed learning from Rose and Martha's uncle, an experienced scuba diver, who came into to teach the children all about the activity.

This term [Year 5](#) have been learning all about Uganda, including its cultures, landscapes and food. Last Friday, year 5 put their chef hats on and cooked a vegetable Ugandan curry. They learnt how to cut vegetables safely and be hygienic whilst cooking. It was a great experience and smelt so good that Mr Dunn asked for a portion for lunch!



[Year 6 visit to the Crucial Crew.](#)

Our Year 6 pupils went to the Crucial Crew and took part in a variety of interactive scenarios regarding personal safety. Expert volunteers gave vital information and guidance on a range of topics including e-safety, first-aid, dangerous substances, road safety, fire safety and managing money.

"On Tuesday 16th May, the whole of year 6 went to the Barnabos centre, Thorley to take part in a variety of crucial crew activities. Volunteers helped year six pupils to recognize dangers and make healthy choices. One of the most enjoyed activities was trying to navigate around an area while texting on a phone. Overall, it was a very fun afternoon!" By Santa Class 11

Important Dates

29th-2nd June

Mon 5th June

Wed 7th June

w/c 6th June

5th—9th June

Fri 9th June

Sat 10th June

w/c 12th June

5th—16th June

12th -16th June

Tues 20th June

Tues 20th June

Tues 13th June

Tues 20th June

Fri 23rd June

Mon 26th June

Thurs 29th June

Fri 30th June

Thurs 6th July

Fri 7th July

Mon 10th July

Tues 11th July

Thurs 13th July

Thurs 13th July

Fri 14th July

w/c 17th July

Mon 17th July

Tuesday 18th July

Wed 19th July

Thurs 20th July

Monday 4th September

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Half term

INSET day

Y3 Celtic Harmony trip

Science week

Y6 School journey

'Non Uniform Day in return for a bottle for our Summer Fayre'

PTA Summer fayre

PTA Father's day shop

Year 4 Multiplication tables.

Y1 Phonics week - (plus Y2 phonic catch ups)

Year 2 music festival (afternoon performance).

Year 5 music festival (evening performance).

Happy bag collection

Reception trip to Audley End house and Gardens

Year 4 trip to Stanstead Mountfitchet Castle

7.30pm PTA committee meeting (online)

Y2 trip to Colchester Zoo

Sports day

Year 5/6 Performance rehearsal (at Theatre)

Year 5/6 Performance

9am Year 5 & 6 Maths games and parent work sharing.

9am Year 1 & 2 Maths games and parent work sharing .

9am Year 3 & 4 Math's games and parent work sharing .

Move up day

Reserve Sports Day (in case of weather problems)

PTA Ice cream sales

Art Day

Take over day

Year 6 leavers assembly

End of Term at 2.00pm

Children return to school

Supporting learning

Parents often ask how to support their child. An area of learning you could particularly help your child with is telling the time. Children need to be able to tell the time on an analogue and a digital clock. In KS1, children need to be able to tell the time to the quarter of an hour and then progress to 5 minute intervals. By the end of KS2, children need to be confident with time written in 24 hour clock and converting this to time to and from the 12 hour clock. It would be helpful if you use clocks around the house and use the language of time e.g. when the digital clock says 2:35 that is the same as 25 to 3.

Safeguarding

If you know in advance of any changes to who is collecting your child/ children after school, please make the class teacher aware, by emailing them via the class email address. You will need to state the full name of the adult collecting. However, if it is a last minute change of plan, please ensure you call the office as soon as possible giving them all the relevant details. Thank you.

Enriching the curriculum

Class 5 Gardening

Several children in class 5 expressed an interest in utilising the space outside their classroom by planting some flowers to attract bees and butterflies and to make the area more attractive. This week some parents kindly came to help at lunchtime to plant a variety of seeds into planters, pots and the soil. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and are taking full responsibility for watering, weeding and generally looking after the area. We are looking forward to seeing the flowers grow.



Netball "On Monday after school, Northgate's Year 5 and 6 netball team played an away game against Furneux Pelum. We played fantastically and worked well as a team, passing the ball smoothly up and down the court to win points. Ferneux Pelum played really well as well, but the final score was 30-5 to Northgate! It was a great game". Eden F Class 10

Dyamos Cricket

For the past two Thursdays some of our year 6 children have represented Northgate in dynamo cricket. All the children played very well and enjoyed being able to take part in a variation of a sport some of them have played before. Some fantastic fours and sixes were scored and lots of wickets and outs achieved. Well done to all of the children who took part!



Governors

We are seeking new governors; we would welcome expressions of interest from a parent or anyone from the community who would like to give their time and experience. We are not seeking any specific skills, just an interest in school life and wanting to see the school be the best it can be.

Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. They help ensure the school is running as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide excellent education to children. Being a school governor involves a commitment to attending governing body meetings - six full governing body meetings and six sub-committee meetings a year. We are particularly looking for parents interested in joining our learning and pupil progress committee. Please note, this sub-committee meetings takes place during the school day. The committees consider issues such as setting the school vision, mitigating financial risk and scrutinising educational outcomes. Governors visit the school to understand the way the school runs, but also at times be involved in specific projects or discuss specific issues. They also need to be prepared to complete relevant training. They are actively involved in the school community, acting as critical friends to the Headteacher and senior leaders.

If you would like to speak with a governor currently working with the school to better understand the role, or for more information on joining the Governing Board, please contact the school office to arrange by emailing secretary.pa@northgate.herts.sch.uk. An outline of a governor's role can be seen here <https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Tom and Olivia

R1: Jack R2: Maxwell



This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Geography and History". Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: researching and creating a beautiful and informative poster on a Ugandan biome, showing wonderful historical knowledge and interest, identifying features on an aerial view map, drawing a wonderful map of the classroom and locating areas on it, a good understanding of how people felt in the past and a fantastic diary entry about the great fire of London and for a fantastic recreation of a Viking longboat.

Class 1: Agnes

Class 7: Martha

Class 2: Manuel

Class 8: Ella

Class 3: Apryl

Class 9: Anya

Class 4: Safia

Class 10: Mekhi

Class 5: Cassy

Class 11: Filip

Class 6: Marquis

Class 12: Sakeena

Reminders and Updates

Dinner Account Debts

Please check your child's lunch account on School Gateway and clear any outstanding debts as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Library Books

Please remember to check at home for any school books. These must be returned to their class after half term. Thank you.

Temperatures

The weather seems to be improving! After the half term holiday please ensure that a strong suncream is applied to your child before school and they must remember sun hats and water bottles.

Northgate School Association

Summer Fayre

Dog Show Revisited

Just a reminder that today is the closing date for dog show entries. In a similar style as last year, the dog show will be enjoyable chaos! There is no pressure on children or dogs to "perform", it's about having fun. Therefore, parents can participate/support their children or cheer from the sideline.

The cost is £5.00 per child, if your child wants to enter all shows the cost is the same. If you have multiple children entering different shows with the same dog the entry is £5 per child.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association>

Due to the cost of purchasing awards, we are unable to offer on the day entries.

Volunteers

We are still looking for lots of lovely volunteers to support us at our Summer Fayre event on Saturday 10th June! We are especially looking for volunteers to run the games and glitter tattoos stalls from 1.30pm onwards.

Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-northgate10>

Father's Day

Our Father's Day shop will be taking place during week commencing 12th June. Further details will be issued shortly but each item will be £3 each and we have three lovely gifts to choose from.

We wish you and your family a lovely half term.

Your PTA Co-Chairs: Geri Wren & Jo Parrott