

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

November 26th 2021

Headteacher's News

As part of our work on respect this week, each year group had their secret respect task to complete around the school. Well done to years 2 and 3 who managed to have adults and other year groups guess their tasks. Next week we are going to focus on moving sensibly around the school and adults will be encouraged to give pupils house points for this.

Next week we start our Christmas festivities and on Tuesday and Wednesday next week we are delighted to present the Reception Christmas production.

The children in Reception have been working hard and, based on our low current numbers of Covid in Early Years, we are delighted that we can invite parents into school. In order to allow for spacing, please note that there is a limit of 60 parents in the hall at one time. You will have received 1 ticket per show. Please remember to bring your ticket with you and a mask to wear while you are in school.

Unfortunately, St Michaels Church service for years 3 to 6 (key stage 2) has a congregational limit this year. Therefore, we are only able to invite **1 parent per family from year 6**. The service will finish at 2.55pm and all key stage 2 children will need to be picked up from the church. This will hopefully allow you sufficient time to get back to pick up siblings from school. Arrangements will be made for children who go to Night Owls.

Fingers crossed that cases don't rise and we can go ahead with all of our events this Christmas.

Have a great weekend.

Eco Council

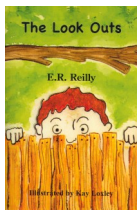
During the school year so far, the Northgate Eco Committee has been focussing on litter picking, getting more bins in school and getting them emptied more often.

We have also made a rota for each year to go round the school and pick up the litter around our daily mile.

We meet every fortnight and discuss what we need to do to make our school eco-friendly. Alfie (CI12)



Author Visit



This week we were fortunate enough to have the author Eamonn Reilly visit our key stage two. He talked about why he likes to write, and talked about some of the stories he has created. One of his books is being made into a film.

On Thursday, he returned to Northgate to sign books that the children had bought. Tall Tales and The British Spy School were firm favourites. He also gave the school 20 of his books free for our library.

Hopefully we will have more authors visit us in the future.

Important Dates - 2021/22

Tues 30th Nov	9.30am Early Years Christmas Production
Weds 1st Dec	9.30am Early Years Christmas Production
Thurs 2nd Dec	Flu Immunisations (Reception-Y6)
Fri 3rd Dec	Christmas Tree Collection Day
Weds 8th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Production
Thurs 9th Dec	9.15am Class 1 'Magic of Christmas' (20 mins)
Fri 10th Dec	9.15am Class 2 'Magic of Christmas' (20 mins)
Fri 10th Dec	Christmas Jumper/'Elf Yourself' Day
Mon 13th Dec	Yr3-6 Visit to Pantomime (Southmill Arts)
Tues 14th Dec	Yr1-2 Pantomime Company (in school)
Tues 14th Dec	Reception-Yr2 Christmas Lunch
Weds 15th Dec	Yr3-6 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 16th Dec	Yr3-6 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Mon 20th Dec	PTA Break the Rules Day
Mon 20th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Tues 21st Dec	Jubilee Occasional Day
Weds 5th Jan	Children Return to School
14th-18th Feb	February Half Term
Mon 21st Feb	INSET DAY
Weds 2nd March	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 1st April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Tues 19th April	Children Return to School
May 2022	Year 2 SATs
9th-12th May	Year 6 SATs week
30th May-3rd Jun	May Half Term
Mon 6th June	INSET DAY
7th-10th June	Year 1 Phonics Week
7th-24th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thurs 30th June	Happy School Bag Collection
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Dangerous Parking Outside School

The police continue to receive complaints from local residents regarding dangerous and illegal parking on Grailands and Carters Leys during school pick-up and drop off times. The school are in contact with the local PSICO regarding patrols of the area at these key times.

Please could all parents please be reminded of their responsibility to park considerately.

Parents with young children are unable to walk on the pavements due to cars blocking the pavements, causing children, wheelchair users and people with buggies to have to navigate the road.

Local police will be regularly patrolling the area to monitor the situation.

Parking is available at the Rugby Club car park at the top of Cricketfield Lane. Thank you for your co-operation.

House Science Quiz

This morning we held the House Science Quiz final for children in years 1 to 6.

Questions were set on a range of topics across all of the year groups, e.g. Which planet is closest to the sun? In which food group are eggs? What is the name of the male part of a plant? The scores were very close. Romans, Saxons and Vikings drew in second place with 15 points and Normans won with 17 points.

A big well done to all involved. It was lovely to work with the children who were so enthusiastic about science. Thank you to Mrs Crumpler and Mrs Gitto for their work organising the event.



Year 5 Geography Field Trip

This morning, Year 5 went on a geography fieldtrip to Stortford Fields. We used maps to look at the facilities and types of houses on the development and measured up the site that new facilities will be built on.



Northgate School Association

So a new era of the PTA has begun! We just hope we can live up to the fantastic job Louisa Piercy did as Chair. We are in a period of handover so lots more information and events will be coming your way very soon, but for now, thank you for supporting our current Christmas events as well as supporting the 250 Club. This is such an amazing opportunity for us to help provide funds for our school but one lucky entrant, every month, will win about £500! Please contact us at our email address ptanorthgate@gmail.com for details on how to enter!

The PTA provides a community to support the school with much needed funds to enrich the curriculum and ensure our children have fun. We are both working parents so we understand how busy everyone is. This is our plea to ask all parents/carers to support your PTA as much as possible to make our fundraising successful.

Amazon Smile: Amazon are offering to donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases to the PTA. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1123024-0> and select us as your favourite charity. Especially with Christmas coming up, this is a great way to help without any extra cost to you!

Christmas Jumpers: Don't forget our Preloved Christmas Jumper sale will be back on Friday 3rd December in the school office from 9am to 3.30pm in readiness for Christmas Jumper day at the school on 10th December.

Break the Rules Day: This is taking place on 20th December and more information will be available next week letting you know what rules can be broken- what fun!

Thank you again

Geri Wren and Jo Parrott
Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Penelope A

R1: Nellie

R2: Toby

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on being an artist.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for amazing development of brush stroke and colour mixing skills and to Class 10 for their wonderful sketches of Stortford Fields following their geography trip.

Well done to:

Class 1: Hazal

Class 7: Anabella

Class 2: Beatrice

Class 8: Matthew

Class 3: Emma

Class 9: Ailsa

Class 4: Cora

Class 10: Whole Class

Class 5: Joe

Class 11: Katie

Class 6: Amanda

Class 12: Eva

School Club News

Mini Mantras Yoga Classes

Mini Mantras Yoga classes are held after school on a Thursday and as a Christmas treat they are offering a free class to any child in years 3 to 6 on either 2nd or 9th December from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Please email Rachel at Mini Mantras to let her know which date they would like to attend. Rachel has worked in school teaching Yoga during PE sessions and during Wellbeing Week. To claim your free session, please email minimantrasyoga@gmail.com

KAS Multi Active Breakfast Club

KAS Active Sports Club runs in school in the school hall or on the playground from 7.45 to 8.45am from Monday to Thursday. Please email kitteridgeallsports@gmail.com for more information.

Breakfast Buddies

Spaces are available at Breakfast Buddies early morning club which is held at the cricket club on Cricketfield Lane.

The hours of opening are 7.30 - 8.45.

For more information please email them at:

breakfast-buddies@outlook.com or call 07783 069460.

Cheerleading Success

The Northgate All Stars took part in a cheer competition after school on Thursday which took place over 3 rounds and with 5 schools competing.

They scored top marks for their chant, dance synchronisation and formations and it was noted that the Northgate All-Stars showed great team spirit.

The Northgate All-Stars squad represented the school



with a memorable performance and were simply amazing

Congratulations to the All-Stars team and Cressy at Stortford Cheerleaders.