

September 30th 2022

Headteacher's News

We are delighted to announce that once again we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. It is a one-year school improvement programme for primary science, which provides professional development for new and experienced subject leaders each year to improve the quality of science teaching in the school.

"The school has provided a clear vision for science, to enthuse children to investigate, ask and answer questions and for children to become scientifically literate practical learners. It provides some insight into the wonderful achievements over the last 12 months and clearly shows that the subject leader has worked incredibly hard to support colleagues and the development of science through some very challenging times."

A massive thank you to Mrs Gitto who led the project.

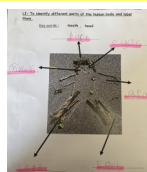
Congratulations to Mrs Gitto for the birth for her son. We wish her and her family many congratulations.

Next week as a school we are celebrating Harvest and we are collecting once again for the local foodbank. Please see overleaf for details of the items that they are in particular need of. Parents from Reception and Year 1 and 2 (KS1) are welcome to our Harvest celebrations. Unfortunately there is not enough room for all the KS2 children and their parents. Have a wonderful weekend.



Enriching the Curriculum

Year 1 have been learning about the human body in Science. They used natural materials to make a body and labelled the different body parts.



Year 4 in DT this week practised some of the skills they will need when they make their pizzas. We used knives to cut onion, pepper, mushroom and pepperoni and then we used graters to grate cheese. They are all looking forward to designing and then making their pizzas.



Year 5

On Monday 26th September, the Year 5s went on a school trip to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, where they became documentary makers and had the opportunity to bring their learning to life by filming and reporting on a range of WW2 artefacts such as Spitfire, Hurricane and Messerschmitt planes, an Anderson shelter and a range of vehicles and artillery from that era. They also enjoyed going on Concorde and learning about the Battle of Britain and the D-Day landings. The children were exemplary and we were very proud to hear from members of the public and the IWM staff about their excellent conduct and courtesy. Well done!



Important Dates

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| Wed 5th Oct | R-Y6 Flu immunisations |
| Wed 5th Oct | 9.00am Reception Harvest assembly (Parents in) |
| Wed 5th Oct | 2.45pm KS2 Harvest assembly (no Parents) |
| Fri 7th Oct | 9.00am KS1 Harvest assembly (Parents in) |
| W/c Mon 10th Oct | Reading with parents |
| | Nursery— Mon 9:05 & Fri 2:45 |
| | Reception —Mon 9.05 |
| | Year 1 & 2 —Tues 9.05 |
| | Year 3 & 4 —Wed 9.05 |
| | Year 5 & 6 —Thurs 9.05 |
| Fri 14th Oct | Black history day |
| Mon 17th Oct | 6.45pm–8.00pm Y5/6 Parent info Evening |
| Thurs 18th Oct | 9.00am Year 2 Learning support for parents |
| Fri 21st Oct | RE 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 |
| 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 |

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Parking

We have received yet another complaint from a neighbour regarding dangerous parking on Grailands during school drop off and pick up time. Careless parking is making life difficult for the residents and would make it very hard for emergency vehicles to get through the street. The Safer Neighbours Team have now been contacted by the residents asking for their team to patrol the area. We ask you again to always be mindful when parking.

Dogs

Dogs should be kept on a short lead and not tied to the railings near gate entry/exit points. Thank you



Enriching the curriculum

Boys football team

Northgate played St Michael's on Thursday. The match started really well with Harry scoring in the first two minutes and then Mac scoring shortly after. They dominated the match with brilliant passing and through balls. Theo and Freddie saved numerous goals.

The final score was 9—0 to Northgate. Well done boys!

Reminders and Updates



Coats

Now the weather is considerably colder, it is very important for children to have a warm coat in school to wear out in the playground. We will be out on damp, drizzly days.

Harvest Festival

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest and, as part of that celebration, we will be collecting donations for the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank throughout the week.

Please see the list below for urgently required items:

Cereal, biscuits, crisps, tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, pasta sauce, tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned meat/fish, cereal, pasta, rice coffee/tea, juice (long life), squash, UHT milk, sugar.



If you would like to donate, please send your child into the classroom with their item on the 4th October. We will be displaying all the donations in the hall during the Harvest assemblies.

In addition to the Harvest collection next week, we will also be collecting sachets of cat food (non-fishy) for a local hedgehog charity (Herts Hogline). If you would like to support this cause, please drop a sachet of cat food into the school office.

R-Y6 Flu immunisations

Please be reminded that the flu immunisations will take place on Wednesday 5th October, please ensure that you complete the **consent/no consent** form that was attached to an email sent to parents on the 22nd September. This must be completed for each child.

Naming your child's clothing

Please ensure your child's clothing is clearly named with both their first name and surname.

We receive a lot of lost property and with no name we cannot tell who the owner is. There are currently twenty five unnamed jumpers in the lost property box in reception, please come and look if you are missing one.

Menstruation

It is important that the school are informed if your daughter has started her periods. A confidential letter sent in to the teacher would allow us to support your child in school as and when it is needed. Thank you.

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Sebby & James

R1: Teni R2: Teiga

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Mathematics.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: excellent problem solving and accurate calculations, trying really hard with addition, being resilient with adding up, never giving up on a challenge, having a fantastic understanding of column subtraction and confidently regrouping.

Well done to:



Class 1: Robbie

Class 7: Lulu

Class 2: Isabella

Class 8: Millie

Class 3: Mason

Class 9: Daisy

Class 4: Myra

Class 10: Monty

Class 5: Anastasia

Class 11: Rosie & George

Class 6: Harry

Class 12: Kiki

Northgate School Association

Fireworks Night

Just to remind you about our PTA Fireworks Night on 4th November. Gates will open at 5pm and the skies will be alight at 7pm. We hope it will be an enjoyable family evening!

Tickets must be purchased in advance. You can buy tickets here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-dvvzdgz>



As with all events, we do need your help to deliver the event safely. Please sign up using the following link to help us on the night <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-northgate8>

250 Club

Well done to our September 250 Club Winner, S Folland. A cheque is on its way to you!

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs

Geri Wren & Jo Parrott

Exciting News from Mrs Port!

Mrs Port has co-written a book full of fun activities and inspiration to support your child through the Early Years Foundation Stage. It's a wonderful book packed with over 120 brilliant ideas aimed at helping your child's development. Please take a look on Amazon. It is called Ready, Set, Play.

