

Northgate Primary School Newsletter



February 14th 2020



Headteacher's News

I hope your children enjoyed their visit to the Festival of Literature. Our pupils were lucky to see a range of different authors. Please see overleaf for more details. I hope it has encouraged them to read books from a new author. Don't forget we have some suggested book lists on our website if you are looking for some new ideas. We have purchased some new reading scheme books so many thanks to the PTA for their support with this.

I am delighted to say that Mr Wilcox will be in Year 6 for the summer term to cover the first part of Mrs Gitto's maternity leave. He is really looking forward to working with Year 6 on all the creative things they cover in the summer term, including the Year 5/6 production.

I am also delighted that Mrs Aziz has agreed to teach two days a week for us in the summer term to cover part of Mrs Abblitt's maternity leave. Mrs Aziz has been working 1 day a week teaching groups for the last two terms for us. This will be covered in the summer term by Mrs MacLeod who is currently supporting on a Tuesday in Year 4.

I hope you all have a restful half term. Just to remind you that we have an INSET day on Monday 24th February, so the children will return on the Tuesday, which is the start of Technology Week and the first day of consultations for Years 1 to 6.

Have a lovely half term break.

Enriching the Curriculum

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2020

We are all looking forward to this year's World Book Day. In a break from tradition, we are going to be dressing up as an **adjective** this year. Will you be cuddly or fuzzy, mauve or majestic, historical or futuristic. We can't wait to see all of your ideas come alive with your costumes on the day.



Safeguarding

We are currently working with other schools in the area on an initiative that would improve road safety for children walking to school. As well as improving the safety of our children, which is always our utmost concern, we hope that safer pedestrian routes will improve our local environment by reducing the number of car journeys related to our school drop offs.

In order to make a proposal for public funding, we have been asked to forward you this survey regarding road safety on your child's journey to school. Please click on the link below and complete this short survey by 29th February.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BSRoadSafety>

Important Dates

17th-21st Feb	Half Term
Mon 24th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 25th Feb	Children Return to School
25th - 28th Feb	Technology Week
Tues 25th Feb	Y1-6, 4-7pm Parent Consultations
Weds 26th Feb	Y1-6, 3.30-6pm Parent Consultations
Weds 4th March	2.45pm Year 2 Maths Workshop
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
Fri 6th March	Y4 Visit to Sea Life Centre
Sun 8th March	Hertfordshire Gala Concert - Albert Hall
Mon 9th March	2.50pm Year 5 Work Sharing
Thurs 12th March	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
16th-20th March	PTA Mother's Day shop
Thurs 19th March	9.00am NNAM Mother's Day Breakfast
Thurs 19th March	3.00pm NNPM Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Fri 20th March	9.00am Reception Mother's Day Breakfast
Tues 24th March	2.50pm Year 6 Work Sharing
Weds 25th March	2.15pm and 6.30pm Year 3 and 4 Show
Thurs 26th March	11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing
Thurs 26th March	2.50pm Nursery PM Work Sharing
Friday 27th March	2.50pm Year 4 Work Sharing
Mon 30th March	2.50pm Year 2 Work Sharing
Tues 31st March	2.50pm Reception Work Sharing
Weds 1st April	2.50pm Year 1 Work Sharing
Thurs 2nd April	2.50pm Year 3 Work Sharing
Fri 3rd April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 20th April	Children Return to School
May 2020	Year 2 SATs
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)
11th-15th May	Year 6 SAT's week
25th-29th May	Half Term
Mon 1st June	INSET DAY
Sat 6th June	PTA Summer Fayre
Tues 2nd June	Children Return to School
8th-12th June	Year 6 School Journey
8th-12th June	Yr 1 Phonics Week
8th-26th June	Yr 4 Times Tables Tests
Fri 3rd July	Sports Day
Tues 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm
2nd-3rd Sept	INSET DAYS
Friday 4th Sept	Children Return to School
26th-30th Oct	Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET DAY

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Fundraising

KS2 Cake Sale

On Friday 28th February, 5 of our Year 6 children will be hosting a cake sale for KS2 pupils in the dining hall at school during break time. They will be running this event in aid of the British Heart Foundation to raise money for research. Prices will be from 20p to £1.

Enriching the Curriculum

Festival of Literature

Over the last week the children from Years 1 to 6 have walked from school to Bishop's Stortford College to hear authors, poets and illustrators speak at the Festival of Literature.

Years 1 & 2 spent Monday morning listening to the much loved and talented author and storyteller, Paul Jackson.

Year 3 spent an 'out of this world' afternoon listening to Steve Cole, who is most famous for his Astrosaurs books.

Year 4 were fortunate to hear from both a storyteller and an illustrator. Vivian French and Petr Horacek worked with the children to help them create a new story, live on stage.

Year 5 had the opportunity to hear one of the UK's most accomplished performance poets, Brian Moses, who was especially commissioned to write a poem for the Queen's 80th birthday.

Year 6 spent their visit listening to Elizabeth Laird who provided a powerful afternoon of words as she shared extracts from her novels based on her travels around the world.

A huge thank you to all the parents who took the time to walk with the children and accompany their visits throughout the week. We could not make these trips without your help.

Netball

Our netball team played a very close game against Manorfields this week and were only defeated by one goal. The whole team played well and worked exceptionally hard to keep the score close throughout the game. Well done to everyone involved.

PE Vision Meeting

Mrs Pursglove invited parents to come into school on Monday afternoon to discuss their views and vision on PE within the school. She was grateful to the parents who took the time to come in and share their views, which will be incredibly useful when looking at our future plans. If you are interested in running or supporting a sports club for a half term, please contact the School Office for more information.

Reminders and Updates

School Lunches

Just a reminder that payment for school lunches should be made **in advance** on School Gateway. Your current balance can be checked on either School Gateway or School Grid.

As a reminder, the costs are as follows:

Lunch cost per day = £2.60

Lunch cost per week (of 5 days) = £13.00

If your child has lunch everyday then the cost for next half term is £75.40.

Don't forget to pre-book your child's lunch on School Grid for the next half term.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Harvey	R1: Erin
	PM: Hazal	R2: Cassie

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on reflective learning

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for being a reflective learner and taking time and care checking maths answers.

Well done to:

Class 1: Cian	Class 7: Martha
Class 2: Vito	Class 8: Mya
Class 3: Albie	Class 9: Amalia
Class 4: Niamh	Class 10: Alice
Class 5: Eshaal	Class 11: Isabelle
Class 6: Eva Mac	Class 12: Sophie Belle

Mrs Pursglove's Sport Star of the week is Tilly for always persevering to complete a skill.

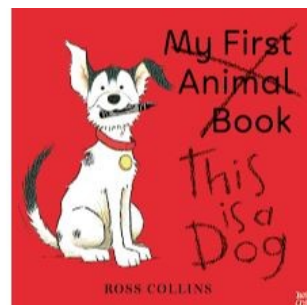
School Council

School Picture Book Award

On Wednesday afternoon, twenty two members of the School Council were invited to attend the Bishop's Stortford Picture Book Award Ceremony.

They were fortunate to observe Allen Fatimaharan, an illustrator, along with illustrator and storytellers Nicola Kinnear and Richard Johnson.

The winning book was 'This is a Dog' by Ross Collins



School Association

We hope the children enjoyed last weeks disco. We are delighted that the event raised £700!!!

Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the night. This takes us a little closer to our fundraising target for the year which will largely go towards the new ICT suite. We will give you a full update on that after half term. Wishing you all a relaxing break.

Your PTA

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Liz Parrish will be in school on **Tuesday 3rd March** selling non-logo school uniform, including PE kit. She will be based in the school Reception area at pick up time.