

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

March 11th 2022

## Headteacher's News

This week Mrs Jones and I have attended training with the 16 primary schools in the Bishop's Stortford area who formed a partnership called Envision.



Schools work collaboratively, and deliver school to school support work across the primary phase. All schools have a strong commitment of 'envisioning a better future for our pupils'.

This initiative is built on the principle that when educators work together, a positive impact is made on children's lives; collaboration between schools contributes to school improvement and pupil success. All the schools have committed to a 'Schools Partnership Programme', which is an evidence-based collaborative school improvement model that builds the capacity of leaders at every level to lead rigorous and outcomes-focused peer reviews, and school-to-school support.

The programme recognises the vast potential that exists in a school system and offers the framework to harness that potential to produce a sustainable school improvement model.

The 16 schools are committed to ensuring continual improvement and the development of practice for all pupils in the Bishop's Stortford area.

Thank you to Ros Fraser, one of our governors, who came in to do an audit of class libraries, with a particular focus on diversity books. Gaps have been identified and new books have been ordered. We are always looking for high quality books. Please see the section below to see if you can help us.

Have a great weekend

## Enriching the Curriculum - Gymnastics

On Wednesday, we took six Year 2 children to a Gymnastics Competition held at Stortford Gymnastics.

There were 9 schools competing from across the area and each gymnast had to perform a vault and a floor routine.

The children did amazingly well and performed everything from memory in front of all the other schools and adults. They placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and received a medal. I couldn't have been more proud of their efforts.

Mrs K Pursglove  
PE Teacher



## Important Dates - 2021/22

W/cm 14th March	House Cross Country
W/cm 21st March	Mother's Day Shop
Thurs 24th March	Year 3/4 Production
W/cm 28th March	Science Week
Weds 20th March	9am - Year 3/4 Science with parents (20 min)
Thurs 31st March	9am - Year 5/6 Science with parents (20 min)
Fri 1st April	9am - Year 1/2 Science with parents (20 min)
Fri 1st April	Break the Rules Day
Fri 1st April	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Tues 19th April</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
<b>May 2022</b>	<b>Year 2 SATs</b>
<b>9th-12th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs week</b>
Fri 20th May	PTA Film Night
30th May-3rd Jun	May Half Term
<b>Mon 6th June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
7th-10th June	Year 1 Phonics Week
7th-24th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Sat 11th June	PTA Summer Fayre
W/cm 13th June	Father's Day Shop
20th to 24th June	Year 6 School Journey
Thurs 30th June	Happy School Bag Collection
W/cm 18th July	PTA Ice Cream Sales
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>1st-2nd Sept</b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
<b>Monday 5th Sept</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

## Safeguarding

Please ensure we have up-to-date contact details in case of an emergency. Changes can be made using the 'change of contact details' form on the school [website](#).

## Vacancies

### Key Stage 2 SEN 1:1 TA position

3 days per week (9am-3pm). To apply, please visit [Teach in Herts](#) for more information.

### Nursery Class Teaching Assistant

3 days per week (8.20am-3.50pm). To apply, please visit [Teach in Herts](#) for more information.

## Request for Book Donations

We are in urgent need of books to refresh our key stage one reading areas. If you are having a clear out or have duplicates of any appropriate books, they would be much appreciated.

Please see the attached list for details of books and authors we require and bring donations to the office.

Many thanks,

Mrs Shepherd

## Year 1 - Animal Adventures

On Thursday, Year 1 had an exciting visit from 'Garg's Animal Adventures'.

They got to meet, hold and stroke animals such as meerkats, skunks, armadillos and many more.

It was wonderful to bring our topic of 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' to life for the children.



## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: James and Evelyn

R1: Matilda R2: Faith

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



Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their work, including fantastic determination and sportsmanship during PE lessons and imagination and enthusiasm in dance lessons.

Well done to:

Class 1: William	Class 7: Theo B
Class 2: Autumn	Class 8: Penelope
Class 3: Lola	Class 9: Izzy and Annie
Class 4: Erin	Class 10: Hollie
Class 5: William	Class 11: Edie
Class 6: James C	Class 12: Nathan

## Northgate School Association

### Mother's Day

Please find attached our Mother's Day poster which provides you with all the information you need.

Thank you in advance to Katie Homer for supporting us with this event; we hope you enjoy the gift the PTA have chosen this year.

A special mention to **Reyland Johnson** for funding the gift wrapping.



### Tonight's Discos

We are looking forward to seeing you and your children at the School Discos this evening, the PTA are delighted to host our first discos in a few years!



As always, a huge thank you to Louise Tennekoon for organising the event and the parent volunteers supporting tonight. Without them we would be unable to host events for the children and raise funds for the school.

### Summer Fayre

Looking forward, we will be holding our Summer Fayre on Saturday 11th June which we hope will be a large event with plenty of community engagement. More details to follow shortly.

If you have a face painting business and would like to get involved in the event, please contact us at [ptanorthgate@gmail.com](mailto:ptanorthgate@gmail.com).

Furthermore, if you own a small business and would be interested in having a stall at our event, again, please contact us at the email address above.

Best wishes

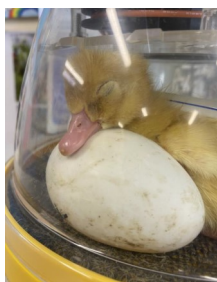
Geri Wren and Jo Parrott

## Reception Year - Ducklings

On Monday a farmer from Incredible Eggs delivered an incubator, brooder cage and 5 duck eggs.

Our Reception Year have patiently watched and on Wednesday their first duckling arrived, shortly followed by another during lesson time. The Reception children saw the duckling minutes after being born and had the chance to see it hatch live on video.

Every child was keen and stroked a duckling and next week they will have the chance to hold the ducklings too. They will also teach them to swim!



Thank you to the PTA for funding this for us again this year.

## Comic Relief 2022 - Friday 18th March

The countdown to Comic Relief is on and we will be taking part again this year, helping raise funds for communities across the UK and around the world.

**Next Friday is this year's Comic Relief day** and we want to make it the funniest day in school this year by getting the children to **share their favourite joke** with the class.

For a donation of 50p, the children can bring a joke to share with their class mates and/or they can wear a red nose for the day, or accessorise with red socks, tights or hair bands.

Visit [Red Nose Day 2022](https://www.rednose.org.uk/) for more information.