



May 5th 2023

Headteacher News

Today we had fun celebrating the King's Coronation—sadly not all games were outside, but we managed to complete the whole school parade around the grounds and had some time on the field in between showers! Classes and year groups played games, had a teacher dance run around and ate cake. The children all looked fantastic as a sea of red white and blue as we came together to sing the National anthem and did a coronation quiz at the end of the day. Thanks to those parents who provided cakes.

Recently we have been involved with a writing project with three other local schools, who are also part of the Envision group- Bishop's Stortford schools who are working together for school improvement. All our children, along with pupils in the other schools were involved in a creative writing project based on the book 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Brown. Teachers were trying new approaches to inspire the children as writers. On Wednesday teachers from the four schools got together to share best practice with teaching writing and to moderate work to ensure that we are assessing accurately. Feedback from both the children and the staff has been very positive and we are currently looking at developing a new project for the next academic year.

Hope you have a fantastic Coronation long weekend!

Important Dates

May 2023

Mon 8th May

Tues 9th May

Thurs 11th May

Fri 12th May

9th-12th May

Fri 19th May

Thurs 25th May

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

12th -23th June

Tues 13th 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

Friday 21st July

Monday 4th September

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Y2 SATs

The King's coronation bank holiday

Year 1 trip to Audley End house and garden

2.40pm Year 4 Summer music concert

2pm PTA committee meeting (in person)

Y6 SATs week

PTA film night (EYFS/KS1 and KS2)

2.40pm Year 3 Summer music concert

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)

Y4 Times tables tests

Happy bag collection

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 .

Moving 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

Occasional day

Children return to school

Enriching the curriculum



The Kings Coronation celebrations



Safeguarding

Child safety is very important in the digital age. The internet is a realm of knowledge and an ocean of endless learning opportunities for kids. How can you make sure your child's staying safe? Below are a list of child safety apps where you can track your child's location, monitor their phone activity, teach them safety lessons, block websites that contain adult content, the risk of cyber bullying, predators, and other harmful threats. We hope this will be useful.



Finn Goes online



Kaspersky Safe Kids



Kidgy—Parental control app



Google Family Link



YouTube Kids



Bark Parental Control



Life360



Boomerang Parental Control

EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY

Enriching the curriculum

Year 5 poetry trip

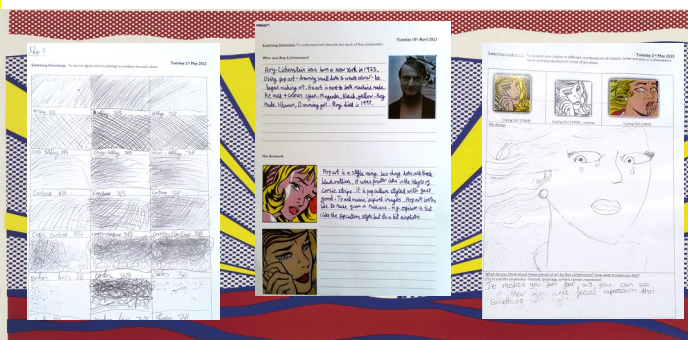
On Tuesday, year 5 went to the college to see an author called A.F Steadman. She told us all about her books and how she became an author. We then helped her to design a new character for her next book. We decided on a unicorn called Midnight Murderer who uses spirit magic. We all felt very inspired to write our own stories and we really enjoyed the trip! Holly N Year 5

Year 3 mini tennis

On Thursday afternoon a group of eight children from Year 3 took part in the Mini Tennis Red final at Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club. They played well, did their very best and really enjoyed the occasion. Well done children!

Year 6 art history

In art history Year 6 are studying different art movements. This week they looked at Pop Art, which emerged in the UK and the USA during the mid- to late-1950s and was based on imagery from popular and mass culture. You can see here a written piece describing Roy Litchinstein's work by William class 11, a study of the impact of his colours and tones to create a desired mood and a sketch in his style



by Ruby class 11 and a study of multiple shading techniques in three different pencil densities by Filip in Class 11.

Reminders and Updates

Forgotten Items

The office are seeing an increase in forgotten items and parents dropping these items off throughout the day. There were 115 forgotten items last term!

It takes up a lot of time delivering items to classes, so please do try and remember to double check that your children have everything they need for school each day. On a very busy day we will only be able to deliver essential items.

[Walk to School Week 15th—19th May](#). Start planning your journey!

Walk to School Week provides a great opportunity to build strong bonds in the community and enjoy increased social interaction. Walk in groups with friends and take a look at your surroundings and what you can see on your route to school. Parents and teachers are encouraged to get involved too. There are many health benefits to walking:

- Exercise helps develop strong bones and increase muscle strength. It also tones the whole body.
- Walking gets the heart pumping, which can help improve cognitive function for lessons throughout the school day.
- Walking helps to improve mood. Getting outdoors and making the most of natural daylight makes for a positive start to the day. When walking to school, children can relax and let off steam before they head into the classroom to learn.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Evan and Jamie



R1: Ava

R2: Juliet

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on 'maths'. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: a lovely presentation and excellent explanations in their division topic, always trying their best during maths lessons even when the concept is tricky, being curious about maths, thinking logically to solve problems, displaying clear working out, remembering to use timetables, developing self confidence in identifying fractions of a shape and amount, showing a positive attitude during maths, for fantastic determination to improve their timetables with accuracy and speed, fantastic reading and plotting of co-ordinates, showing excellent skills in calculating angles and going above and beyond!

Class 1 Sofia

Class 7: Samuel

Class 2: David

Class 8: Orla

Class 3: Oscar

Class 9: Brandon

Class 4: Henry

Class 10: Tallulah

Class 5 Hugo

Class 11: Amelie

Northgate School Association

Film Night

Our Film Night is taking place on Friday 19th May. Please see attached poster for further details about the films being shown.

Please book your tickets using the following link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/HqXEAZxgJzSd>

As always, we will need volunteers to help on the night; the link to sign up is below. Please be advised, events will be canceled, if we do not get enough volunteers to safely manage these events.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b48aeae23aaf85-ptafilm#/>

Summer Fayre

Please see attached our Summer Fayre poster.

With only 5 weeks to go, we need your help!

Volunteers

We are still looking for lots of lovely volunteers to help us make it the best Summer Fayre ever on Saturday 10th June! If you fancy running a game, helping at the dog show or serving strawberries and/or cake, please sign up here to help:

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

Without you lovely volunteers, we are unable to run these events for our children.

Cake Stall

We are also still urgently seeking parents/carers to donate to our Cake Stall. Please let us know via ptanorthgate@gmail.com if you are able to whip something up at home OR purchase via a local shop. This is much appreciated.

Gazebos

Let's face it, the British weather requires a Plan B. Do you have a Gazebo that you can lend us for the day? If yes, please let us know via ptanorthgate@gmail.com

Dog Show Revisited

And finally, just a reminder to sign up to the Dog Show Revisited. We have a different format this year with different classes for your family and furry friends to enjoy!

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>

Entries must be in, on or before Friday 26th May 2023. Due to the cost of purchasing awards, we are unable to offer on the day entries.

Your PTA Co-Chairs: Geri Wren & Jo Parrott