

March 8th 2024

## Headteacher's News

It was great to see so many parents this week for our World Book Day Parade where the children looked amazing! Our fun theme of adjectives was used to support children's language development. Please try to help your children increase their vocabulary when reading with your child, in games or when watching a programme together. Also not all reading needs to be from books. For instance, listening to audiobooks and e-readers from apps such as Borrow-Box are a fun way to hear authors and encourage a love of stories. Don't forget you can add subtitles to programmes as a way of encouraging speed reading. We hope you have received the World Book Day token which can be spent in any bookshop in town.

I hope you found the parent consultations useful and informative. If you have any feedback, please email on [interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk)

We look forward to seeing you next week when family members are invited into school, to play maths games with your child and for your child to share their work with you. Maths games, including board games with dice, are a great way to reinforce core learning and to help children's maths fluency. Sessions will be from 9am to 9.30am. Parents will wait in the dining room until after registration. Please see the dates for your child's class on important dates.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

## Enriching the curriculum

Yesterday was World Book Day and at Northgate the children and staff dressed as an adjective. By thinking, talking and learning about these different words the children are extending their vocabulary whilst having lots of fun!

Thank you to all the parents that helped create the amazing, imaginative outfits that brilliantly represented their child's chosen word. The children paraded around the playground in the morning for parents, showing off their ideas and hard work. After that, the teachers did their usual run around in the classrooms reading a two minute story to each class. This brought a smile to everyone's face and everyone thought it was brilliant fun.

WBD provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits.

"I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage." Roald Dahl.



## Safeguarding

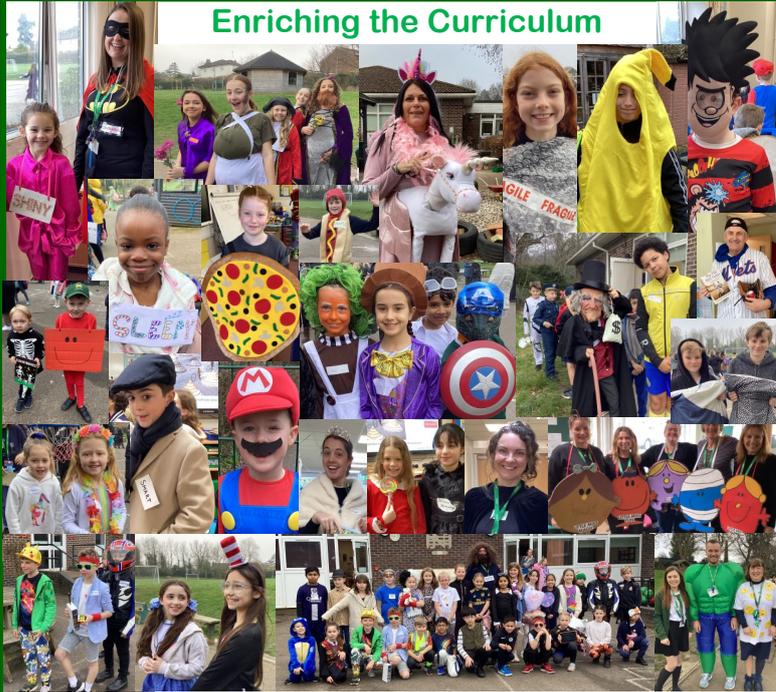
### Two very serious incidents occurred yesterday outside school.

In the morning, our crossing patrol man was very nearly hit while he was still on the crossing. A very impatient parent started to drive past him and narrowly missed him. This is totally unacceptable. County Hall have been informed and want us to explain that doing this is a criminal offence and could result in a fine of £1,000 and 3 points on your licence. Later after school, at pick up a car pulled onto the zigzags recklessly, knocking over the new sign (asking for people to not to park there) and in the process they knocked a child's arm. The child is ok, but obviously rather shaken up. Parents please take heed, before it is too late! **PLEASE PARK SENSIBLY.** Be mindful at all times, otherwise a serious accident will occur and this will be devastating for everyone involved. We will now have to buy another new sign, the money for this could have been utilised elsewhere in the school.

## Important Dates

Mon 11th Mar	9am Y5 & 6 maths games/work sharing with parents
Tues 12th Mar	9am Nursery & Reception maths games/work sharing with parents
Wed 13th Mar	9am Y1 & 2 maths games/work sharing with parents
Thurs 14th Mar	9am Nursery & Y3 & 4 maths games/work sharing with parents
Thurs 14th Mar	2.40pm Y6 spring music concert
Wed 20th Mar	PTA Book Fair
Wed 20th Mar	Nursery Easter craft day
Thurs 21st Mar	Y3 & 4 production
Friday 22nd Mar	School Disco
Wk beg 25th Mar	House cross country final
Wk beg 25th Mar	Science week and house science quiz
Fri 22nd Mar	Y3 Trip to Colchester Castle
<b>Tues 26th Mar</b>	<b>Last day of term for Nursery</b>
<b>Thurs 28th Mar</b>	<b>2pm Last day of term</b>
29th Mar—12th April	Easter break
Mon 15th April	Start of term
April (TBC)	PTA Quiz Night at The Belgian Brewer
Thurs 25th April	2.30pm Y5 Music concert
Thurs 9th May	2.30pm Y4 Music concert
Fri 10th May	2pm PTA committee meeting
13th—16th May	Y6 SATS
Fri 17th May	PTA Outdoor Cinema
Mon 20th May	Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew
Thurs 23rd May	2.30pm Y3 Music concert
27th—31st May	Half Term
Mon 3rd June	Inset Day
Mon 3rd June	Y4 National multiplication assessments
3rd—7th June	Y6 School Journey, Kingswood
Sat 8th June	PTA Summer Fayre
W/C 10th June	PTA Father's Day Shop
Mon 10th June	Y1 National phonics, screening.
Thurs 13th June	Visit from Herts & Essex Music Group
Fri 14th June	Y5 Egyptian workshop
Thurs 20th June	Visit from Woodwind Stortford
Fri 21st June	Y2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
Fri 5th July	PTA Sports Day After Party & Colour Run
W/C 15th July	PTA Ice Cream Sales
Fri 19th July	PTA Break the Rules Day
Fri 19th July	2pm Last Day of Term
<b>2nd &amp; 3rd Sept</b>	<b>Inset days</b>
<b>Wed 4th Sept</b>	<b>First day of the school year</b>

### Enriching the Curriculum



The winners were judged by members of the school council for coming up with the most ambitious and unique adjectives in their year group. Many congratulations to:

James in Reception: 'inquisitive'  
Nate in Year 1: 'mathletics'  
Emily in Year 2: 'mischievous'  
Lizzy in Year 3: 'tropical'  
Agnes In Year 4: 'scrumdiddlyumptious'  
Sebastian in Year 5: 'aethereal'  
Luca—Year 6: 'sepulchral'  
Mrs Rogers Staff: 'sparkle'



### Reminders and notices

#### Nut allergies at school: Snacks and Pack lunches

As we have children with nut allergies at school, it is **very important** that parents **do not** include food containing nuts or nut products, such as peanut butter, pesto, bakewell tart or desserts which contain hazelnuts. Sweets, crisps and chocolate snacks are not allowed. Healthily snacks such as raw vegetables, fruit or cheese are ideal.

#### Dressing Up Costumes

If you have any world book day costumes that you would like to donate to school, we would really appreciate them for next year. Please note that we do not currently have space to store for general dressing up including super hero and princesses.

#### School uniform

Please ensure children wear black shoes in school, no boots are allowed or trainers (unless it's a PE that day). Please ensure no jewellery is worn at school and any hair accessories must be sensible and in school colours.

#### Northgate Bake Off - Cake boxes

We still have quite a few cake boxes and tins that need collecting. If you are missing one, please ask at the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### We Will Rock You

Many congratulations to Tullulah in Class 12 and Sidney in Class 7 who will be performing in "We Will Rock You" at The Harlow Playhouse from the 30th May 2024—1st June 2024.

#### 250 Club

Please can Joyce and David Martin get in touch with the PTA as soon as Possible on the following email address: [ptanorthgate@gmail.com](mailto:ptanorthgate@gmail.com)

### Celebration of Achievements



Nursery: **Masha**

R1: **Sofia** R2: **Iris**

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on "Reading".

We'll done for: identifying a high level first impression of a character in their guided reading book and then using evidence to support his answer, excellent inferences and explaining why, always being engaged with reading, reading regularly at home, having a lovely expressive voice when reading out load, trying hard in their phonics sessions, fabulous progress with reading, being an enthusiastic reader at home and working hard in 1:1 reading to improve their fluency and understanding of the texts.

Class 1: **Martha**

Class 2: **Teiga**

Class 3: **Chole**

Class 4: **Nico**

Class 5: **Maisy**

Class 7: **Polly**

Class 8: **Daisy**

Class 9: **James**

Class10: **Dylan**

Class 11: **Charlotte**



### Book Donations

This week, Waterstones kindly donated a variety of books to Northgate for different age groups and we are very grateful to them! Also we would like to say thank you to all the families that have donated books, toys and second-hand school uniform. We appreciate all your generosity. Please note that we are still in particular need of good quality non-fiction books, please donate if you have any to pass on.



### Northgate School Association

#### Mother's Day

Hope all the wonderful ladies in our lives enjoy their beautiful Mother's Day presents. Thank you to Katie Homer for leading this event and all the fantastic volunteers who supported our shop. The children loved the shop!

#### Scholastic Book Fair (Wednesday 20th March)

The Book Fair is coming to Northgate Primary School on March 20th at school pick up! An opportunity to spend your World Book Day vouchers whilst earning books for our school. Lots of fab deals available! Details to follow shortly!

#### School Disco (All tickets must be bought in advance)

Our School Discos are taking place on Friday 22nd March. Digital Pocahontas will be on the decks, we have hot dogs and pizza (must order in advance), glitter tattoos plus sweets and chocolates galore at the tuck shop.

**EYFS/KS1 Disco** - 5pm - 6.15pm (parents must stay). Tickets for entrance and hot food are available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-nozlpkz>. **KS2 Disco** - 6.45pm - 8pm (no parents)

Tickets for entrance and hot food are available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-moagmqr>.

#### Break the Rules Day (Thursday 28th)

Don't forget it's Break the Rules day on our last day of term, March 28th. An opportunity to be a little bit naughty by breaking the following rules: **Wear grey socks/tights, Wear your tie (UKS2), No nail varnish, No coloured hair, No hair gel, Only green hair accessories, No jewellery, No trainers/fashion shoes, No squash in your water bottle.** And only these rules, please! Please pay 50p for every rule you break.

#### Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We are in desperate need of uniform for the Pre-Loved Uniform rail. If you have any items in good condition, please consider donating to the school. All logo items needed especially PE hoodies, joggers and yellow polo, jumpers, cardigans.

#### Tesco Blue Coin

Only a few weeks to go of Northgate Primary School being one of the blue coin charities in our local Tesco stores. The school will receive between £500 and £1500 depending on how many votes we get, so please be sure to pick up a token and vote for us whenever you are in store.

We have applied for funding for 'Northgate Lunchtime Resources' as we would love to buy additional sensory, gardening, sports, music and quiet time resources to improve the students' lunchtime experiences.

Thank you for your continued support.