

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

July 1st 2022

Headteacher's News

It is always a pleasure to feel the buzz of excitement at this time of year with all the events and trips that take place. There is information later in this newsletter regarding the Year 2 trip to Colchester Zoo, and Year 5 sporting event that took place this week.

Year 5 and 6 have been preparing hard for their production next Tuesday. If you have a child in those year groups please ensure you have read the letter about the drop off and pick up arrangements for the day and evening performances. We are all really looking forward to going back to performing at the theatre.

We are delighted to invite family members to our Nursery Sports Day on Wednesday and our Reception to Year 6 Sports Day next Friday, organised this year by Miss Kavanagh. This year, to allow maximum participation and enjoyment for the children, we are splitting the Sport Day into four sections. As lunchtimes for the children will not be the same, we are unable to invite parents to eat with their child on the field. There will be clear areas for parents to stand and watch the track and field events. We would be grateful if parents could keep to the marked pathways and areas as children in other key stages may be having their break times. Children can wear a t-shirt in their house colours. I am sure it will be a fantastic event!

We are just finalising the classes for next year so will announce new classes and their new teachers early next week. The children will have opportunity to meet their new teachers on Move Up Day and those whose classes are being mixed will have a chance to work in their new classes in the coming weeks.

Year 5/6 Production

Years 2, 3, and 4 will be walking to South Mill Arts Centre to watch the year 5/6 production on Tuesday morning. They will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning back afterwards to eat lunch at school.



Enriching the Curriculum

Year 2 had a trip to Colchester Zoo on Monday. All the children were very well behaved and enjoyed following maps, observing and learning about the animals, which linked very nicely with their current science project.



"On Monday we went to Colchester Zoo. We travelled on a double decker coach. Class 3 sat upstairs, and class 4 sat downstairs. I loved EVERYTHING we did and saw, I had such a good day. I had a special packed lunch and saw the penguins. I wanted to see the red pandas but they were asleep in their habitat. We will go back as a family as I really want to see the red pandas."

Important Dates - 2021/22

Mon 4th July	Year 5/6 Rehearsal at Theatre 8.45am to 1.30pm.
Tues 5th July	Year 5/6 End of Year Performances 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Weds 6th July	Year 3 - Celtic Harmony Trip
Weds 6th July	Nursery Sports Day (AM 10.30am—11.30am PM 2.00pm—3.00pm) Nursery sharing Learning Journeys after each session.
Thurs 7th July	EYFS Information Evening.(6.45 pm—8pm)
Thurs 7th July	Reception sharing Learning Journeys 2.30pm
Fri 8th July	Sports Day (Reception—Year 6)
W/cm 11th July	International Week
Thurs 14th July	Move Up Day No current nursery class
Fri 15th July	International Week Market 3pm
Fri 15th July	Cake Sale (Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2)
Mon 18th July	Art Day
W/cm 18th July	PTA Ice Cream Sales
Mon 18th July	Year 5 trip to Rye Meads Nature Reserve.
Mon 18th July	Year 4 trip to Mountfitchet Castle and Norman village.
Tues 19th July	Take Over Day
Weds 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00am
Weds 20th July	Rebekah Green fitness circuit and talk.
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm
1st-2nd Sept	INSET DAYS
Monday 5th Sept	Children Return to School

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Reminders and Updates



Sports day Friday 8th July details for parents are as follows:

Reception: 9.00am—10.00am, Year 1 & 2: 9.50am—11.20am, Year 3 & 4 11.30am—13.05pm, Year 5 & 6 13.15pm—15.00pm.

Library books -date of return

The school library have a great number of books which have been loaned out and have not been returned to school. Could we please ask you to check at home for any school books, and ask that they are returned to their class no later than **Wednesday 13th July**. Please make the time to check your children's books at home carefully, and to return any that belong to the school. Thank you.

Safeguarding

As the summer holidays are quickly approaching it is always a good idea to ensure your children are able to give a responsible adult their address and or a parents phone number just in case there is an emergency situation.



Pupil News

International week

The week beginning Monday 11th July is going to be a fantastic week for the children as it is International Week! The focus of this week is to develop the children's understanding of the human and physical geography of a particular country from the Commonwealth and to learn more about the Commonwealth games. Each year group will discover the country they will be exploring in an assembly next week. As part of the week we will be celebrating the achievements of athletes in the Commonwealth games and Para sport games. The children will have the opportunity to participate in some challenges that incorporate skills that are used in some of the sports completed. We are also lucky to have a workshop where each class will learn some Bollywood dancing! During the week, all children will be making something linked to their chosen country and they will be selling this product to parents and carers at a market on Friday 15th July. The school gates will open earlier at 3pm for parents and carers to come in to purchase the items produced by the children. All money raised will be donated to Ukraine. We are all really looking forward to this exciting themed week.



Multi Sports day Year 5

On Wednesday Year 5 were lucky enough to take part in a multi sports day hosted by Birchwood school. The theme for the day was to celebrate the Commonwealth Games, which are being held in Birmingham from the Thursday 28th July – Monday 8th August. The pupils took part in different sporting activities throughout the day, including fun activities such as dodge ball, laser tag and inflatable fun. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students and a big thank you to all the adults who helped to organise it.



Rebekah Green : Sponsored fitness circuit

On Wednesday 20th July your child will have the wonderful opportunity to meet Rebekah Green who currently represents Great Britain and England within Freestyle Kayaking. Throughout the morning, the children will carry out a sponsored fitness circuit alongside Rebekah. A sponsorship form has been sent home with each child. The money raised will contribute to the cost of the athlete coming into school alongside the enhancement of the sports equipment and opportunities provided to the children within the school. Please could the **form** and **money** be returned in a named envelope to your child's teacher by **Friday 15th July**. Thank you for your support.

Supporting the food bank

Bishop Stortford Food Bank

One of our parents Michelle supports the local food bank. We have been advised that due to the increasing need to use food banks, they are incredibly short of food. We are asking Parents/Carers, if children would bring an item into school from Monday to Thursday next week for collection on Thursday. There will be a box in the main reception area to leave donations. Thank you for your support.

What to donate?

Here are some of the items currently needed:

Food: cereal, tinned fruit, soup, biscuits, pasta, crisps, rice, tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, fruit juice, tea/coffee, sugar, UHT milk.

Toiletries: deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, razors, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and hand wipes.

Feminine products: sanitary towels and tampons.

Baby supplies: nappies, baby wipes and baby food.

Household items: laundry liquid detergent, washing powder, bleach, antibacterial spray and washing up liquid.

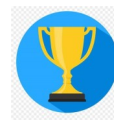


Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Martha

R1: Lilly R2: Isabelle



This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on Science for KS2. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their work including, paying attention to detail with light and shade work, asking questions about David Attenborough and trying hard to sketch a fossil. Excellent comprehensive evaluations of experiential findings.

Well done to:

Class 1: Florence

Class 2: Lara

Class 3: Edward

Class 4: Cora

Class 5: Sebastian

Class 6: Rose

Class 7: Charlotte

Class 8: Toby

Class 9: George

Class 10: Ralf

Class 11: Abbie

Class 12: Luke



Happy Bags

Thank you for all your contributions, this has raised a grand total of £97.20 for the PTA.

We are very grateful for you taking the time to have a sort out.

Northgate School Association

250 Club



Congratulations to this month's winner Nicole Quail, a cheque is on its way to you shortly!

To be in with a chance of winning, please complete the 250 form and set up a standing order. Forms can be found on class and PTA facebook pages, attached to previous newsletters or by emailing the PTA at ptanorthgate@gmail.com.

Amazon Smile

Thanks to everyone who has signed up already. As of May 2022, we have raised £105.86 for the PTA using Amazon Smile! Every little helps, as they say!

We would urge you to join us, it's really easy! Amazon Smile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. Go to smile.amazon.co.uk or search **smile** through your Amazon App and select Northgate School Association (Hertfordshire) as your chosen charity.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Geri Wren and Jo Parrott

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs

