

April 28th 2023

## Headteacher News

Congratulations to our Year 4 boys football team who won the K.A.S. Football Festival and to the Year 5 and 6 girls team who were placed 2nd. An amazing achievement—well done to all the players. Thanks to Miss Kavanagh and staff who organised the teams. Please see the next page for more details.

Next Friday the school will be celebrating the King's Coronation with a Coronation picnic followed by a party in the afternoon. Hopefully you have received the email regarding cakes. The children can wear any red, white or blue clothes, (including the school PE t-shirt) but please wear sensible footwear to play running round games at the party. Fingers crossed for good weather like we had last year for the Queen's Jubilee.

At Northgate we are always delighted to welcome visitors to our assemblies and on Thursday, in our KS2 Music Assembly, we had the percussion group from Boys High performing. They did a stunning performance of a samba and our children had the opportunity to ask the boys questions about the piece and their instruments. We hope it inspired all of our children! Hope you have an enjoyable Bank holiday weekend.

## Enriching the curriculum

On Wednesday as part of their growing topic, Nursey went on a spring walk around the school grounds and made a journey stick as a memento. They attached to their sticks items of nature they found lying around, such as leaves, twigs, flowers, feathers, catkins, acorn cupules etc. The children really enjoyed this activity and were very proud of the items they had found! Did you know that Native Americans and Aboriginal people used journey sticks to track their journeys and tell stories about their travels.

### Year 4 - Sea Life Centre Visit

As a conclusion to their topic 'The Blue Abyss,' today Year 4 had a fantastic time visiting and explored the Sea Life Centre in Southend. During their trip, they saw a range of different sea creatures such as sharks, stingrays and starfish and were also lucky enough to watch the penguins feed. The weather was ok although a bit breezy! The children still enjoyed their lunch on the beach.



### Coronation display

Thanks to Mrs Smith, the EYFS and KS1 have been enjoying the Coronation display in the corridor. The children love all the tiny details that have been included such as, an official invitation to the coronation, a model of King Charles and Queen Camilla sitting on their thrones outside Westminster Abby, a street party scene with cakes, paper chains and bunting, and even someone watching the ceremony on television wearing a party hat!



## Important Dates

May 2023  
**Mon 1st May**  
Fri 5th May

**Mon 8th 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  
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

### Bank Holiday

The King's coronation whole school picnic and party (**wear red white and blue**)

### The King's coronation bank holiday

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)  
Sports day  
Year 6 Performance rehearsal (at Theatre)  
Year 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

## Safeguarding

Please can we remind **all** parents and carers to park safely and considerately outside school and within neighbouring roads during school pickup and drop off times.

**Please ensure that the school car park gates are not blocked at any time** as this is the only access point for emergency vehicles.

Remember, you can park in the Rugby Club car park at the top of Cricketfield lane. We have a lovely, friendly crossing patrol man that is always happy to help the children across safely in the morning and afternoon.

### Emergency contact details

Have you changed your mobile phone number recently? Please make sure we have up-to-date contact details in case there is an emergency in school and we need to contact you. It is helpful for us to have several people named, in case the first ones are not able to be contacted. Thank you

## K.A.S. Football Festival

On Monday and Tuesday this week Northgate entered several teams into the K.A.S. Football Festival held at Howe Green School in Great Hallingbury. All our teams put in so much effort. On Monday morning our Year 4 team brought home the winners trophy. They won every single match! In the afternoon

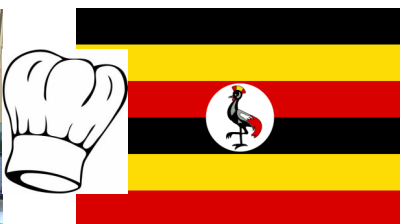


our Year 5 and 6 girls team played incredibly well and were placed 2nd. Tuesday morning Year 5 fought valiantly and hard against strong competition coming 5th. What a great achievement everyone!



Huge congratulations to all of our Northgate School football players who have played exceptionally well throughout the season and to the parents who have supported them. Class 9 and 10 participated in a year 5 and 6 football tournament on Monday. We played a variety of different teams at Howe Green and ended up coming fifth, the winners being ST. Josephs. We all tired our hardest and had a fun time. John F Class 10.

Year 5 have been studying Ugandan customs and food. Today in DT they all designed a Ugandan menu. In a few weeks time they will make dishes from their menu and try all the food.



## Reminders and Updates

### Pre ordering school dinners.

Please remember that meal options are to be pre-ordered in advance from home on the School Grid website. Orders must be made and amended on-line by parents before 8.55am each day. If you forget to pre-order your child's meal, it can be made with the teacher at registration, however it really helps everyone if this is done in advance.

### Absences and school dinners.

If your child is in KS2 and absent from school, please remember to delete their dinner before 8.55am otherwise you will be charged. If your child is in KS1 and absent from school, please remove their dinner as the school will be charged for the meal and the food might be wasted.

### Medication forms

If your child needs to have medication administered at school, a medical form must be filled out online before bringing it into the office. The form can be found on the front page of our school website. Please note that we will only administer medicine that is required four times a day (three times a day this can be given to the children before school, after school and before bed). It is essential that the medication is brought in, in its original box with labels and insert. Thank you.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Abbie and George H



R1: Scarlett R2: Theo

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on 'Reading'. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: making great contributions during a small guided reading group, having an excellent reading voice, working hard with their reading and reading with more fluency, showing excellent inference skills, excellent reading and effort during class comprehension sessions, working hard with their phonics and retrieving information from the text, showing so much enthusiasm towards reading, reading fluently with lots of expression, developing confidence and for making fantastic progression. Well done children, keep up the good work!

Class 1 Phoebe

Class 7: Matilda

Class 2: Sofia

Class 8: Mya

Class 3: Noah

Class 9: Rose

Class 4: William

Class 10: Anton

Class 5: Ladi

Class 11: Ailsa

Class 6: Reader

Class 12: Hawaa

## Reading

Reading is an exercise for the mind. It helps kids calm down and relax, opening doors of new knowledge to enlighten their minds. Children who read regularly have better cognitive skills. Please click the link below for tips on supporting your child.

[10 top tips for parents to support children to read - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/10-top-tips-for-parents-to-support-children-to-read)

[www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

## Northgate School Association

### Summer Fayre Volunteers

With the Summer Fayre on Saturday 10th June fast approaching, we are looking for lots of lovely volunteers to help us make it the best Summer Fayre ever! If you fancy running a game, helping at the dog show or even serving strawberries and cream, sign up here to help, there are lots of roles available.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AAE23AAF85-northgate10>

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

### Dog Show Revisited

With the success of last year's dog show, we have decided to include the event again this year. As with all our events we like to change the format to keep it interesting, and therefore this year we have different classes which we hope your whole family including furry friends will 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.

If your children would like to enter the Dog Show, please click this link:

<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.**

### Grange Paddocks

Just to remind you of our new partnership between Grange Paddocks and our Northgate Association. When you sign up to a membership with Grange Paddocks, whether this is swimming, the gym or clubs, a contribution will be made to our PTA. This is a fantastic opportunity to get fit but also help your children's school!

Plus for every membership signed up, you will be entered in a prize draw competition to win Personal Trainer sessions.

You can sign up to a membership through our link: <https://survey.eacomunications.co.uk/home/index?id=2157&newsession=1>

Please see attached poster about this exciting partnership and look out for our banner on the front gate very soon.

**Your PTA Co-Chairs: Geri Wren & Jo Parrott**