

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

October 18th 2019

Headteacher's News

It was good to see many of our Year 5 and 6 parents at the curriculum evening last night. We hope you found it useful. The PowerPoints will be going on website under our learning by the end of next week. Please use our school interact email address if there were other potential workshops you would have liked us to run. A sincere thank you to the eight members of staff who gave up their evening to attend this event to support parent/ school partnership.

We look forward to seeing you at several events next week. If you would like to learn more about multiplication tables and the new national assessment in Year 4, there will be workshop at 2.45pm on Monday. On Tuesday the Year 5 children will be sharing their work with parents and then on Wednesday there will be a phonics workshop in Year 1.

We also have the PTA AGM on Monday evening which everyone is welcome to. See the school association section for further information.

Have a lovely weekend.

Reminders and Updates

Secondary Transfer 2020

Year 6 Please be aware that the deadline for applications is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by **Thursday 31st October 2019**. The Admissions Team have recommend that parents complete it by Friday 25th October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Coats

It is now very important that all children bring a coat into school with them every day. The weather can change very quickly and the temperature has already dropped significantly since the start of term. Thank you.

Years 1 - 3 Lego Robotics Club

Calling all young roboteers. Lego Robotics Club will be starting after half term and will be open to children in Years 1, 2 and 3. Using the latest Lego robotics technology to build and program amazing creatures, you will learn how to program sensors to make the robot react to its surroundings and program robot birds to chirp, crocodiles to snap and plane engines to rev!

This course is brilliant fun and for nurturing skills in maths, technology and engineering. More information is attached to this email.

Important Dates

Mon 21st Oct	2.45pm Yr 4 Times Table Meeting
Tues 22nd Oct	2.45pm Yr 5 Work Sharing
Weds 23rd Oct	9am Yr 1 Phonics Workshop
Fri 25th Oct	Yr 5 Duxford Trip
28th Oct-1st Nov	Half Term
Mon 4th Nov	INSET DAY
Tues 5th Nov	Yr2 Pirate Day
5th-8th Nov	Well-being Week
Fri 8th Nov	Fireworks
Tues 12th Nov	Parent Consultations
Wed 13th Nov	Parent Consultations
Weds 20th Nov	2.45pm Yr 2 Phonics/Spelling Workshop
Weds 27th Nov	2.45pm Yr 6 Work Sharing
Fri 29th Nov	Occasional Day
Tues 3rd Dec	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 6th Dec	3.30pm Christmas Film Night
Mon 9th Dec	2.45pm Yr 3 & 4 Work Sharing
Weds 11th Dec	2.15pm/6pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thurs 12th Dec	2.45pm REC Work Sharing
Mon 16th Dec	2.45pm Yr 2 Work Sharing
Mon 16th Dec	KS1 Christmas Lunch
Tues 17th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Weds 18th Dec	2.50pm Yr 1 Work Sharing
Weds 18th Dec	KS2 Rhodes Panto Trip
Weds 18th Dec	KS1 Panto - in school
Thurs 19th Dec	KS2 St Michael's Church carol service (pick up from church)
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 6th Jan	Children Return to School
17th-21st Feb	Half Term
Mon 24th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 25th Feb	Children Return to School
Fri 3rd April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 20th April	Children Return to School
May 2020	Yr 2 SATs
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)
11th-15th May	Yr 6 SAT's week
25th-29th May	Half Term
Mon 1st June	INSET DAY
Tues 2nd June	Children Return to School

Safeguarding

Childline and Aspects are two organisations that can support anxiety and wellbeing issues. Aspects have several workshops coming up over the next few weeks and the details of these are attached to this email.

There is also lots of useful information available on a variety of subjects on the Childline [website](#). You can also call them confidentially at any time on 0800 1111.

Enriching the Curriculum

Music

This week we have applied to take part in the Hertfordshire Schools' Gala Concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday 8th March. The concert celebrates music making in Hertfordshire primary and secondary schools and would involve choir members from Years 5 and 6 joining together with other musicians from across the county to perform pieces on the theme of 'Saints and Stars'. A new commission, 'I am Alban', by the composer Anne Dudley with lyrics by poet Ian McMillan, based on the story of Saint Alban, will be performed at the concert, as well as 'Reach' by S Club 7, 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams, and 'A Sky Full of Stars' by Coldplay. It has been wonderful to see so many Year 5 and 6 students inspired to join the choir by the prospect of this performance opportunity, and we are keeping our fingers crossed that our application will be successful.

Many thanks to the members of orchestra for their contribution to last week's music assembly on the theme of enjoying musical opportunities, in which they talked about the benefits and challenges of learning an instrument, and to Thomas Waltham and Dylan Sanders for their solo performances at the start and end of assembly. A musical highlight of this week was a joint rehearsal in which Class 12 supported Reception children in preparation for a shared performance of 'Happy' to help us all feel good during Wellbeing Week after half term. It was lovely to see the oldest and youngest members of the school learning together and from each other so effectively.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Rosie	R1: Eleanor
	PM: Nicolas	R2: Ladi

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Geography and History.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for using artefacts, excellent map work and showing a keen interest in the subjects.

Well done to:

Class 1: Sebastian F-D	Class 7: Lara
Class 2: Daniel	Class 8: Jack
Class 3: Elizabeth	Class 9: Amber
Class 4: Jackson	Class 10: Jamie
Class 5: Hannah	Class 11: Nancy
Class 6: Eva Martin	Class 12: Gerda

School Association

AGM

Our AGM is on Monday 21st October from 7:30pm, held in the school staff room. We would really love to see as many parents and teachers there as possible, to hear about our successes of last year, our aims and objectives for the year ahead, to appoint new trustees and say thank you and goodbye to those stepping down. Refreshments will be available and we welcome any and all contributions to the discussions. We are YOUR PTA and want you to be involved.

Christmas Cards Fundraiser

The children should have brought home a Christmas Card Fundraiser pack this week which gives you the opportunity to turn their artwork into Christmas cards and other personalised festive items. Not only are these lovely to give and receive but all orders help raise money for the school. More information will be sent separately from Kelly Hyde (year 4 and reception Mum) who is organising this for us.

Christmas Film Night and more!

Our Christmas event team have fixed a date for our Christmas event! They are organising a Christmas film night AND MORE on Friday 6th December and they will share all the details with you in due course. In the meantime, pop the date in your diary!

Fireworks

Ticket sales are going brilliantly, so thank you for your support so far. Tickets are available online from TicketSource.co.uk - just search for Northgate!

250 Club

We have had a great response to our new 250 Club. There are still a few numbers available if you would like to join the club and be in with a chance of winning up to £1000 every month! Email Mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk for full details.

Year 1 - Making Scarecrows

On Thursday, as part of our DT work, Classes 1 and 2 spent a fun afternoon making scarecrows. The class talked about the work farmers do at harvest time and how scarecrows are really important for the crops. The scarecrows have now been placed in our wooded area.



Charity Cake Sales

On Thursday 24th October there will be a charity cake sale for Key Stage 2 in support of Lyme Disease UK and on Friday 25th October there will be a fun Halloween themed cake sale for Key Stage 1 and Reception in support of Foxdells Animal Rescue Charity. All cakes, including gluten free and dairy free options, will be sold for up to £1. The cake sales will be held in the Dining Hall during break time.

