

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

March 3rd 2023

Headteacher's News

Congratulations to our Year 5 team B maths team who successfully beat a number of other teams in our area to qualify for the county Maths Challenge final, which will take place later this month. Good luck for the final!

Well done to all our Year 5 and 6 children who decided to run a lunchtime club for younger children at lunchtime. They organised setting it up and started it this week. This gives great leadership opportunities for our older pupils and provides more activities for the younger ones to be involved with. They are offering a great range, including chess, Lego, art, dance and parachute games.

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

Next week we look forward to welcoming parents to our Year 1 phonic meeting, which will look at understanding the national phonics screening that the children will complete in the summer term and how parents can support them. This will take place at 9am.

We also look forward to welcoming the Year 5 parents to their instrumental concert on Thursday at 2.40pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

World Book Day!

We had a tremendous selection of book characters. Thank you for your support with the fantastic imaginative costumes. The parade in the playground was followed by the staff book run-around where the staff read a short story to a class for two minutes, before running to the next classroom to share the story there. All the children really enjoyed these activities, which were great 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.



Important Dates

Mon 6th March
Tues 7th March
Thurs 9th March
Fri 10th March
Mon 13th March
Tues 14th March
Weds 15th March
Thurs 23rd March
w/c 27th March
Mon 27th March
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Tues 28th March

Weds 29th March

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Thurs 30th March

Fri 31st March
Mon 17th April
May 2023

Mon 1st May

Mon 8th May

Fri 12th May

9th-12th May

Fri 19th May

29th-2nd June

Wed 7th June

Mon 5th June

5th-9th June

Sat 10th June

w/c 12th June

Mon 26th June

12th -16th June

12th -23th June

Tues 13th June

w/c 17th July

Thurs 20th July

Friday 21st July

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7.30PM PTA committee meeting (online)
Year 1 phonics meeting 9am
Year 5 Spring Music Concert
PTA School Disco (EYFS/KS1 and KS2)
PTA Mother's Day Shop: R1, R2, Y1, Y3 & Y6
PTA Mother's Day Shop: Y2, Y4 & Y5
PTA Mother's Day Shop: Nursery & All Years
Year 3/4 production
Creative thinking week
Year 3 visit to Colchester Castle
9.00am reception challenge with parents/work sharing
9.00am LSK2 Challenge with parents/work sharing
Morning children 8.45am/afternoon children 2.45pm nursery challenge with parents/work sharing.
9.00am KS1 challenge with parents/work sharing
House cross country final
9.00am UKS2 challenge with parents/work sharing
Term Ends **2.00pm**
Children return to school
Y2 SATs Week
Bank Holiday
The Kings Coronation Bank Holiday
2pm PTA committee meeting (in person)
Y6 SATs Week
PTA Film Night (EYFS/KS1 and KS2)
Half term
Y3 Celtic Harmony Trip
INSET DAY
Y6 School Journey
PTA Summer Fayre
PTA Father's Day Shop
7.30pm PTA committee meeting (online)
Y1 Phonics Week - (plus Y2 phonic catch ups)
Y4 Times Tables Tests
Happy Bag collection
PTA Ice Cream Sales
End of Term at 2.00pm
Occasional day

Safeguarding

Playground Apparatus

Please do not allow your child to climb on the playground apparatus before or after school. Even if you are supervising your child on the equipment, other children are encouraged to join them when they are not being monitored. We have had accidents in the past and do not wish for these to be repeated. Please be reminded that as many of our first aiders are TAs, they are not available outside of school hours to administer first aid.

Scooters in School

Please remind your children, including pre-schoolers, that they are not permitted to scoot or cycle on school grounds. The scooters move very quickly and it is therefore unsafe.

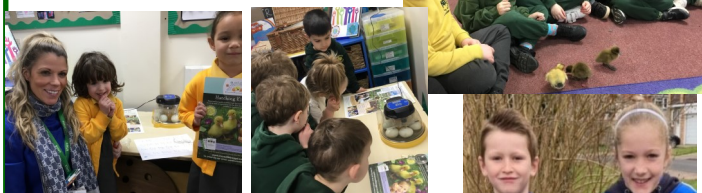
Thank you for your co-operation.

What an exciting encounter Year 1 had today they got up close and handled some fascinating animals. They discovered amazing facts and had lots of fun and laughter along the way. This was linked to our topic 'Paws, claws and whiskers.'

GARGO ANIMAL ADVENTURES



We have had some special visitors in the Reception 2 Classroom this week. 6 duck eggs have been carefully warming in an incubator and the children from Nursery and Reception have been able to observe them hatch. The baby ducklings are very inquisitive and we have had lots of fun playing with them. They liked to nibble on our shoe laces!



Isabelle (Y6) and Teddyy (Y4) Cullinan have spent the month of February raising money for Cancer Research UK. They were inspired by friends and family that have recently battled cancer. They completed different activities everyday throughout February. These ranged from burpees, sit ups, press ups to a dance marathon! Over the month they raised an amazing £2175. What a fantastic achievement! Well done! Teddy and Izzy!



Reminders and Updates

IMPORTANT—EYFS outdoor equipment

Please can parents not let their children play with the equipment in the Reception playground. This area is our LEARNING area and we use all the resources for carefully planned learning opportunities. When they are used unsupervised and left dirty or damaged, the reception and nursery children miss out on their learning. Thank you The EYFS team.

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.

World Book Day costumes

If you have a book day character costumes or Victorian day a costume that you would like to donate to school we would really appreciate them for next year. 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 school colours.

Year 5 and 6 children must wear ties.

Happy School Bags

Thank you for all of your generous donations. You have raised the school a total of £82.80.

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Sofia & Leah R1: Taurus R2: Maxwell

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on 'reading'. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: explaining vocabulary in their text, great reading at home, great enthusiasm in class texts, always reading so fluently, independence when decoding longer words, working hard with comprehension skills, excellent progress in reading this term, demonstrating a love and passion for reading and allowing it to broaden their imagination, using phonics to decode unknown words and trying hard to improve their fluency, making a note of all the reading in their journal and being active in guided reading.

Class 1 Charlie	Class 7: Daniel
Class 2: Ella	Class 8: Evie
Class 3: Olivia	Class 9: Oliver
Class 4: Imogen	Class 10: Max
Class 5: Josh	Class 11: Mac
Class 6: Sienna	Class 12: Hollie



BBC 500 words competition 2023

This year, there are two age categories will be **5–7-year-old** and **8–11-year-olds**. Children of all abilities can enter; there is no need to worry about spelling, punctuation, or grammar – all they need is their imagination! The competition opens in September, so get thinking and writing! We are looking for **teachers, teaching assistants, librarians and SEN staff** – whether in post, are training or are retired. Click on the link below: for more information.

[BBC 500 Words 2023: register your interest to become a judge](#)
- [BBC Teach](#)

Northgate School Association

School Disco: Our School Discos are taking place on Friday 10th March at the following times:

EYFS and KS1- 5pm to 6:15pm

KS2- 6:45pm to 8pm

Tickets can be purchased via the following links:

EYFS & KS1 <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-rpqrnpnm>

KS2 <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association/t-ealxeik>

Tickets close on 8th March.

As always, we need volunteers for our events, so please sign up using the following link; <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-discu>. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mother's Day: Our Mother's Day Shop will be taking place week commencing 13th March. All goods are from UK businesses. Each gift will be £3 each and the children can buy on the following days at their morning break:

Monday 13th March: Reception, Years 1, 3 and 6

Tuesdays 14th March: Years 2, 4 and 5

Wednesday 15th March: Nursery and All Years

Photography Competition

Thank you for all your LOVE-ly February photo entries. February's winner is Iris in Class 4! Congratulations Iris! Iris' photo will be the prime picture on our February 2024 calendar page!

You can view all our winners and other favourites on our Facebook PTA Noticeboard for now. Calendars with all term and event dates already recorded for you, will be available to buy in July 2023 for the academic year beginning September 2023!

The official first day of Spring is 20th March so our March theme is "Spring is in the air!" Deadline for entries is 1st April 2023. Please see attached poster.

Your PTA Co-Chairs
Geri Wren & Jo Parrott

