

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

March 4th 2022

## Headteacher's News

This week our thoughts and prayers are with those in our school community who are affected by the horrific events which have taken place in Ukraine during the past week. If you would like to help, there are several local charities, such as [UK-aid](#), as well as larger organisations such as the [British Red Cross](#), who are collecting donations for refugees.

**World Book Day!** On Thursday morning, it was fantastic to be able to invite our parent community in to share all our amazing costumes in the World Book Day Parade around the playgrounds.



We had a tremendous selection of adjectives. Thank you for your support with the costumes. The parade 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.

Please remember the importance of reading and sharing stories with your child. The amount of books children are exposed to by age 6 is a positive predictor of their reading ability two years later.

*'One of the greatest gifts adults can give is to read to children'* Carl Sagan

Have a great weekend!

## Enriching the Curriculum - Sports Fixtures

### Hockey

On Thursday afternoon we took 3 teams of our year 5 and 6 pupils to compete in the BSP Level 2 School Games Quicksticks Hockey Competition at Birchwood School. We played against schools from all over Hertfordshire. After all our effort and hard work, we were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> over all. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to our parent helpers.

### Football

Northgate faced Manor Fields in their football fixtures this week. The gold team had a tough game and Lewis scored from a corner towards the end of the first half. We created many good chances in the second half, two of which were scored by Toby. Final score was 3-0 to Northgate for the gold team and 7-0 to Northgate for the silver team. Congratulations to both teams.

## Important Dates - 2021/22

Fri 11th March	PTA School Disco
W/cm 14th March	House Cross Country
W/cm 21st March	Mother's Day Shop
Thurs 24th March	Year 3/4 Production
W/cm 28th March	Science Week
Weds 20th March	9am - Year 3/4 Science with parents (20 min)
Thurs 31st March	9am - Year 5/6 Science with parents (20 min)
Fri 1st April	9am - Year 1/2 Science with parents (20 min)
Fri 1st April	Break the Rules Day
Fri 1st April	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Tues 19th April</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
<b>May 2022</b>	<b>Year 2 SATs</b>
<b>9th-12th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs week</b>
Fri 20th May	PTA Film Night
30th May-3rd Jun	May Half Term
<b>Mon 6th June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
7th-10th June	Year 1 Phonics Week
7th-24th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Sat 11th June	PTA Summer Fayre
W/cm 13th June	Father's Day Shop
20th to 24th June	Year 6 School Journey
Thurs 30th June	Happy School Bag Collection
W/cm 18th July	PTA Ice Cream Sales
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>1st-2nd Sept</b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
<b>Monday 5th Sept</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

## Safeguarding

Every school has a named person responsible for safeguarding children and young people. The Designated Safeguarding Lead/Person (DSL or DSP) has a responsibility at both a strategic level and on a day-to-day basis.

The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead is the first point of contact for any member of the school staff who has a concern about the safety and well-being of a pupil.

**The DSL for Northgate Primary School is Mrs Tanner.**

**Our DSPs are Mrs Jones, Mrs Wallace and Mr Dunn.**

Key Aspects of the Designated Person role include:

- Making sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns.
- Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect.
- Referring any concerns to social care.
- Monitoring children who are the subject of child protection plans.
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records.

Additional guidance and further reading can be found in Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2021/Annex C.

## World Book Day 2022

On Thursday we celebrated **World Book Day** by dressing as an **adjective**. The children's costumes were **colourful, funny, sporty** and **scary**. All of the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed dressing up.

Mrs Tanner's **bouyant**, Mrs Booth's **eccentric** and the School Office's **patriotic** were just **fabulous** and our office staff won the School Council's vote for best adult costumes.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the parade and story run-around, and the best costume winners were awarded by the School Council.



R1: Jess - sparkly	R2: Ella - tasty
Class 1: Henry H - friendly	Class 7: Ben - camouflaged
Class 2: Noah - messy	Class 8: Archie - perfect
Class 3: Agnes - blooming	Class 9: Amelie - scrumptious
Class 4: Zak - sweet	Class 10: Kiki - magnified
Class 5: Evie - petrified	Class 11: Isobel - injured
Class 6: Max - colourful	Class 12: Gabriella - delicious

School Council Winners: Jude - eccentric and Luca - clumsy  
Overall R1 were awarded 'Best Dressed Class'

Well done to all the children, parents and staff for their fabulous costumes and storytelling.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Hayden

R1: Flynn R2: David

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Reflective Learning.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their work, including taking responsibility for their own learning and reflecting on their writing.

Well done to:

Class 1: Nicolas	Class 7: Eden
Class 2: Lucy	Class 8: Elizabeth
Class 3: Daisy	Class 9: Emily
Class 4: Hugo	Class 10: Thea
Class 5: Isla	Class 11: Megan
Class 6: Finley	Class 12: Ruby K-R



## Guided Readers

We are delighted that Covid cases have remained low enough to continue to bring volunteers back into school.

**From Monday 7th March we would like to welcome back guided readers for Year 1.**

## Vacancies

### Key Stage 2 SEN 1:1 TA position

3 days per week (9am-3pm). To apply, please visit [Teach in Herts](#) for more information.

## Northgate School Association

### Happy Bags

Thank you for all your contributions to the Happy Bags Collection; it is much appreciated.

### School Disco

Just a reminder that our School Discos are taking place next week on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**.

Please remember to purchase your tickets and food in advance here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association>. Don't worry though - tickets can still be purchased at the door for just £1 more!

The Foundation and key stage 1 disco runs from 5pm to 6.15pm (Nursery to year 2). The key stage 2 disco runs from 6.45pm to 8pm (years 3 to year 6). Always a great night for our children!

### Mother's Day

Please look out for details about our Mother's Day shop next week.

As mentioned in previous emails, we have purchased gifts from small businesses. In addition the gift wrapping is recyclable and biodegradable to support sustainability.

Best wishes

Geri Wren and Jo Parrott

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs

## Comic Relief 2022 - Friday 18th March

The countdown to Comic Relief is on and we will be taking part again this year, helping raise funds for communities across the UK and around the world.

It is just two weeks until this year's Comic Relief day and we want to make it the funniest day in school this year by getting the children to **share their favourite joke** with the class.



For a donation of 50p, the children can bring a joke to share with their class mates and/or they can wear a red nose for the day, or accessorise with red socks, tights or hair bands.

This year it has never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border.

Visit [Red Nose Day 2022](#) for more information.