

January 10th 2025

Headteacher's News

Happy New Year! I hope you had a magical Christmas and an enjoyable start to the New Year.

It has been great seeing the children settle back to the new term. We have been sharing with the children our **new school code**: At Northgate we show **Respect, Kindness, Responsibility**.

These three guiding principles will shape how we celebrate positive behaviour, address challenges, and build a strong, supportive school community. We hope by shortening our code it will be something that everyone remembers. We will be incorporating these important values into daily school life including 'Learner of the Week'. Teachers and staff will embed these words into conversations to reinforce their importance in learning and play. With thanks to Mrs Rogers, we have some new eye-catching posters displayed in classrooms and key areas throughout the school. As the term progresses we will be trying out some new rewards. We hope that if you ask your child about our new code they will be confident to discuss the what are three core words are, and we encourage you to talk about Respect, Kindness, and Responsibility at home to help strengthen our shared values. We believe that these three principles will help guide our children to be positive citizens in our school community and beyond. Thank you for your continued support!



Reminders

School Uniform

Please note that children have to wear bottle-green jumpers at school with or without a logo. This includes sports kit hoodies, which are only worn on PE days. If you need to update your children's uniform can be purchased at AVM Bishops Stortford. www.avmworkwear.co.uk

Our second hand uniform rack will be reinstated soon (payment is by cash only). Proceeds go directly to the school PTA fund.

Please remember to label all of your children's items of clothing to avoid them going missing or home with the wrong family.

Shoes should be smart black school shoes (**no boots or trainers** should be worn), without flashing lights (or with the lights turned off). No extreme hairstyles are allowed, such as tramlines or spikey. Hair accessories must be bottle-green or yellow.

Children are **not** allowed to wear earrings or other jewellery in school. Children will be asked to remove any they are wearing. If there is a religious reason for wearing items, please contact Mrs Tanner in writing.

Volunteer speakers

Year 2 would love to have more visitors in to bring learning to life for the children. They are looking for people (perhaps Grandparents) who attended Northgate more than 50 years ago, to talk to the children about the differences between when they were at school and now. They are also looking for family members from different faiths to come and share information about their religion. The children are always so excited to have visitors and learn lots from these experiences, so please do let us know if you can help. (You do not have to have a child in Year 2). You can let us know by contacting: starlings@northgate.herts.sch.uk or sparrows@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

Outdoor toys for Ducklings

Our Ducklings are looking for donations of equipment that can be used outside in the mud kitchen and garden such as pots, pans, spoons, forks or small trowels etc. They also need paint brushes or paint rollers which can be used for mark making. If you have anything that you can donate please email: ducklings@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Important Dates

Fri 24th Jan	Young Voices Choir at the O2
W/c 27th Jan	Y2 Walk to Old Northgate School
Wed 29th Jan	Y1 Local Area Walk
Mon 3rd Feb	Y6 Victorian Day
Tues 4th Feb	Y4 Trip to the Sea life centre
Mon 10th Feb	Y5 Visit from Wonderdome.
Tues 11th Feb	Internet Safety Day
Thurs 13th Feb	EYFS/KS1 School Council Bake off
10th—14th Feb	Literature Festival at the BSC
17th-21st Feb	Half term
Thurs 27th Feb	KS2 School Council Bake off
4th & 6th Mar	Parent Consultations (Details to follow)
Tues 4th Mar	Rec/Y1 Trip to Stortford fields Story Teller
Thurs 6th Mar	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
WK beg 10th Mar	Maths games/work sharing with parents
	Mon UKS2—9am, Tues EYFS —9am
	Wed KS1 —9am, Thurs LKS2 —9am
Thurs 13th Mar	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
Thurs 27th Mar	9.05am & 14.15am Y3/4 performance
Fri 28th Mar	Y3 Trip to Colchester Castle
WK beg 31st Mar	Science week—Visit from Fab Science
Thurs 3rd April	Y5 Instrumental Concert
Fri 4th April	Term Ends 2pm
7th- 21st April	Easter holidays
Tues 22nd April	Children back to school
Thurs 1st May	Year 4 Instrumental Concert
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 15th May	Year 3 Instrumental Concert
Wed 21st May	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
Thurs 22nd May	End of term
Fri 23rd May	Inset day
26th—30th May	Half term
Wed 2nd July	Year 6 Performance at South Mill Art. (details to follow)
	Break up for summer holidays
Tues 22nd July	Occasional day
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	=*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were: **Ducklings**: Teddy and Ilaria

Puffins: Vinnie **Owls**: Aasiyah

Well done to our 'Learners of the Week'. Certificates were focused on our new school code: At Northgate we show **Respect, Kindness, Responsibility**.

Robins: Luca
Starlings: Pennie
Skylarks: Chloe
Nightingales: Connor
Kestrels: Bella
Harriers: Evie

Wrens: Sophie
Sparrows: Harriet
Swifts: Agnes
Kingfishers: Faith
Kites: Raff
Hawks: Jack



Safeguarding:

Keeping your child safe online

Did your child receive a new digital gadget for Christmas? Please see below a link to the UK Safer Internet Centre's guides and resources for parents. This covers setting up parental controls on phones, laptops, smart speakers, game consoles, tablets, smart TVs and there is a comprehensive guide to social media.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>