

May 10th 2024

## Headteacher's News

Well done to Year 4 who "wowed" family members with a fantastic musical afternoon yesterday. They shared an array of musical talents as whole classes and as soloists. Thanks to Mrs Cheung for creating such a fun music curriculum and organising the event. See more information below.

Good luck Year 6 next week, for their national assessments, SATs. The children have worked very hard in preparation for them. Children in other year groups will also be undertaking assessments over the next two weeks so please ensure they are punctual into school and appointments are not in school time wherever possible.

The PTA held their meeting this afternoon and are busy organising their next significant fundraising event, the Summer Fayre, which is on the Saturday 8th June. This fantastic community event is only successful due to the time people volunteer. If you can spare an hour to help, either with the preparations, setting up, on the day or tidying up, please let a member of the PTA know. More details on the next page. One of their big fundraising projects is a new set of class iPads and some more computers. Hope you have a fantastic warm weekend!

## Enriching the curriculum



Every Wednesday, we run a peer to peer reading group with **Year 1 and 2** children reading to **Year 5**. The benefits from this strategy are immense. The older children are paired with younger children to create "reading buddies." The children respond to their peers extremely well and this

promotes a love of reading as well as, better fluency, understanding and encourages confidence.

On Thursday, **Year 4** had their spring music concert and they put on a fantastic rendition of a song called "Make a Difference". This had a very powerful message. Both classes sung and played their recorders and some children performed solos. A message from Mrs Cheung our music teacher: "Bravo to the children in Years 4, 5 and 6! They have been working so hard practising over the past few months. They have made me so proud, and I am sure all members of the audience at every concert would agree that they have done a terrific job. This is the first year I have taught recorder in all year groups. This small instrument looks simple, but learning it is not as simple as one might think. It requires a high level of active listening and fine motor skills. The children have shown a great deal of resilience mastering these skills. While not everyone is a fast learner, the children at Northgate have shown an incredible amount of patience, kindness and teamwork. Working together to produce this music has been a great achievement in itself. I congratulate those who performed individually too, what a great pleasure to see them enjoying their music. We must not forget the parents too. They are equally commendable, championing their children along the way. The enjoyment of playing music, alone or with others, is just ineffable. Please tell your children not to be afraid of learning an instrument, pick it up and give it a go. It's never too late to try!"

## Important Dates

Sat 11th May

Working party to level ground for the music 'garden room' (help needed)

13th—16th May

Y6 SATS

Fri 17th May

Y4 Viking day

WB 20th May

Neurodiversity week

Mon 20th May

Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew

Thurs 23rd May

2.30pm Y3 Music concert

27th—31st May

Half Term

**Mon 3rd June**

**Inset Day**

W/C 3rd June

Y4 National multiplication assessments

3rd—7th June

Y6 School Journey, Kingswood

Fri 7th June

Non-school uniform day in exchange for

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June

9.00am Stepping Stones coffee morning with

Sat 8th June

PTA Summer Fayre

W/C 10th June

PTA Father's Day Shop

Mon 10th June

Y1 National phonics, screening.

Mon 10th June

Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

Thurs 13th June

Visit from Herts & Essex Music Group

Fri 14th June

Y5 Egyptian workshop

Thurs 20th June

Visit from Woodwind Stortford

Fri 21st June

Y2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

Fri 21st June

Y4 Stansted Mountfitchet Visit

Wed 26th June

Y1 Trip to Audley End

Wed 26th June

Year 2 Music Festival at South Mills (parents

able to watch from 2.15pm—3.00pm

information to follow

Mon 1st July

Y5 /6 rehearsal at theatre (timings TBC)

Tues 2nd July

Y5/6 performance (timings TBC)

Fri 5th July

PTA Sports Day After Party & Colour Run

Wb 8th July

History week

Wb 8th July

History with Parents /work sharing 9am

(see below)

Thurs 11th July

School Transition Day

Tues 16th July

Take over day

W/C 15th July

PTA Ice Cream Sales

Thurs 18th July

9.15am Y6 Leavers' assembly

Fri 19th July

PTA Break the Rules Day

Fri 19th July

2pm Last Day of Term

**2nd & 3rd Sept**

**Inset days**

**Wed 4th Sept**

**First day of the school year**

## Safeguarding

It is important that **only** the Year 5 and 6 children who are permitted to walk to and home from school, have mobile phones with them at school as these are for safety reasons only. Please can you remind your child that these phones **must not be** switched on in the school grounds. The children must switch their phones off in the morning at the school gates and **not** switch them back on again after school until they are off the premises. Thank you for your support.

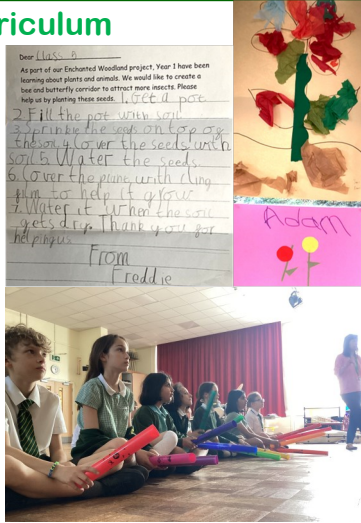
Please click the link below for the Herts for Learning summer 2024 online safety newsletter. This is a very informative read.

<https://thegrid.org.uk/assets/hfl-online-safety-newsletter-summer-24-parents-or-carers.pdf>

## Enriching the Curriculum

As part of their topic, 'Enchanted Woodlands', Year 1 have been looking at growing plants from seed. In English the classes wrote very clear instructions on how to grow a plant and how to look after it. They sent these in a letter to other classes along with some seeds, so that they can enjoy watching them grow. Woodland made some wonderful collages of flowers using a different variety of materials.

**Mrs Cheung's lunchtime music club** had a great time when they used Boomwhackers as percussion instruments to accompany an online orchestra to the main Star Wars theme. Boomwhackers are unique tuned percussion tubes that the children use to strike at a precise time, when forming the melody.



On Wednesday morning, Tony our crossing patrol person gave a small presentation to Little Ladybirds to remind the children about the importance of road safety. Shirley, told us that Tony is some what of a celebrity in the eyes of the children, in the mornings they wave furiously to him when he passes by their window. Most importantly the children all listened well to the message he put across. They acted out how to cross a road safely and received stickers and leaflets to take home. Thank you Tony!

## School Uniform

We are pleased to announce that we now have an account with **AVM Workwear and Embroidery** who are now our approved provider for Northgate school uniform. Please use the following link to access their website <https://www.avmworkwear.co.uk/>.

You can visit them at their shop, Unit 10, Southmill, Trading Centre, Southmill Road, Bishops Stortford, CM23 3DY where there is parking outside the front or phone them on 01279 653816.

We are looking forward to Northgate parents having a great relationship with them going forward.

## Reminders and Notices

### Dinner accounts

Please check your child's dinner money account regularly to make sure it is in credit. These accounts should not go into debt, but if this happens it is very important that any money owing is paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Spare iPad Cables

If anyone has any spare lightening cables for an iPad, we would be grateful for them. Please bring them to the office.

## Celebration of Achievements

**Nursery:** Dominic and Danuji

**R1:** Luna      **R2:** Lola



This week our 'Learner's of the Week' focused on "Computing". Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: supporting their peers when using technology, demonstrating how the internet can be used to work collaboratively on a project, great skills in formatting text to change the style, demonstrating excellent keyboard skills, a brilliant effort creating an animation using the stop motion app, considering how to improve a photo during our digital photography lesson, developing a fantastic stop motion animation and helping others with theirs, outstanding work on times tables rockstars, creative programming in scratch, excellent knowledge of computing, being a times whizz, understanding and practicing using different camera angles and being enthusiastic when planning their storyboard, having good explanations of filming techniques during the class video production topic and being and excellent computer monitor this year.

Class 1: Edith

Class 2: Theo

Class 3: Ella

Class 4: Florence

Class 5: Charlie

Class 6: Thea

Class 7: Joshua

Class 8: Josh

Class 9: Maxwell

Class 10: Will

Class 11: Freddie

Class 12: John



## Northgate School Association

### Summer Fayre

#### Raffle Tickets and Summer Fayre Brochure.

Today your children should come home with a book of raffle tickets to buy and a copy of our lovely Summer Fayre 2024 brochure. Please take a look at the brochure to see all the wonderful prizes you can win in our raffle plus a taster of what you can expect at the fayre. Please return raffle stubs and money to your class teacher.

#### Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to help us at our Summer Fayre on Saturday 8th June.

If you fancy running a stall, please sign up here to help:

[https://m.signupgenius.com/?#!/](https://m.signupgenius.com/?#!/showSignUp/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-48892296-northgate)

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We can't run our events without your support, so please do sign up if you can. Thank you.

#### April 250 Club Winner

Congratulations to ball number 96, Claire Livingstone, who is our April 250 Club winner!

#### Stikins Name Labels

Please remember to order your name tags for your children's school uniform. Labels can be ordered from Stikins via their website at [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) using the school fundraising number 14587. The Northgate School Association receives commission for each order.

Hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

Gerri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team