

June 21 2024

## Headteacher's News

Last Friday, a county moderator came to validate the Year 6 writing teacher assessment. They spent the day, analysing the children's work, and the teacher's judgements. The moderator was impressed with how the children wrote in their own authorial voice making every piece of work unique, they thought that their vocabulary and spelling was highly developed and their work was considered and beautifully presented. She was also confident that the teacher's assessments were accurate.

School budgets, as you are aware, have tightened considerably over the last 2 years. Please can you ensure all payments to the school are made promptly and you communicate with Karen Paggett, our finance officer, if you have any problems with payments. We appreciate that we run a lot of trips that can become expensive. If you would like to give us any feedback in this area, please email us on [interact@northgate.herts.uk](mailto:interact@northgate.herts.uk). Please remember that we have an Amazon wish list for each year group, and glue sticks are greatly appreciated! Have a great weekend!

## Enriching the curriculum

Two year groups had school trips today and the weather was perfect!

As part of their current topic 'Animal Habitats', **Year 2** visited Paradise Wildlife Park (now known as Hertfordshire Zoo). There, the children received a perfect blend of education and fun. They learned lots of interest facts about some amazing mammals, primates, reptiles and birds. The life sized animatronic dinosaurs in the zoo's 'World of Dinosaurs' attraction was brilliant.



**Year 4** went to Mountfitchet Castle, which was formally an Iron Age fort and a Roman, Saxon and Viking settlement. As part of their topic '1066'. The children explored the motte and bailey castle and had plenty of fun experiencing life in a Norman village around 1066. To broaden the children's experiences, they travelled by train there and back. Well done to all the children as they waited so patiently after experiencing delays to their train. We are very proud of them as they were a real credit to the school.



We are sure these real life experiences help to promote the children's love for learning.

## Important Dates

Wed 26th June	Y1 Trip to Audley End
Wed 26th June	Year 2 Music Festival at South Mill (parents watching from 2.15pm -3.00pm information to follow.
Wed 26th June	5.45pm EYFS information evening
<b>Fri 28th June</b>	<b>WID Council Pride Awareness Day</b>
Mon 1st July	Y5 /6 rehearsal at theatre (Please see the next page for details)
Tues 2nd July	Y5/6 performance (at South Mills Theatre)
Wed 3rd July	Nursery Sports Day (9.30am—11.00am)
Thurs 4th July	2.30pm Quartet from Hockerill to perform in music assembly for the children.
Fri 5th July	Sports Day
Fri 5th July	PTA Sports Day After Party & Colour Run
Wb 8th July	History week
Mon 8th July	9am Y3/4 History with Parents/work sharing
Tues 9th July	9am Y1/2 History with Parents/work sharing
Weds 10th July	9am EYFS History with Parents /work sharing
Thurs 11th July	School Transition Day (Nursery closed)
Thurs 11th July	2.30pm Peripatetic Teacher to perform in music assembly for the children.
Friday 12th July	9am Y5/6 History with Parents/work sharing
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
<b>2nd &amp; 3rd Sept</b>	<b>Inset days</b>
<b>Wed 4th Sept</b>	<b>First day back at school (Reception am only no Nursery)</b>
<b>Thurs 5th Sept</b>	<b>Nursery stay and play</b>

=\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

## Safeguarding Important Notice

If your child requires any medication at school, this includes prescription and non prescription medicines, creams or lotions please bring them to the school office as children should **not** be carrying them in their bags. Parents need to fill out a form and they will be kept in the medical room.

All medicine needs to be in its original packaging along with instructions and the child's name visible.

Many thanks.

### Enriching the Curriculum

Thank you to **Woodwind of Stortford** who played in our music assembly yesterday. Their music was simply brilliant and all the children enjoyed the performance immensely.

### Sport

A mixed cricket team from year 5 and 6 played at home last week against St. Josephs. Freddie F from class 12 said, "Northgate won the toss and we bowled first. During the match there were seven wickets overall and at least 4-5 wide balls which didn't make contact with the batsman. Both teams played really well. St Josephs scored 152 runs overall and Northgate Scored 200 runs overall. Northgate won by 48 runs".

Another mixed school team are Playing Richard Wittington this evening so good luck to them!

### Reminders and Notices

#### Calling any parents with connections to landscape gardeners?

We are looking for a reasonable quote for artificial grass, as we are considering having this fitted to the quad area at school. This is an internal court yard, approximately 5.3 metres x 12.1 metres.

We feel that having artificial grass would provide us with a more versatile space and could be utilised by children across the whole school.

If you can help or know someone that can, please either email [Pastoral@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Pastoral@northgate.herts.sch.uk) or contact the school office.

#### Link for Amazon wish lists

Following on from Mrs Tanner's message regarding budgets, please find below the links to the class wish lists. Thank you for your support; it is much appreciated.

SEND: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3ROLLCMRTHZAG?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3ROLLCMRTHZAG?ref=wl_share)  
 Nursery: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HXOE17AT4EUX?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HXOE17AT4EUX?ref=wl_share)  
 Reception: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/23X6VCACOHIF0?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/23X6VCACOHIF0?ref=wl_share)  
 Year 1: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2VC7ERL8QEOMR?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2VC7ERL8QEOMR?ref=wl_share)  
 Year 2: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2P6BGPOA0W41J?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2P6BGPOA0W41J?ref=wl_share)  
 Year 3: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/28CC3VSCZTELN?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/28CC3VSCZTELN?ref=wl_share)  
 Year 4: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YT4ZVWQUSRNB?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YT4ZVWQUSRNB?ref=wl_share)  
 Year 5: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HX5UC222D81X?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HX5UC222D81X?ref=wl_share)  
 Year 6: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/BDG6DLPU54HX?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/BDG6DLPU54HX?ref=wl_share)

#### A message from the Northgate WID Council.

In their meeting yesterday, the Wellbeing, Inclusivity and Diversity Council decided that they would like to celebrate Pride Awareness Month. Therefore, on Friday 28th June the WID committee would like pupils to come into school in full uniform, but, if they like, they can accessorise it by wearing either colourful hair accessories or multi-coloured socks. Mrs Clynes will talk to the children about this in assembly on Monday.

#### Spare Socks for EYFS

EYFS are in need of spare socks for children 3-6 years. If you have any to donate please bring them into the school office. Thank you.

### Celebration of Achievements

**Nursery:** River and Amelia

**R1:** Betsy      **R2:** Oilly

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "writing"

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: Always putting in 100%, creating a fantastic diary entry, excellent accurate speech punctuation in their adventure story, a lovely recount of their Celtic Harmony trip, using high level language and varied sentence lengths and creating an interesting and exciting adventure story.

Well done to:

Class 1: Jacob

Class 7: Sebastian

Class 2: Arya

Class 8: Sahishnu

Class 3 & 4: Everyone

Class 9: Bohuslava

for beautiful written work

Class 10: Elijah

Class 5: Alice

Class 11&12: Everyone for great writing across the

Class 6: Olivia

year

### Year 5/6 Production Collection Details.

Mon 1st July: **Y5/6 rehearsal** at Southmill

Tues 2nd July: **Y5/6 performance** at Southmill

Both mornings please take your child straight to the theatre for 8.45am or straight after dropping siblings at school.

Many thanks. Letter with more information to follow.

### Northgate School Association

#### **Sports Day After Party**

Friday 5th July is Northgate's Sports Day (fingers crossed the good weather continues!) and from 3.30pm after the winning team has been announced, it is the PTA Sports Day After Party.

We have music provided by Digital Pocahontas, food from The Bagel Queen and Temperley's Street Food plus an ice cream van and a PTA bar selling a variety of soft and alcoholic drinks, glitter tattoos, inflatables and a colour run for children and adults! What a way to finish the day! Please book your tickets for the inflatables and colour run here: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association) Tickets will be available on the day, but it would help the event team to know numbers in advance.

We look forward to seeing you at Sports Day and for the party afterwards!

**We hope you have a wonderful weekend.**

**Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team**