

July 12th 2024

Headteacher's News

What a busy week! Starting with a 'car museum' on our playground, as part of our history week and finishing with Sports Day! Thanks to all the members of staff for organising these events.

It was great to welcome so many parents and family members to our work sharing and history activities. We hope your child enjoyed meeting their new teacher this week. Parents will have the opportunity to meet them at 'Meet the Teacher'. Please see the Important Dates list to find out the timings of these.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who have regularly given up their time this year to benefit the children's education!

Next week is our last week, still with lots of exciting activities planned including and Northgate's Got Talent and our Break the Rules day, a fundraising event for the PTA.

We will finish at **2pm on Friday 19th July**.

Fingers crossed for England on Sunday! As we appreciate children maybe staying up late, registers and the main gate will stay open until **9.30am on Monday**. Have a lovely weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

On Monday morning, as part of our 'History of Transport week' the children were treated to a wonderful display of classic and modern cars. This included cars from each decade from 1950s, including a Morgan Plus 4 and Riley Kestrel to a brand new Hyundai Ioniq 6. Children were given the opportunity to develop their historical skills, including using sources to ask questions and understanding change and development. All the children came to view the cars, which were parked up on the playground and asked the owners questions. The children were thrilled to see the array of cars that spanned nearly 75 years of history. Thank you to everyone who brought their cars into school and to Mr Sainsbury and Miss Cotterell for organising the event.



Divergent Drama, a travelling theatre group, delivered workshops this week to Y1,2,3,5 and 6. Each class were encouraged to use divergent thinking. The children travelled through time to many different countries and met the inventors and pioneers of different forms of transport throughout the ages. Thanks to the PTA for funding these workshops.

On Monday, Miss Wise, an ex-student, who is now a flight attendant with Ryanair, explained to the children of Y1 and Y2 insights into working for an airline. The children pretended they were on a flight and really enjoyed learning all about air travel in this immersive way.

Year 4 had an Egyptologist to run their workshop on transport in Egyptian times. They focused on water transport and learned how nature had already built a superhighway right through the middle of their empire called the River Nile.



Important Dates

W/C 15th July	PTA Ice Cream Sales
Wed 17th July	3.30pm Sports day party/colour run.
Thurs 18th July	9.05 am Y6 Leavers' assembly
Fri 19th July	PTA Break the Rules Day
Fri 19th July	Northgate's Got Talent
Fri 19th July	2pm Last Day of Term
2nd & 3rd Sept	Inset days
Wed 4th Sept	First day back at school (Reception am only no Nursery)
Thurs 5th Sept	Nursery stay and play
Friday 6th Sept	2.50pm Y6 Meet the parents
Tues 10th Sept	2.50pm Y2 Meet the parents
Wed 11th Sept	9.00am Y4 Meet the parents
	2.50pm Y1 Meet the parents
Thurs 12th Sept	9.00am Y5 Meet the parents
	2.50pm Y3 Meet the parents
Wed 18th Sept	2.50pm Reception Meet the parents
Frid 8th Nov	5pm to 8pm PTA Fireworks Night
Fri 25th Oct	Inset Day
28th Oct — 1st Nov	Half term

History Work Sharing with Parents

Parents/carers of each year group came into school this week so that their children could share their history work with them. The children took great pride in showcasing all their hard work. Thank you for your continued support. It is really valued by the children and the school to have parents participating.



Reception Design Technology Workshop

Reception had a workshop with Mr Sainsbury and Miss Cotterall this week. The children were given cardboard, wooden wheels and dowels as materials and made their own vehicles. They talked about the anatomy of a car and its components, such as the chassis etc. All the children tested out their creations in a race at the end.

Safeguarding

Please find a link below for the UK Safer Internet Centre. This is a good resource for keeping your children safe on the internet. It covers lots of topics such as social media, online bullying, parent controls, screentime and more. There are videos to watch with your children which are designed to open up conversations around staying safe online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays>

Enriching the Curriculum

Today, we were lucky with the weather and had an enjoyable sports day. The children showed lots of determination, perseverance and effort in all their sporting activities. They received plenty of support from family members on the side-lines even our Nursery children cheered them along! Thank you to Mr Brown and Miss Powala for staging the event, plus the help received from the KAS sports coaches, work experience students, and the pupils from The Bishop's Stortford High School.



Reminders and Notices

Are you moving from the area? Is your child moving school?

If your child no longer needs their place at Northgate in September, please email admissions as soon as possible using the following address: admissions@northgate.herts.sch.uk. We have many children waiting for a place here and we would like to ensure that all these families are contacted in advance. Thank you.

Guided Reading

There is no guided reading next week. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who have supported with this over the year. It has made a big difference to the children.

Library Books

We have a number of books for KS1 and KS2 outstanding, so please check you do not have one. We will ask for a £5.00 donation towards any books unreturned by Tuesday.

Dinner Money

Please ensure that all dinner debts are cleared at the end of the term. Any credits will be forwarded on to next year.

Pupil Premium

If you claim any benefits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals and other funding to help cover the cost of trips, and additional interventions your child may require. To find out please apply directly and confidentially via the following link: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>. Mrs Ferdinand is willing to assist you with the application, if you need help.

Earrings

It is Northgate's policy that jewellery including earrings **must not be worn** in school for safety reasons. If your child is having their ears pierced over the summer, we suggest they have them pierced early in the summer holidays. To help ensure they are ready to remove earrings for the start of the autumn term, we are allowing children to come into school with newly pierced covered earrings next week. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Lost Property

All lost property will be removed from the white boxes in the main reception area at the end of term.

Donation request

Does anyone have a flatscreen TV that they do not need which can be attached to a computer? If you can help, please contact admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk The school would be really grateful as this would help enormously.

Northgate School Association

End of Year Celebration/Colour Run

The Sports Day After Party (now known as End of Year Celebration) is now taking place on Wednesday 17th July from 3.30pm. If you require tickets, please follow this link: www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association. Thank you to Natalie Gill and Rachel Spence for leading this event.

250 Club: Winning ball number 119.

Congratulations to Joanna Parrott, who is our June winner!

Ice Cream Sales

We will be holding our annual ice cream sale at pick up on Thursday 18th July. We will have a variety of ice creams and lollies. Please bring cash or card!

Break the Rules Day

Don't forget it's Break the Rules day on our last day of term. Be a little bit naughty by breaking only these following rules: **wear grey socks/tights, wear your tie (UKS2), no nail polish, no coloured hair, no hair gel, only green hair accessories, no jewellery, no trainers/fashion shoes, squash in your water bottle.** Please pay **50p for every rule** your child or children will break.

PTA Fireworks Night Event

A date for your diaries! We will be holding our annual PTA Fireworks Night on Friday 8th November 2024 from 5pm to 8pm with skies alight at 7pm. More details to follow but we hope you can join us for this awesome event!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team