

June 14th 2024

Headteacher's News

A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA for the fantastic Summer Fayre on Saturday—they have raised over £5,200 so far! It was great to see so many families supporting the event—we hope you had an enjoyable time. There was an amazing amount of hard work behind the scenes to produce such a successful fayre. The money raised will be funding many school projects, including replacing the class set of ipads and paying for workshops for our history week that is coming up. Thanks also to the PTA for organising the Father's Day shop. Well done to all the children who complete the Year 1 national phonics assessment and the Year 4 children who completed the national multiplication check!
Hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

This week as part of their topic 'Tribal Tales' **Year 3** took a trip to Celtic Harmony, where they enjoyed an amazing prehistoric experience. The children rediscovered the natural world and traditions of life in ancient Britain. Anaya and Benedict from Class 5 said, "Each class was given a tribe name, Bear or Bison. We met our guide called Timber and he walked us through the forest and we foraged for herbs such as mint. As we sat amongst the round houses, we were taught how to make a fire with flint. We also made dens from tree branches. The best experience was spear throwing. We all had to pass our spear throwing licence; this was great fun!"



Today **Year 5** had an Egyptian workshop. The children looked fantastic in their outfits and had a very educational day learning about Egyptian history and geography. They played games from the era and looked at artifacts. They took measurements and studied the art of mummification.



As part of their work on diversity and inclusion, on Wednesday **Year 6** joined pupils from other local schools to watch an online presentation by Chris Lubbe, who is an international keynote speaker. Chris fought for years against apartheid and was a former body guard of Nelson Mandela. The children learnt about his life growing up in South Africa and about the struggles that black, mixed race and Asian people experienced during the South African apartheid.

Important Dates

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 Mill (parents watching from 2.15pm -3.00pm information to follow.
Wed 26th June	5.45pm EYFS information evening
Mon 1st July	Y5 /6 rehearsal at theatre
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	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
2nd & 3rd Sept	Inset days
Wed 4th Sept	First day of the school year

Safeguarding

Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help.

We all experience difficulties at some point. Families First can help you find early help and information to prevent issues from getting worse.

Families First will work with you and your family to create a package of support. The service is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 (25 if they have a learning need or disability).

Issues they can help with are: Parenting, mental and physical health problems, drug or alcohol dependency, domestic abuse, school related concerns – such as your child is not attending school, debt problems, risk of becoming homeless.

Parenting advice offered: Childcare, advice and courses for parents, staying healthy, emotional and mental health, relationship support, private fostering, keeping children safe online, domestic abuse, money advice, carers, services for Young People.

Enriching the Curriculum

During our music assembly on Thursday, we had a performance from five pupils from Herts and Essex School Performing Arts Group. They sang songs from musicals including, "Thank you for the music" from Mamma Mia and "How far I will go" from Moana. The whole room warmed up before the performances with exercises to loosen up their muscles. The children really enjoyed the visit and the students voices were simply amazing. It is great for our pupils to have older pupils to aspire to.



In Reception this term, they have been learning all about traditional tales. To celebrate, they hosted their own royal ball just like Cinderella. Everyone, including the teachers changed into spectacular ball gowns, suits and robes. They waltzed to modern string quartet music and enjoyed a delicious banquet. It was a magical event which really brought the learning to life.



Reminders and Notices

Costumes for themed days and school plays.

Let's reuse as much as possible at Northgate! Do you have any dressing up costumes left over from themed days or school plays that you no longer need. Please consider donating them to school, so that we can pass them onto other children. This is not only better for the environment, but may just help other families who are finding finances difficult. Let's do what we can to help each other.

Charity funding raiser.

Carol Parker, our site manager's wife, who is turning 70 soon, will be taking part in a charity Skydive to raise money for Isabel Hospice. They provided amazing palliative care for her daughter, Hayley Lynskey, the founder of Night Owls and Little Ladybirds and supported the whole family towards the end of her life. If you would like to donate, please click the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/carol-parker-1717409964593?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fcarol-parker-1717409964593&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email

Celebration of Achievements

Nursery: Noah and Eva

R1: Finton

R2: Sophie



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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: an excellent explanation and summary of texts, great effort and engagement, a good understanding of reading non fiction or text, demonstrating confident reading and being quietly willingly to help those who need it without being asked, brilliant understanding of non fiction texts, using the contents page to find information needed and working so hard to improve their pace and fluency.

Well done to:

Class 1: Jasper

Class 2: Haiden

Class 3: George

Class 4: Evie

Class 5: April

Class 6: Ella

Class 7: Ladi

Class 8: Charlie

Class 9: Ruby

Class 10: Harry

Class 11: Charlotte

Class 12: Oscar



Northgate School Association

Summer Fayre

What a Northgate Summer Fayre we had!

Despite the very dark rain clouds at the start of the event, the sun came out shining and we had the most awesome Summer Fayre raising over £5,200 so far! We are so incredibly delighted and overwhelmed by the number of families who joined us at our event.

We hope you had a brilliant time enjoying all the stalls and activities we had on offer for you. We hope there was something for everyone.

A massive thank you to our sponsor Taylor Wimpey and our amazing PTA members who spent months organising this event.

Thank you to every parent/carer and staff volunteer who supported us in the run up, during and clear up of the event. We simply couldn't do it without you.

250 Club Winner

Congratulations to Brian Fulcher who is our May 2024 250 Club winner, with ball number 12.