

June 7th 2024

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a good half term. We are looking forward to the next busy half term. Please look at the dates—there will be more details on timings to follow. We appreciate all the bottles that have been brought in today for the bottle tombola for the **Summer Fayre** tomorrow. The weather is looking good and we have an amazing range of events and stalls. All money raised is for the school and supporting your child's educational experience. If you could spare 30 minutes to help on the stall, or to tidying away at the end, please let the PTA or office know. We cannot run these events without the support of the parents and it would be a great shame if we could no longer run these larger community events. Your support is really appreciated.

The year 6 have had an enjoyable week at Kingswood; at a new venue on the Norfolk coast. The adults have had many compliments on our children's behaviour and manners. Thanks to the team who organised the week and took the children away. Please see the next page for more details.

Good luck to the Year 4 children who will be completing the National multiplication assessments in the next couple of weeks. This assessment ensures that all schools and families ensure that pupils are learning times tables, which are so fundamental to so many aspects of maths. Year 1 phonics screening will also start next week.

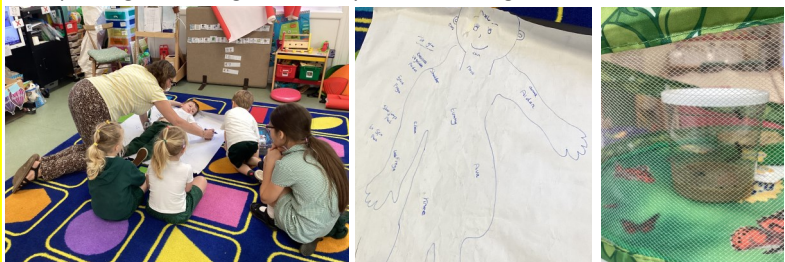
I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fayre tomorrow: 12pm–3pm.

Enriching the curriculum

Thursday was the 80th Anniversary of D day. A special British classic menu was cooked and served up by our wonderful catering staff. The children and some of the staff enjoyed fish and chips, vegan bangers and mash and sticky syrup pudding! We thought this was a nice way to celebrate the day and to remember all the heroic people who fought for us on that day 80 years ago. Thank you to Jenny and her team!



Before half term, as part of their topic 'growing', the nursery children set up an experiment to take effect over the week. The children put a lettuce seed in two pots, one pot was placed in a position where it would get plenty of sun, warmth and rain, the other was placed in an area with no access to these conditions. When the children came back after their break the pot that had received all the light, warmth and moisture was flourishing with a lettuce sprouting, the other had no sign of life. The children are now looking at how other things grow, such as humans and what different parts of our bodies do for us. The class made a map of a human body by sketching around different parts of each other's body and naming them. They are also watching caterpillars grow, change into a chrysalis and emerge into beautiful butterflies.



Important Dates

W/C 10th June	PTA Father's Day Shop
Mon 10th June	Y1 National phonics, screening.
Mon 10th June	Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony
Wed 12th June	Class photos
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
Tues 2nd July	Y5/6 performance (at South Mills Theatre)
Wed 3rd July	Nursery Sports Day (9.30am—11.00am)
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
Friday 12th July	9am Y5/6 History with Parents /work sharing
Wed 26th June	5.45pm EYFS information evening
Thurs 11th July	School Transition Day (Nursery closed)
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

Reminders

Hopefully the summer weather will soon be with us. Please remember that children must not bring sun cream/lip balms or medication for allergies into school themselves. Please apply a strong factor sun cream at home in the morning. Any extra medications must be logged on a medical form found on the front page of the school website and the medication must be brought into the school office. This is for safety reasons. Children should also have a sun hat at school during hot weather as there is limited shade available. Please remember coats if there is a chance of rain.

Supporting SEND families

Stepping stones, Northgate parent support group had a coffee morning today with a guest speaker, Nicky Chaperlin from SPACE. SPACE is an organisation that wants to make the SEND world a better one. They realise the importance that a sense of community and inclusion brings to families living with Autism and ADHD. Please join us for the next meeting, which will be confirmed soon.

Safeguarding

For safety on our school site, children **must not** ride bikes or scooters on the grounds before or after school. Parents should not bring dogs on site at anytime, including after school hours. Please do not allow your children to play on our playground equipment or in the EYFS play area before or after school. If you see anything of concern, please report it to the school office.

Enriching the Curriculum

Year 6 have been enjoying their school journey this week. This year they stayed at Kingswood West Runton in Norfolk. The children have been really enjoying the outdoor activities by the sea and for many of them it has been their first time staying away from their families. Each child has had an amazing experience. "After a long coach ride, we finally arrived in West Runton. We unpacked our bags and made our beds before setting off for to do an activity. I was in Mrs Tedder's group and we did archery first. Each day we had two activities in the morning after breakfast, two after lunch and one or two after dinner. The meals were very tasty. It was a buffet, so some people had lots of food! The Accommodation was okay, it was hard to get to sleep on the first night, but it got easier as the nights went on. My favourite activity was zip lining. Kingswood was great!"



Reminders and Notices

Whole school class photos

Photos will take place on Wednesday 12th June. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform. If your child has PE that day, please bring their PE kit including trainers, in a named bag to change into.

Outstanding Debts

Please can all parents look at your children's school gateway accounts to ensure there are no amounts outstanding. The school take payments for many reasons such as, trips, swimming, clubs and meals. All outstanding debts must be paid quickly and your child must have money on their school dinner account. **Please be aware that children with dinner money accounts in debt over a certain amount, will not be offered school lunches until the outstanding amount has been paid in full.**

If you are struggling with the cost of school meals, you maybe eligible for pupil premium. The school will send out communication shortly regarding how you can apply for this.

Have you moved house or changed telephone numbers?

It is essential that the school office have the correct contact details for parents in case of illness or an emergency.

Sporting Champions Scheme

Kenny in Class 12 has been selected for the Everyone Active Sporting Champions scheme in swimming. To read about it please click on the link below.
[Northgate Primary School pupil Kenny Millsom picked for Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme \(bishopsstortfordindependent.co.uk\).](http://bishopsstortfordindependent.co.uk)

Celebration of Achievements

Nursery: Freya

R1: Michaela **R2:** Allegra



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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: always being kind and considerate, showing kindness to everyone and regularly making thoughtful gestures, looking out for others and treating everyone with respect, showing kindness and consideration for other children's learning, being kind thoughtful and understanding towards friends and class mates, having a consistent nurturing nature when reading with younger children. Displaying kindness to all their peers even those outside her direct friendship group.

Class 1: Adam

Class 6: Imogen

Class 2: James

Class 7: Chloe

Class 3: Georgia

Class 8: Peter

Class 4: sofia

Class 9: Julia

Class 5: Iris

Class 10: Ria



Class 11 & 12: The Year 6 children that stayed at school this week, who kindly helped teachers and younger children in other classes. Everyone at Kingwood for being so polite, respectful and courteous.

Northgate School Association

Summer Fayre

After almost 6 months of hard work, the Summer Fayre is finally taking place tomorrow (8 June) from 12 noon to 3pm! If the forecast is correct, it will not be quite the glorious, sun-soaked weather we were hoping for - especially given our Beside the Seaside theme - but I am sure we can all make it a fantastically fun and bright occasion for everyone so please come along and enjoy all we have to offer. There is something for everyone!

We have loads of inflatables, games, performances and things to eat and drink! Come and enjoy the fun whilst raising much needed funds for our children's school.

The Summer Fayre team (myself, Katie Homer, Meryl Herniman and Sarah Clissold) hope you have a wonderful time and I would just like to thank them for all their amazing hard work, endless messages we send each other at night and their committed support.

Thank you to all our fabulous volunteers too; we simply couldn't have the event without you.

Father's Day

Our Father's Day shop will be taking place during week commencing 10th June. Thank you to Natalie Gill and Rachel Spence for leading this event.

Children can buy at the following times during the week:

Monday: Nursery, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Tuesday: Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5

Wednesday: All Years

Gifts are priced at £3.00 each. Please send Children in with cash.

We hope you have a wonderful time at our Northgate Summer Fayre!

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team