

June 28th 2024

Headteacher's News

It has been a busy week with lots of exciting activities, including the Year 1 trip and the Year 2 music festival. Today, some children wore coloured accessories or socks, respecting differences, in this case in relation to 'Pride'. This week, the children had another opportunity to influence what happens in the school, when the School Council voted that next school year the class names will change from numbers to bird names. More details to follow. Also next year, as announced earlier in the year, the school day will be increasing from September, in line with government guidelines. The gates will be opening at 8.40 (Reception—Year 6) for registration at 8.50am, and the school day will end at 3.20pm.

Today, I hope you have received information about your child's new teacher. The children who are in years that are mixing will start preparing for transition over the final weeks of term. Please speak to the class teacher if your children need further support with this. I hope you have a great weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

As part of their topic 'Enchanted Woodlands', on Wednesday **Year 1** took a trip on a coach to Audley End Miniature Railway. Firstly, the children explored the woodland area by miniature train. Throughout the journey, little huts emerged, each decorated with a fairy-tale or nursery rhyme theme. They then took the fairy walk into a magical world of fairy houses and castles. At the end of the trail they were met by a woodland fairy, and they made their own magical wands. Next week the children will design their own fairy houses.



On Tuesday, Stagecoach came into school to run a drama workshop with **Year 3 and 4**. The classes reenacted life in the Stone age and Vikings, which related to their current topics. The children really enjoyed the experiences and have learned some great techniques, which will help with their future school performances.



Important Dates

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	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)
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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 back at school (Reception am only no Nursery)
Thurs 5th Sept	Nursery stay and play

=*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Whooping cough

There is an increase of Whooping cough across the country. Whooping cough can be life-threatening for babies and can require hospital treatment.

Childhood immunisations are very important to protect your child from illness. Please make sure your child has all their vaccines when offered. You can check your child's Red Book or the NHS App to see if they are up-to-date.

Water safety

During hot weather, it's good to remind children about water safety. Click the link below from the RNLI for information.

[RNLI water safety education resource: Water Safety Passport activity](#)

Enriching the Curriculum

Also on Wednesday **Year 2** travelled to Southmill Arts to take part in a music festival alongside two other schools. Parents watched proudly as each class performed an animal-themed song and then all the children sang together beautifully.



On Thursday, Sakura Fish, an ex-Northgate pupil, came in to run a music workshop with **Year 4**. Sakura plays violin with the British National Orchestra. It was so inspiring for our children to watch and listen to her performances. We are currently using information from the musical tuition

questionnaire to decide on what lessons we will be offering next academic year. Thanks for all your responses.

Sport

On Thursday, the Inspire Northgate Netball team participated in their first league match. It concluded in their first win with a whopping 32 –1! Nine girls represented Northgate and worked brilliantly as a team. Well done to all who participated. Miss Powala and Mrs Smith awarded Olivia and Eden for their efforts.

Reminders and Notices

Sun creams

It is very important that sun cream is not brought to school by your child. Please apply sun cream generously in the morning at home in order to protect your child during the school day. If your child needs extra coverage, you will need to fill in a medication form which can be found on our website and the cream must be given to the school office.

For safety reasons, it is very important to check the ingredients in your sun cream for nut oils or nut products, as some of our children at Northgate have severe nut allergies. Prunus amygdalus dulcis (sweet almond) oil can be found in some sun creams. Lip balms should also be handed in at the office and a form submitted as these too are classed as medication. Please remember to check the ingredients in these.

Important: Library Books

All school library books need to be returned next week, Friday 5th July at the latest. As you know, books are very expensive and unfortunately, due to the number lost or damaged last year, we will be asking for a **£5.00** donation towards any unreturned books.

Celebration of Achievements

Nursery: Archie and Chit



R1: Sophia **R2:** Charlotte R

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Music" Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: Joining in beautifully with lots of singing, great enthusiasm during rehearsals, overcoming nerves and producing a wonderful performance during the musical festival, having an excellent understanding of music concepts, playing the best evil villain and doing a wonderful job portraying 'Y' in the 5/6 performance Mission Implausible.

Well done to:

Class 1: Pennie
Class 2: Juliet
Class 3: Chloe
Class 4: Flynn
Class 5: Charlie
Class 6: Autumn

Class 7: Sasha
Class 8: Marquis
Class 9: Aditi
Class 10: Isla
Class 11: Brandon
Class 12: Susie



School Production: Year 5/6 pick up drop off Details.

Monday (rehearsal): Y5/6 to meet at Southmill Arts between 8.45am - 9.00am. Pick up from school at 3.15pm.

Tuesday: Y5/6 to meet at Southmill Arts between 8.45am - 9.00am. Please collect Y5/6 from the theatre at 3.00pm. For the evening performance, children must be dropped to Southmill at 5.45pm and collected from the theatre at 8pm.

Packed lunches are required on both days

Northgate School Association

Sports Day After Party

Just a reminder that next Friday is Northgate's Sports Day and from 3.30pm after the winning team has been announced, it is the PTA Sports Day After Party. Please book your tickets for the inflatables and colour run here:

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.

Just to remind you, 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!

Thank you to Rachel Spence and Natalie Gill for leading this event.

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 using the school fundraising number 14587. The Northgate School Association receives commission for each order.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.
Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team