

January 19th 2018

## Headteacher's News

With one of our key aims to enrich the curriculum to engage our learners, teachers constantly plan a range of exciting activities. Our highlights this week include year 5's visit from the mobile planetarium who came to engage the children with their topic on 'Space.' Year 2 were 'street detectives' as they learnt about the local area on a walk. The Bishop's Stortford Maths Challenge gave the opportunity for two Year 5 teams to compete against other local children. I was very proud of the teams, who came in second and third place. Well done!

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Zoe Edwards will be joining our Year 3 team as a Teaching Assistant. She will be starting next week and we look forward to welcoming her to Northgate.

The SLT were delighted to meet some of the KS1 parents today at our coffee morning. The strengths and areas of development will be compiled with the information gained last week from the EYFS parents and next week's coffee with the KS2 parents and shared with everyone. Please remember that if you are unable to attend, you are welcome to email on [interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk) with your strengths of the school or areas you would like to change. We also have the communication questionnaire which needs to be returned by Friday, 2nd February. Have a good weekend.

### Mobile Star Dome

"Year 5 were very lucky on Monday, 15th January. We had a visit from the Astronomy Roadshow. We learnt about space, stars, black holes, planet rings and a little bit about aliens. I really liked it" ...Finn (class 9)



### Year 2 Street Detective Walk

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their street detective walks this week.

They learnt to read and follow maps and found out about the history of Chantry Mount and Oak Hall on Chantry Road. They also discovered when the old Northgate School in Northgate End was built.



## Important Dates

24th Jan	Prospective Parent Tour
26th Jan	9am KS2 coffee with SLT
<b>29th Jan-2nd Feb</b>	<b>Maths Games with parents</b>
30th Jan	9am Lower KS2
31st Jan	9am EYFS
1st Feb	9am Upper KS2
2nd Feb	9am KS1
2nd—9th Feb	Festival of Literature
<b>5th Feb</b>	<b>Nursery Admission 2018 opens on School website</b>
<b>5th-9th Feb</b>	<b>Healthy Schools Week</b>
8th Feb	Prospective Parent Tour
12th-16th Feb	Half Term
19th Feb	Inset Day
27th Feb	Parent Consultations
28th Feb	Parent Consultations
1st Mar	World Book Day (children to dress up as a book character)
9th Mar	School Disco: 6.00-7.00pm KS1 & Foundation 7.15-8.30pm KS2
<b>12th - 16th Mar</b>	<b>Dazzling Discovery Week</b>
13th Mar	Science activity with parents: 9-9.30am KS1
14th Mar	9-9.30am Lower KS2
15th Mar	9-9.30am EYFS
16th Mar	9-9.30am Upper KS2
15th Mar	Curriculum Information Evening
22nd Mar	Year 5 Instrumental Concert
23rd Mar	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
28th Mar	Years 3/4 Show (afternoon and evening performances)
29th Mar	Break up for Easter
<b>16th Apr</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
28th May-1st Jun	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
<b>9th June</b>	<b>Summer Fayre</b>
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018
<b>3rd &amp; 4th Sep</b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
<b>5th Sep</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>

\*Red = New Item

## Safeguarding

Online abuse affects many children and young people every day. Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) has helped thousands of people in need of support. Please visit their very useful website at <https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>. The website has information for both adults and children.

## Self-Managing Monkeys

In assembly today we celebrated our Self-managing Monkeys. This included:

*"Being ready to start the task."... Jakey (Y6)*

*"Making sure I was doing something sensible while I was waiting for the teacher."... Andrei (Y4)*

Our mantra to help children remember how to be a Self –managing monkey is:

**Make sure you are in the RIGHT PLACE at  
the RIGHT TIME with the RIGHT EQUIPMENT  
and the RIGHT ATTITUDE.  
The 4 Rs**

## School Council Planned Events 2018

In our School Council meeting we have decided to organise the following events:

- Judging World Book Day Costumes
- Organising and judging the 'Staff Bake Off@
- Organising 'Northgate's Got Talent'
- Organising an inter-house general knowledge quiz

## Reminders and Updates

### KS2 Coffee with SLT

Please remember our next coffee morning with SLT will be for KS2 and will be held next Friday, 26th January at 9.00am. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Sickness

If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, regardless of the reason why, you must keep them off school for 48 hours. This is school policy to prevent the illness spreading. Thank you

### Vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant. If you know anyone in the local community (parents, grandparents, friends, relatives or neighbours) who could work during lunchtimes in the school please contact the school office. This could be five days a week or two or three days a week. Thank you

## School Association

The Association held its first meeting of 2018 last night where there were some fruitful discussions about upcoming events and fundraising initiatives and we were delighted to welcome a few new faces.

Fundraising during the Autumn term raised a fantastic £8,400 so well done and thank you to everyone involved in making it happen. Some of the funds will be spent on new KS1 reading scheme books, a new set of laptops for use in class and to fund some exciting activities for the children during Science Week and Healthy Schools Week.

We will let you know about future events very soon. In the meantime do join our Facebook group to stay informed (search for 'Northgate PTA Noticeboard' and if you have any questions or suggestions you can email [ptanorthgate@gmail.com](mailto:ptanorthgate@gmail.com). " Louisa Piercy (Chair)

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Elijah  
(pm) - Eilaf  
Reception: (R1) - Monty  
(R2) - Toby

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Maths.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their problem solving skills, perseverance, good attitude and working hard in class.

Well done to:

Class 1: Ewan	Class 7: William
Class 2: Poppy B	Class 8: James
Class 3: Abyan	Class 9: Violet
Class 4: Isobel	Class 10: Max B
Class 5: Jack	Class 11: Gemma

## Community

### Aspects

Aspects are running a workshop, "The Secret to Parenting Boys". Please see the attached flyer for further details and sign up as soon as possible as spaces are limited. They have a new website :- [www.aspects.org.uk](http://www.aspects.org.uk) where there is lots of information available about other workshops and their services.

### Launchpad Office Space

Launchpad is a modern co-working space with hot desks, offices and meeting rooms for hire on a flexible and ad-hoc basis. Hot-desking is FREE for the first 3 months; with no tie-ins. Centrally based in Bishop's Stortford town centre, it offers a unique opportunity for local business benefit from a modern, collaborative and work-share style environment.

The business hub aims to serve all types of local businesses. Homeworkers, freelancers, start-ups and small businesses will benefit from working in a thriving shared-space, alongside similarly minded professionals. There are plenty of opportunities to collaborate, network, and grow your businesses in a supportive environment. Larger companies will appreciate the extra space for meetings, interviews and client meetings without the need to invest in permanent office space.

Business grade broadband and Wi-Fi, plus unlimited free tea & coffee are provided as standard. Additional services such as business support, storage, parking permits, training workshops, networking events, mentoring, and advertising are also available.

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