

September 15th 2017

Headteacher's News

It was lovely to see the children back in full swing, once again deeply involved in their learning. Year 5 teachers wanted their World War Two topic to have an engaging start, so visited the Imperial War Museum on Wednesday. Once again our courteous well-behaved pupils were commented on by the museum staff. Well done year 5!

Each half term we have an assembly theme which is based on a particular value. This half term our value is 'Respect' and we have started by considering how we can show respect in school. Our half term Learning Power is 'Teamwork Tiger' and already we have seen some excellent examples around the school. If your child comes home with a sticker, see if they can explain what skills they used to be a Teamwork Tiger.

Last half term we sent out a parent survey and was delighted to have over 200 responses. Generally these were very positive about every aspect of the school. With safeguarding being a core of everything we do, we were delighted that 99.5 % of parents said their children felt safe at school. 97% of the children said they felt happy at school. 91% felt communication with our newsletter was good. We also got a strong positive response about the quality of teaching, with 96% considering it to be good.

As a leadership team we wish to continue to improve. Therefore, if you have any comments on the following questions:

A. *This school responds well to any concerns I raise.*

B. *Communication through the office has improved recently.*

Please email your thoughts to interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk

House Captains

Well done to the following children who were voted in for the roles of House Captain and Vice House Captain:

Captains

<u>Romans</u>	<u>Saxons</u>	<u>Vikings</u>	<u>Normans</u>
Olivia Kisberg	Aaron Shaw	Pearl Mason-Smith	Eliza Price
Callum Hynes	Lizzie Sheldon	Harry Baldock	Annie Clark

Vice-captains

<u>Romans</u>	<u>Saxons</u>	<u>Vikings</u>	<u>Normans</u>
Nissi Onafowokan Joshua Smith	Luke Rosier Kaitlin Range	Lottie Trueman James Mills	Kirsty Neill

Important Dates

20th Sep	9.00am Association Coffee Morning
9.00am-9.30am Maths Games:	
26th Sep	EYFS parents
27th Sep	KS1 parents
28th Sep	Lower KS2 parents
29th Sep	Upper KS2 parents
2nd –6th Oct	School Journey—Kingswood
11th Oct	KS1 Harvest Assembly 9.am
19th Oct	Black History Day
19th Oct	School Disco: 6.00-7.00pm KS1 & Foundation 7.15-8.30pm KS2
Fri 20th Oct	Inset day
23rd-27th Oct	Half term
W/C 30th Oct	Parent reading sessions
31st Oct	Parent Consultations
1st Nov	Parent Consultations
27th Nov	eSafety week
29th Nov-1st Dec	KS2 cyber bus
11th Dec	KS2 panto at Rhodes
11th Dec	KS1 panto in school
14th Dec	Carol service at St Michaels
15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
20th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas holiday
3rd Jan	Children return to school
12th-16th Feb	Half term
19th Feb	Inset Day
29th Mar	Break up for Easter
4th June	Inset Day
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018
*Red = New Item	

Secondary Transfer

Year 6 children should have brought home a "Secondary Transfer 2018" leaflet by now. Please be aware that applications can be made on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and applications MUST be made by 31st October 2017.

Safeguarding

The Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board will be holding a Parents Conference at Robertson House in Stevenage on Saturday 14th October 2017. For further details, please see the attached flyer.

Year 5 Visit to The Imperial War Museum Trip

As part of their study of WW2, Year 5 visited the Imperial War Museum on Wednesday. Both children and adults learned a lot about the exhibits in the museum and the children's behaviour was excellent. Both Custodians and the general public complimented the children on their behaviour and thirst for knowledge. The children saw the smallest boat from the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940 and discovered what life was like for the families on the Home Front. An excellent day and a great start to our topic.



Football Report

Yesterday, Northgate took three teams to play against the Bishop's Stortford College in the annual friendly match. The children braved terrible conditions against three very strong College teams. Although Northgate did not manage to win any of the matches this year, all the children who attended have been awarded the Teamwork Tiger badge for the excellent attitude they showed throughout, continually supporting and encouraging each other right up to the final whistle! A big well done to all the boys and girls who played.

School Dinners

If your child has gone into year 3 and therefore you are now paying for school dinners you may qualify for free school meals. Please visit www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals to see whether you are eligible.

If you wish to change your child's meal pattern please make sure you give half a term's notice.

School Uniform

It was lovely to see all the children looking very smart in their new PE kit. If you are not able to purchase the new green hoody at the moment, your child may wear their school jumper. If you still need to buy new uniform it can be obtained from Fosters School Wear (in the shop or online). Uniform with our logo can also be purchased from Tesco online at www.clothingattesco.com/northgate-primary-school/inv/117085

Second Hand School Uniform

Thank you very much for all your kind donations of second hand school uniform. We do appreciate these items, however we have rather a lot so please do not bring any more for the moment. Thank you

Absence

If your child has an appointment and needs to be taken out of school please make sure you inform the school by letter, email or an appointment letter. If your child is off sick please call the school office by 9.00am if possible. Thank you

School Association

We have a fantastic School Association who work really hard raising money to make a big difference to our children.

The Northgate School Association would like to invite you for coffee (or tea!) and cake on **Wednesday 20th September** in the new staff room, after dropping off your children in the morning. Please come along to find out more about what we do.

Disco

The next school disco will be held on **Thursday, 19th October**. KS1 and Foundation 6-7pm, KS2 7.15 - 8.30pm. Music will be provided by The Digital Pocahontas.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Reception: (R1) - Ben
(R2) - Oliver

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their creativity and use of vocabulary. Well done to:

Class 1: Maisy	Class 7: Charlie S
Class 2: Curtis	Class 8: Ewan
Class 3: Alfie	Class 9: Ava
Class 4: Olivia	Class 10: Chloe
Class 5: Kaysan	Class 11: Evie
Class 6: Ruby	Class 12: Libby

The winners of the design our 'Learner of the Week' certificates.



Daily Mile

The daily mile will start again on **Monday, 18th September**. It will be held before school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays when the gates will open at 8.35am. On Tuesdays and Thursdays it will be held within the school day and therefore the gates on Tuesdays and Thursdays will not be open until 8.45am.

Community

Grove Cottage are holding a Food and Drink Festival on Sunday, 17th September. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

The Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth branch of the National Childbirth Trust (NCT) is having their next Nearly New Sale in November. Please find a flyer attached for the event.

Hockerill Anglo European College are holding an **OPEN MORNING, this Saturday 16th September from 09.00-12.00**. The

Boarding Schools' Association boarding bus will be there too. They are also holding a boarding taster event on Friday 6th October from 18.30-20.00. For more details, please find a flyer attached.



Moving Mums Running Group is an initiative run by the Herts Sports Partnership, in support of the national This Girl Can campaign, aimed at increasing women's participation in sport by making it more accessible and convenient. A new group is starting based from Thorley Sainsburys Centre, accessible to mums from all Bishop's Stortford Schools. Please see the attached flyer for more information.