

March 23rd 2018

Headteacher's News

The children and staff have had a great time this week getting active for Sports Relief. We thank you for your donations - we raised £82.09 for this worthwhile charity. In assembly on Monday, Mrs Gavin discussed a Sports Relief project in South Africa to help the children understand what the charity does and its importance. We appreciate the members of Bishop's Stortford Hockey Club giving up their time on Wednesday to run sessions throughout the school and Gary Hart for 'Footie Friday'. Thank you to Mrs Gavin for organising the event. We have many children talented at sport and we wish our Girls' Football team all the best on Monday, in the Hertfordshire Wix County Quarter Finals.

Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to showcase their musical talents in the instrumental concerts this week and what a wealth of talent we have at school! The concert started with our orchestra, which rehearses weekly with Mrs Hayes. Any KS2 children at approximately Grade 1 or above are welcome to join. There were a wide range of instrumental soloists and a number of singers, including a year group song at the end. Thank you to Mrs Hayes for organising these concerts.

Year 3 and 4 look forward to sharing their theatrical talents next week in their production of Wind in the Willows.

Next week is still a busy working week for us, we still have lots going on up to the end of term.

Sports Relief

Wednesdays PE session was when a visitor called Mr Foote came in and taught us hockey. The class' favourite was Boogie Thursday as we all love Go noodle...**Liberty** (class 7).

We really enjoyed all the sessions and we didn't want the week to end but the class most enjoyed the Football and Boogieing...**Amber** (class 7)



Wind in the Willows—Wednesday, 28th March

The return slips for ticket allocation should have been returned to school by today and tickets will be sent home via the children.

The performances are at 2.00pm and 7.00pm - please arrive in good time to enable to shows to start promptly.

The children need to return to school at **6.30pm** for the evening performance dressed in their costumes.

The dress rehearsal and the afternoon performance will be filmed and photos will be available from the dress rehearsal.

The evening performance will be full to capacity so, for safety reasons, we cannot admit anyone, including young children, without a ticket. Prams must NOT be taken into the hall. Please bring your tickets with you to hand in at the door. Thank you

Important Dates

26th Mar	2.45pm Year 1 Work Sharing
27th Mar	2.45pm Year 6 Work Sharing
28th Mar	Puppets Galore
28th Mar	Years 3/4 Show (2pm, 7pm afternoon and evening performances)
29th Mar	2.00pm Break up for Easter
16th Apr	Children Return to School
19th Apr	9.00am-12.30pm Quicksticks Hockey
20th Apr	9.15am-1.00pm Yr 5/6 Boys Football At Howe Green
20th Apr	School Association Film Night
23rd—27th Apr	Book Fair Week
	Reading with Parents:
24th Apr	2.45-3.15pm Upper KS2
25th Apr	2.45-3.15pm KS1
26th Apr	2.45-3.15pm EYFS
27th Apr	2.45-3.15pm Lower KS2
7th May	Bank Holiday Monday
12th May	School Association Casino Night
14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
24th May	2.15pm Year 3 Music Concert
25th May	2.15pm Year 4 Music Concert
28th May-1st Jun	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
9th June	Summer Fayre
22nd June	School Association Discos
24th June	Rickling RunFest
3rd July	Year 5/6 product at Rhodes
6th July	Sports Day
9th July	Get Active Week
17th July	Take Over Day
19th July	Leavers' Assembly
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018 2pm
3rd & 4th Sep	INSET DAYS
5th Sep	Children Return to School
	*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

The Ultimate Parent Guide for Protecting your Child on the Internet

I would like to share an important guide which has recently been produced and is very thorough, on child safety online. Each section is summarised with actionable items for the parent/teacher. Please go to:

<https://www.vpnmentor.com/blog/the-ultimate-parent-guide-for-child-internet/>

Enriching the Curriculum

Football

On Thursday, Northgate Gold and Silver football teams played their final league matches of the season away at St Josephs. Both teams competed brilliantly on a very 'bobbly' surface. The Silver team just lost out 3-2 to a last minute winner. The Gold team were equally unlucky, losing 6-5 in a pulsating, end-to-end, match. Both teams have competed fantastically this season, showing great spirit and teamwork throughout. Many thanks to the parents that have supported the children home and away.

Netball

We are very proud of how the girls performed in the netball match against St Joseph's. They had some stiff competition but they pulled it off, winning 25-3... Miss Hartley

Reminders and Updates

Please note that we break up for the Easter holidays next Thursday, 29th March at **2.00pm** and children return to school on **Monday, 16th April**.

New Lunch Menu

New lunch menus are coming out to you in book bags via the eldest child in school. Look out for these and please do let the office know by 26th March if you wish to make any changes to your child's lunch arrangements for the summer term.

Daily Mile after Easter

Next term the Daily Mile will not be held before school, it will take place during school hours to give all the children the opportunity to take part.

Sewing Club

Next term sewing club will run from 23rd April to 21st May. This will be for KS1 children. Places will be limited and names will be pulled out of a hat. If you would like your child to take part please let the office know by Wednesday, 28th March.

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

Childminder

We have had several enquiries regarding childminders. If you are one or know of any available registered childminders, please let the school office know.

Lost Property

We have a pair of girls lilac and pale blue glasses in the school office if anyone has lost a pair.

Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you to everyone that entered. The entries were to a very high standard but unfortunately Northgate were not amongst the winners.

Speech & Drama Club

Congratulations to the Year 4, 5 and 6 children who took part in the LAMDA exams last weekend! I hope it was a positive experience for all and we'll look forward to receiving your results next term.

We do have a few spaces available for Year 2 children for next term so please contact me via jdearnley71@hotmail.com for details if you are interested in your child joining Speech & Drama Club.

Many thanks, Jacqueline Dearnley.

School Association

Pupils, parents, teachers and friends of Northgate have been invited to take part in the Quendon & Rickling RunFest on **Sunday 24th June**. You can choose to enter either a 1km, 5km or 10km race and any sponsorship money you raise for your efforts goes directly into the Northgate Association fundraising pot. This is a great family day out on Rickling village green with face painting, bouncy castles, ice cream, waffles, tea and cake and a BBQ, not to mention the village pub for alternative post-run refreshments! More details to follow soon but it would be great to see a crowd of runners flying the Northgate flag. Pop the date in your diary and get training! Thank you... Louisa Piercy Chair)

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Reception: (R1) - Toby
(R2) - Lottie

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for developing the different skills of computing. These include coding, animation and decoding instructions.

Well done to:

Class 1:	Filip	Class 7:	Charlie S
Class 2:	Talulah	Class 8:	Cole
Class 3:	Alfie A	Class 9:	Whole Class
Class 4:	Gabriella	Class 10:	Grace
Class 5:	James M	Class 11:	Hannah
Class 6:	Jared	Class 12:	Ediz

House Points

The final results for this half term are as follows:

Romans	262
Normans	224
Saxons	155
Vikings	126

SEND

Aspects Workshops - Please find the following flyers attached:

Family Life After Separation

Press the Pause Button Mindfulness

Managing Stress in Teens

Parenting a Child with Additional Needs

NHS Wellbeing Support for Parents

The NHS Wellbeing Team are offering free, confidential support to all parents. Please see the attached flyer for more information and contact details.

Community

Hockey sessions for all ages available through

BSHC - We hope the children have enjoyed their sessions with our BSHC coaches through the year and on Wednesday for Sports Relief. If anyone is interested in joining the hockey club please drop me an email at smithers_54@yahoo.co.uk. We will have some sessions throughout the summer ready for our new season to start in September! Look forward to meeting you all soon. Jemma – BSHC junior section co-ordinator.

London Landmarks Half Marathon

Miss Clarke is running her first half marathon this Sunday, 25th March, in aid of Bloodwise. This is a charity which provides research and support for people with blood cancers, such as leukaemia. If you would like to donate please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amy-clarke49>