

April 27th 2018

Headteacher's News

It was good to see so many parents and grandparents at our reading sessions. We hope by having them in the afternoons this time, it allowed a few of you who find it difficult to attend in the mornings to share a book with your child. Children in class 5 were delighted to have the opportunity to share our new notebooks with their parents. We thank all parents for supporting our School Association events, as it was the Association who kindly bought these for us. They will allow the children access to the internet within the classroom, to support their learning. Using ICT can motivate children with their learning so suggestions for useful maths websites can be found on our website. Please see the information about Espresso below.

Espresso Online

Espresso is an excellent resource we use in school. This can also be accessed online at home for homework help, games and even learning to code!

<https://online.espresso.co.uk/espresso/login/Authn/UserPassword>

Password: northgate

Username: student15775

Work Sharing

Nursery AM - 11.15am Thursday, 5th July

Nursery PM - 2.45pm Thursday, 5th July

Reception - 2.45pm Tuesday 3rd July

Year 3- Aquaducts

In DT year 3 have been researching and designing their own Roman aquaducts. They used a range of materials and needed to design them so that the water would flow without spilling over the edge. We then tested them out and most were successful. It was interesting to see a variety of designs.

This was an exciting project to show the challenges the engineers would have faced. These photo show some of class 6's designs.



Important Dates

1st May	Reception to Willows Farm
1st May	Year 2 SATs begin
7th May	Bank Holiday Monday
12th May	School Association Casino Night - POSTPONED
14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
14th May	Reception - School Nurse
24th May	12.45pm Year 6 Crucial Crew
24th May	2.30pm Year 3 Music Concert
25th May	2.30pm Year 4 Music Concert
28th May-1st Jun	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
7th June	Whole School Art Day (printing)
8th June	Class 11 tennis begins
9th June	Summer Fayre
9th June	Year 6 Hockerill Taster Day
11th June	2pm Year 2 Minibeast Hunt
14th June	Class 10 tennis begins
15th June	2.50pm Yr3 Work Sharing
15th June	2.50pm Yr5 Work Sharing
18th June	Class Photos
22nd June	2.50pm Yr4 Work Sharing
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
12th July	Move Up Morning
12th July	Yr 2 Transition to KS2 meeting with parents
12th July	2.45pm Yr2 Work Sharing
16th July	2.45pm Yr1 Work Sharing
17th July	Take Over Day
19th July	Leavers' Assembly
19th July	Yr6 Work Sharing (following 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

Children are not allowed on the playground apparatus before and after school. Even if you are supervising your child, this encourages other children to go on and we have, in the past, had a serious accident at this time.

Enriching the Curriculum

Year 2 Dentist Visit

Two dental nurses visited Northgate on Tuesday to talk to Year 2 about cleaning their teeth properly each day. They brought a large model with them of a human jaw with teeth and demonstrated how to use a toothbrush correctly. Each child was given a free pack, containing a toothbrush, disclosing tablets and a timer to take home. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



Reminders and Updates

Book Fair

We are pleased to let you know the Book Fair raised over £600.00, from which the school will receive commission. Thank you all for your support.

Year 6 Rotary Art Competition

On Monday 30th April, the 10 winning entries from each Year 6 class for the Rotary Art competition will be displayed; with the overall winning entry from all the schools that participated chosen. The ceremony will take place at the Ferguson Hall, Bishop's Stortford College and children are able to attend from 3:15pm onwards. Myself and Miss Jones will be present from 4pm, with the prize giving at 4:30pm. All children from year 6 are welcome to attend, although we do ask that children stay in their school uniform for the event. It would be wonderful to see as many children there as possible; particularly those that had their art selected to be displayed. Thank you

Mr Glozier and Miss Jones

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

CASINO NIGHT - Postponed

Unfortunately we have had to make the decision to postpone the Casino Night due to insufficient ticket sales to be able to book the casino tables. We do hope to reschedule. Those of you who have purchased tickets will be refunded.

SUMMER FAYRE - Saturday, 9th June

We have a limited number of spaces available for external stall holders at our Summer Fayre. If you are interested in having a stall please email ptanorthgate@gmail.com.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Teddy
(pm) - Finley
Reception: (R1) - John
(R2) - Max

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their questioning, summarising, vocabulary and the language they use for effect.

Well done to:

Class 1: William	Class 7: Andrei
Class 2: Izzy	Class 8: Poppy
Class 3: Annabel	Class 9: Jasmine
Class 4: Molly	Class 10: Elliot
Class 5: Ceylin	Class 11: Annie
Class 6: Isabella	Class 12: Chloe

SEND

DSPL3 Outreach Team have developed a two hour workshop for parents of children with SEN to support their transition into primary school, between year groups or onto/into secondary school. Please see attached flyer for further information.

Chatss parent support group, for parents of children with additional needs, have organised monthly, informal, friendly meetings, to share information and exchange ideas. Please see attached flyer for further information.

Community

Hockerill School Language classes - registration for their language classes for **primary school children** is now open on their website www.hockerill.com. To access the registration form there is a box on their Home page titled 'Primary Classes'.

On May 12th, Northgate parents Sophie Evans, Richard Ludlow-Elston, Emma Shearing, Rebecca Tompsett, Paula Beades, Victoria Eeles, Kate Cullinan and Fleur Devereux, are taking on the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge; Pen-Y-Ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough. In conjunction with Fitness Squad Bootcamp in Bishop's Stortford, they aim to raise money and awareness for the very worthy charity, St Clare's Hospice, who provide care and support to those facing a life limiting diagnosis. Our parents hope to complete the 24 mile terrain in just 9.5 hours, beating the standard timescale of 12 hours by quite a margin. A lot of training has been undertaken to get to this point, but what would really make it all worthwhile is to achieve their target fundraising amount, so please click on the link below to offer a donation towards this fantastic charity.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?pageId=875755>