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Charity Corner

A big thank you to Mr Carter, Miss Petcher-Ellison and the Social Team for organising and running a hugely successful fundraising week for Comic Relief. Thank you also to staff who got involved in the 'beat the keeper' competition and those who braved the wet sponges (this seemed rather popular with students - we can't possibly think why?!) Finally, thank you, to everyone who contributed in some way, whether it be by wearing non-uniform, taking part in the activities, by purchasing red noses or baking cakes and biscuits for our bake sale - it was a chocoholic's dream! We can reveal a fantastic total of **£981.41** was raised – demonstrating, once again, the generosity of the Northgate Community – THANK YOU!



Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate. Please note these dates are subject to change.


- 1st April
Opera Trip
Break up for Easter Holidays
- 20th April
Summer term begins (Week A)
- 22nd April
Year 11 GCSE PE Practical moderation
- 23rd April
Climate Change for Swanton Morley event
- 24th - 30th April
ERASMUS Trip to Germany
- 26th April - 5th May
French and Spanish GCSE Speaking Exams
- 27th April
UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
- 28th April
UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
Northgate and DSFC Spring Showcase
7pm Northgate main hall


Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?
Follow this link to read about all the exciting activities and news from last month.

[March Bulletin](#)

Want to keep up to date with all the goings on at Northgate?

'Like' our Northgate High School Facebook page (@northgatedereham) 

Follow us on Twitter: @NGateDereham, @NgateCouncil  

Follow us on Instagram: 

Merit Update

Congratulations to all students - over 50,000 merits have now been awarded since September! Bonuses for attendance and no negatives will be awarded over the Easter holidays.

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In the News

Here are some recent news items from our website and the local press:

- [EDP 24 - High school students fill 200 bags with supplies for Ukrainian families](#)
- [EDP 24 - Bags for life: High school joins effort to help Ukrainian families](#)
- [Climate Change poem competition](#)
- [No Big Deal for Year 9s](#)
- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mrs Rae](#)
- [Historical Author Visits Northgate](#)
- [Science Week Blog](#)
- [World Book Week Blog](#)

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Northgate joins efforts to help Ukrainian families

Earlier in the month, Northgate students and staff joined forces to support the Ukraine Appeal. After reading and hearing about the devastation and loss of the Ukrainian people, Mrs Graves and Mr Macdonald wanted to do something to help. They joined forces with Ian Odgers and Leanne Jarman (Morrisons Community Champion) who were the driving force behind the Dereham community's efforts. An appeal was launched for students and staff to bring in Bags for Lives, a Morrisons bag for life filled with essential items to help those in need. The appeal was launched on Friday 4th March and on the following Monday we were totally overwhelmed by the huge number of bags donated and the generosity of everyone. Approximately 200 bags were filled with coats, hats, gloves, other warm clothes, nappies, toiletries and more. It really was a sight to behold, a sea of donations. Year 7s wrote messages of support to be included with the donations. Mr Macdonald, expressed his pride at the response. "All the bags were completely full. We had all sorts being donated and it was a really touching reaction from the school, right from the youngest students up to the older ones and the staff.

The whole school is chuffed to bits with what we have achieved."

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, this really was a true demonstration of the Northgate Way.





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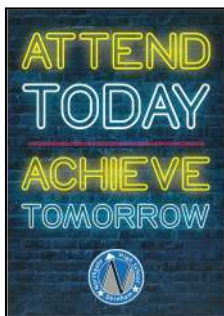
Great British Spring Clean

Well done to all the students who took part in our Great British Spring Clean litter pick. It's great to encourage people to take action and do something positive for the community. We would encourage students and families to get involved in community litter picks if they can - it's great exercise, a way of meeting new people and there is a clear benefit for the environment. Thank you to Morrisons for donating the prizes.



So many opportunities!

What a busy month it's been - there have been so many events and activities on at Northgate over the past month, it's been difficult to keep up! This has included Number Day, a Year 10 careers fair, Pi Day, two author visits, Science week including a STEM Science fair, Space centre trip and Wonderstruck workshops. There's been a Maths Feast competition, Year 9 'no big deal' theatre performance, Year 7 ultimate goal presentations, Swedish Earth summit, Green Influencer Scheme sessions, Year 7 French Art exhibition and conga house competition. There were a lots of events put on for World Book week including a book themed bake off, sponsored read-a-thon, recycled book art and quizzes. We've held a recycling week, completed a litter pick for the Great British Spring Clean, collected donations for Ukraine and fundraised for Comic Relief plus much, much more!



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have recently won the fortnightly attendance competition: 7NC, 7KPE, 8AB, 8CD, 9TLY, 10AS, 11CSU and 11MM. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms. The next attendance raffle will be drawn after Easter.



Number Day

Thank you to Miss Theobald and Miss Petcher-Ellison for organising Number Day for our Year 7 and 8 students this year. The day consisted of time in the hall together, completing some number and brain aerobics, a quiz, creating human graphs as each student had their own coordinate and playing a 'very strange game' based on properties of numbers. Students also had the chance to take part in a teacher treasure hunt, where 25 teachers were assigned particular numbers. They answered questions about these and we had some great entries! Finally, the Friday House Quiz took on a 'who wants to be a millionaire' theme and was fiercely contested, as always. Well done all those who took part and in particular our winners of the quiz from each teaching group (some pictured). Thank you to everyone who gained sponsorship for the quiz. A fantastic £292 was raised for the NSPCC and Childline.





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World Book Week

A wonderful celebration of books and reading was enjoyed by many during World Book Week. The week began with mouth-watering delights brought in for our Book Bake Competition and the marvellous entries proved we have some very talented students at Northgate making the judging a very difficult task! Congratulations to all our entrants!



Tuesday lunchtime the library was buzzing with crafty students transforming old books into hedgehogs, flowers and bookmarks - this proved so popular that a monthly 'recycled paper craft' is planned for the future. Later in the week 26 students from Year 7 and 8 took part in a sponsored readathon which lasted the whole day. They managed to raise £130 and read a phenomenal 4,665 pages!



World Book Day itself saw many Year 7s and 8s going to their lessons as a book character and celebrate the joy of reading by sharing their favourite books. The week finished with a mini Alice in Wonderland themed 'escape room' with teams of students had to decipher clues to release the stolen jam biscuits.

There was also the form World Book Week Friday Quiz and form book door competition plus two online competitions- Guess the Staff Shelfie and Guess Who's Coming to Dinner which both also proved popular. You can read more about World book week and hear from our students in our [blog](#).



Science Week

British Science week opened with the STEM club science fair. The STEM club had been working for eight weeks on projects that were self-selected, they had to come up with a theory or question to investigate and spent time researching or carrying out practical work in order to present their results to their peers, teachers and parents. Two projects were declared joint winners on equal points. Well done to Amelie and Oscar (Year 8) for their project looking at skin growth and repair and the role of blood cells in that process. Well done also to Seren and Kyra (Year 8) for their project investigating how rates of respiration in yeast change when using different substrates.

Later in the week, a bus of Year 7s made their way to the National Space Centre in Leicester. There was a chance to see a real piece of the moon, rockets, experience a planetarium, learn how astronauts train and much more.

The week ended with the whole of Year 7 and 8 being able to see a science display by a fabulous company called Wonderstruck. They truly brought science theory to life with all the different experiments. There were some particularly scary experiments full of peril and loud bangs.

Read more about the whole week in our epic Science Week [blog](#).





Photo Time

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