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Maths Challenge Congratulations

Well done to all those who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge in February, in particular to Wyn E, Dylan M, Oscar Y, Mia S (Year 9) and Louie C, Amy J (Year 10) who all gained Bronze certificates!

Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

Follow this link to read about all the exciting activities and news from last month.

[February Bulletin](#)

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22nd March

Reading Champions Quiz Heat

27th + 28th March

Year 10 Geography Trip - Norfolk east coast

29th March

Great British Spring Clean litter pick (lunch time)
Spring Showcase 7pm in the main hall

31st March

Year 11 GCSE Food Exam

Throughout March

Year 7 French Exhibition at Dereham Windmill

Upcoming events

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

27th February - 3rd March

World book week including literary cake bake competition, sponsored readathon, author visits + much more!

1st March

Julian Sedgwick + Hayley Long author visit (Year 7 + 8)

2nd, 16th + 30th March

Orchard Committee Meeting MA6 3.15pm - 4.30pm

3rd March

U13 (Year 7 + 8) Girls indoor cricket tournament

6th + 13th March

Cricket leaders at KS1 Cricket workshop

8th March

Norfolk Skills Festival (Year 10 + 12)

9th March

Year 10 Maths Feast competition at CNS (selected students)

10th - 19th March

British Science Week (the theme is connections) including Science Fair at Northgate - date tbc

14th March

Pi Day

14th + 15th March

Norwich Makers Festival

15th - 23rd March

Fundraising for Comic Relief and Dereham Cancer Care

17th March

Year 7 Trip to National Space Centre in Leicester



In the News

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

- [Year 7 RAF STEM Day](#)
- [Drama and Dance Showcase](#)
- [Number Day 2023](#)
- [Northgate News Team Interview with Miss Bauman](#)

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Attendance Matters



Congratulations to 7MM, 8WL, 9CB, 10AGR and 11AS who all won the fortnightly attendance competition last half term. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms. Well done to Mikayla H (Year 7), Riley B (Year 8), Tallulah G (Year 9), Ewan T (Year 10) and Charlie P (Year 11) who all won the attendance raffle for last half term.

For every two-week period a student has 100% attendance, they receive a raffle ticket to win an Amazon voucher! Please continue to support excellent attendance, it really does have a positive impact on progress and attainment at school.



Number Day

A big well done to all our Year 7s who took part in Number Day at the beginning of February. Congratulations go to the following Year 7s who won the main quiz in their teaching groups – 7 Aspire: Theo S, 7 Tenacity: Poppy G, 7 Endeavour: Aiden B, 7 Courage: Harrison L and Jamie T, 7 Integrity: William S, 7 Motivation: Amelia O and 7 Valour: Demitri H. Winners were presented with pencil cases, notebooks, sweets and a voucher for Café North. In the House Competition, it was a very close fought contest, with Rowling just pipping Attenborough in to first place, with Hawking in third and Holmes in fourth.

Miss Petcher-Ellison commented after Number Day, 'It was great to run my first Number Day. I hope all the Year 7s enjoyed the activities and I look forward to running it again next year!'

Amelia O, from 7 Motivation, said, 'On Number Day we had a quiz all about Maths. I really liked the quiz because a few of the questions I thought were really interesting. For example one question was how many years is a diamond jubilee. There was also a teachers quiz where you had to go round and get the number of each teacher (there were 25) then answer a set of questions.

Overall, I really enjoyed it.'

Demitri, who was the winner from 7 Valour, explained, 'I liked Number Day because I got top of my class and it had some fun activities. I thought the questions on Number Day were interesting.'

A big thank you to Miss Petcher-Ellison for organising and running the event. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all those who collected sponsor money for Childline and the NSPCC to help continue the vital work they do.

You can read more about Number Day in our [blog](#).





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Ski Trip

During half term, a group of Northgate students headed to Passo Tonale in Italy for the ski trip. A week on the slopes with sunny skies was in store. Each day we looked forward to the updates on our social media pages which included plenty of videos of the group in action. There were many laughs along the way with the naming of the Northgate Numpties - from forgetting to remove goggles before putting sun cream on and putting their skis on the wrong bus to losing out to a 5 year old on a chair lift!

Mrs Holt, trip organiser said, 'It was a real pleasure to take the group skiing over the February half term holidays.

Every pupil behaved impeccably, and exceeded all expectations. Their progress was fantastic, going from nervous beginners at the start of the week to comfortable skiers by day five, who could confidently get about the mountains. A truly amazing week, and one where experiences and memories will last a lifetime.'

A huge thank you to Mrs Holt for organising the trip and to the team of staff who supported, for giving students this fantastic opportunity. We look forward to hearing more from the skiers in an upcoming blog.



Updates from the Library

It's been a busy time in the Library since our last update. Congratulations to the following students who have won the fortnightly accelerated reader quiz draw: Florence W, Theo S, Eloise P (Year 7), Ella P, Harry C and Scarlett H (Year 8).

A big well done to Year 7 students Ella K and Cassidy D who became Word Millionaires last half term and to Ella K again, who won the half term prize draw for completing 10 quizzes. Special mention also goes to Mayte S, Anitt B and Amelia O who also completed 10 quizzes.



The current leaders in the Bookopoly tutor competition are 7RH and 8KT. Students can earn houses and hotels for their tutor group by completing Accelerated Reader quizzes (scoring over 85%).

So far since September Year 7 students have read 24,503,425 words and taken 1024 quizzes, whilst Year 8 have read 10,582,318 words and taken 387 quizzes - amazing! Congratulations to our most active borrowers - Hope C (Year 7), Charlotte B (Year 8) and Zack H (Year 9). 7RH continue to be our most active tutor group checking out 118 books recently, followed by 7MM with 114 books!



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Library Updates continued

The winner of the Alex Rider review competition was Finley K (Year 7) with his review of Alex Rider: Eagle Strike. Finley was awarded his winning t-shirt plus sweets. His review said, 'A great book in the Alex Rider series. In some books, a book this far into a series can seem repetitive, but the Alex Rider books never have that quality. The stories are always unique and have a great and well executed concept. This one was the irritating feeling when you know something, but no one will believe you, and you are on your own. For a book to be built on it is an amazing idea, and a definite read for me.'



Look out for the next review competition!



The hugely popular 'Wednesday' dance was excellently performed with a flash mob by our school dance team delighting our library users over lunch. Tuneful Thursday - Mr Masango from the music department entertained lunchtime library users with a fabulous performance on the balafon. This was to promote our upcoming termly 'Open Mic' sessions to be held in the library.

Recycling Updates

Well done to our top recyclers of the first Spring half term - 7RH, 8KT, 9HH, 10SE and 11AS. Over the half term almost 7.5kg of plastic was recycled which includes Pringles tubes, bread bags and bakery plastic, biscuit wrappers, chocolate bar and sweet wrappers. Keep collecting and doing your bit to recycle this plastic - tutor rooms have a designated box. We are continuing to collect dead pens, felt tips, highlighters and markers, with dead pen pots in each classroom.

Through Terracycle we have now recycled over 700Kg of plastic, raising almost £1000 for the School Council's chosen charity, Cancer Research UK.

Thank you also to those who contribute plastic bottles and bottle tops to the Technology Department. These are being processed through the plastic machine, being ground down then melted into plastic sheets. Students are using this plastic in their Technology lessons at the moment.



Merit Update

Over half term 1838 bonus merits were awarded to students who gained 100% or >95% attendance for the first spring half term. 1535 bonus merits were also awarded to those that had no negatives.

This has seen merit totals rise considerably for some. Don't forget that Miss Theobald is on hand every Thursday from 12.30pm - 12.50pm in the main hall for students to cash in their merits.

We have some great rewards available, just take a look at our [catalogue](#). Hawking are maintaining their lead, however there is not much in it. Remember, all merits count towards the overall House competition so keep working hard - every merit counts!

Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough	Holmes
60.88	60.13	59.23	58.09