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Charity Corner

A big thank you to everyone who got involved in our charity fundraising week for Dereham Cancer Care and Comic Relief. We welcomed Zoe Flint, charity manager of Dereham Cancer Care, into school to speak to Year 7s and 8s about the care and support the charity offers those who are directly affected by cancer and their families.



A big thank you to everyone who contributed in some way - to the bake sale, purchasing merchandise, throwing sponges at teachers and the non-uniform day. Thanks also to Mr Carter and Miss Ellison for organising the events, along with some of the Social Team members.

We raised £375.00 for Dereham Cancer Care and £366.88 for Comic Relief!



Upcoming events

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

14th April

Orchard Committee at Gressenhall Earth Day 10am - 4pm

17th April

Staff INSET day

18th April

Summer term begins (Week A)

20th + 27th April

Orchard Committee meeting

21st April

Brilliant Club launch trip to St Catherine's College, Cambridge

25th April

GCSE Spanish speaking exams

26th April

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge (selected Year 7s + 8s)

GCSE French speaking exams



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Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

Follow this link to read about all the exciting activities and news from last month. [March Bulletin](#)

Visitors galore!

We are fortunate at Northgate to welcome so many visitors into the school offering different opportunities and insights to our students. Recently we welcomed authors William Hussey (who gave a talk, workshops and gothic masterclass), Mitch Johnson (who gave a Year 7 presentation and workshops), as well as Bali Rai, author of our World Book Day read, 'The Colour of Humanity', (who worked with selected Year 9 - 11 classes). There was a visit from rap artist, author and educator, Breis, who worked with Year 9 - 11 classes, and representatives from the YMCA and yoga specialists who offered sessions to a number of our classes.



Orchard Committee receives grant boost

We are excited to announce that the Orchard Committee has received a grant from Norfolk County Council's Trees outside Woodlands project. This grant will not only go towards the purchase of equipment and resources to establish the orchard and tree nursery, but it will also enable the group to get a water supply from the main school building over to the outside learning area. This will make the watering process over the year much more manageable and allow the project to flourish over the coming years. You can read more about the project [here](#).

Orchard Committee members recently took delivery of 7 Norfolk heritage apple trees from East of England Apples and Orchards Project. The kind donation of trees, researched and picked

by students, is the start of the orchard. Students dug holes, planted them and secured them with tree guards. They have also pruned the trees and look forward to them bearing fruit. There is a mix of eating, culinary and dual-purpose apples. Students have also just sewn wildflower seeds in their second wildflower area.

Members of the Orchard Committee are looking forward to representing Northgate at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse's upcoming Earth Day. Students will be attending alongside Miss Theobald, and

will be demonstrating to members of the public how to make quick and easy pots and will be filling them with compost and seeds.





World Book Week

World book week took place at the beginning of March. Here we take a look back at how Northgate students and staff celebrated.

The week began with a literary cake bake competition with students making and decorating cakes based on their favourite books. Matt Dickinson, our author in residence, judged the competition and presented prizes to the winners.



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Tuesday saw 35 Year 7s and 8s take part in the sponsored 'read in', raising money for Read for Good UK. They spent the day cosying up with several books and as a team managed to read an incredible 9329 pages and raising a fantastic £680.76!



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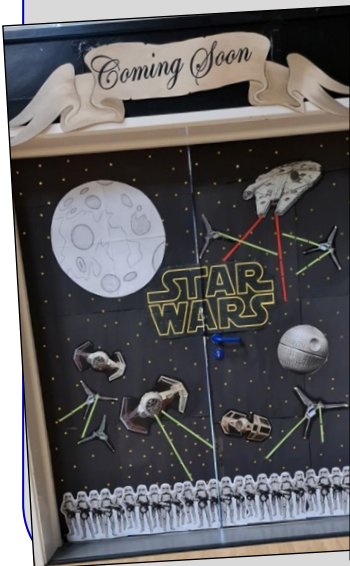
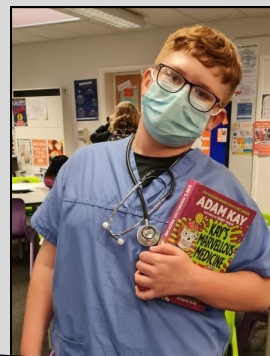
Wednesday saw visits from authors Julian Sedgwick and Hayley Long. They both gave presentations and ran workshops with our Year 7 and 8 students.



On Thursday it was time for students and staff to dress up as their favourite book characters. We had Mrs Gill and Miss Lynn as Mrs Trunchball and Matilda, there were several wizards, and the Chipmonks as well as Mario and Luigi. Congratulations to the winners - it was a difficult decision with such creative costumes!



On Friday, a Mad Hatter's tea party was held in the library, there was a World Book Day tutor quiz and the tutor door competition was judged. A huge thank you to Mrs Gill and Miss Lynn for organising a jam packed week of visits, events and competitions. We can't wait for next year now!





In the News

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

- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mr Digby](#)
- [Ski Trip 2023](#)
- [Year 7 and 8 Science trip is out of this world!](#)
- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mrs Kaufmann Ward](#)
- [Science Fair success](#)

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Students impress at Science Fair

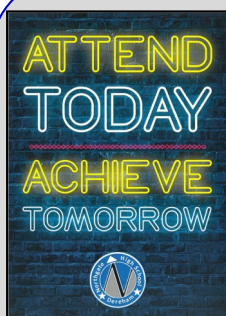
Students who attend the weekly STEM Science club started their preparations for the Science fair before Christmas. They researched, conducted experiments, collected data and put everything together in a presentation for other students, staff and family members to see. There were so many incredible pieces of work on display which showed that a lot of time and effort had gone into them. The projects also covered such a wide range of topics on the theme of connections. Mr Brett, Head of Science, had the tough job of deciding on the winners and runners up. Congratulations to our winners (Harry W and Teale N) and runners up (Wyn E, Evelyn W, Harry B and Bella B). You can read more about the Science fair in our [blog](#).

Merit Update

The end of March has seen Northgate students pass the 50,000 merit mark - a fantastic achievement all round. As the half term has ended, bonus merits for attendance and no negatives will be awarded and many students will see a big rise to their totals on their return. An Easter sale was also held for the merit cashing in, with many students making the most of this offer!

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](#). The House merit competition remains pretty close - remember, all merits count towards the overall House competition so keep working hard as every merit counts!

Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough	Holmes
66.35	65.77	65.18	64.20



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7RP, 7JD, 8WF, 8WL, 9NA, 9AH, 10AGR, 10CW, 11AS and 11YC who all won the fortnightly attendance competition last half term. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms.

For every two-week period a student has 100% attendance, they receive a raffle ticket to win an Amazon voucher! The next attendance raffle will be drawn at Easter and announced in our May bulletin. We all know how important good attendance is and the positive impact it has on progress so would like to thank all Northgate parents and carers for supporting excellent attendance.

