



# Northgate Council Bulletin

Improving Northgate by giving pupils a voice ...

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## What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Northgate triumphs in Subsea STEM National Competition](#)
- [Northgate crowned Eco Award Winners](#)
- [Northgate celebrates Pi Day](#)
- [Breckland Council Leader visits Northgate Council](#)

## Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

Due to the current situation, event dates have not been included, however keep an eye out on the school website and social media for any updates.

## 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?

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Follow us on Twitter:

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Follow us on Instagram:  
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## Charity Corner



Many thanks to all the Year 7s who took part in Number Day and in particular those who were able to collect sponsorship. In total **£126.19** was raised! This money will go towards the amazing work of the NSPCC and Childline.

This brings Northgate's Number Day total to over **£3000** since 2008 - amazing!

## Home Learning

How our students learn is changing due to the coronavirus situation, however there are plenty of resources available for Northgate students to ensure they are able to continue their learning and work across their subjects:

- Visit the 'Learning' section of the school [website](#), where you can find a page for each department. These pages include curriculum maps, core knowledge organisers, links to subject specific websites and more.
- Visit Show my Homework - many teachers will be setting work, assignments, quizzes etc here.
- If you are stuck, please email your teacher from your school email account. Staff email addresses can be found on the subject pages mentioned above.

Don't forget there are a whole host of great websites to help with your learning (website list on page 3).



## In the News

Here are some recent news items from the local press:

- [EDP - Norfolk students build award-winning robot](#)
- [Subsea UK - Pupils from Northgate conquer Subsea UK Stem Challenge](#)

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## Photo Time!

Here are some recent photos of events from our blogs, Twitter and Facebook page



## Time for Tweets

Here are our twitter highlights from March

- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil - 6 Mar  
We won! Congratulations to Miss Theobald and the school council for WINNING the 2020 Eco awards. Much deserved after all their hard work. Thanks to everybody in the community and the Trust who have collected crisp packets, pens etc for recycling.
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham - 6 Mar  
We have WON the NATIONAL Subsea UK STEM awards in Aberdeen today! So incredibly proud of Maddison, Prisha, Keira-Mai, Dylan, Connor and Lewis who went to Aberdeen with Mrs Simms and Mr Nicholson to beat off stiff competition and emerge as National champions.
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport - 12 Mar  
A successful afternoon's work for the Yr9 rugby team at the county 7s tournament. 3 wins, 1 loss and a mass of tries, coming 4th overall. Lovely to see the boys adapt to the shorter form of the game, scoring some exceptional tries. #TeamNorthgate #brainsaswellasbrawn 🏉🏉🏉
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil - 10 Mar  
Today we are welcoming @BreckCouncil Leader Sam Chapman Allen to @NgateDereham to speak to members of our Team Council + School Council. Some of the School Council met Sam last summer when they attended a Breckland Council meeting @CllrSamuelC\_A #council #opportunity #learn #talk
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham - 9 Mar  
The winners of the 500 Word story competition were announced during this morning's assembly. Megan S, Year 7, received a kindle for her winning story, Blue Bear, and the runners up Emma D, Owen A and Ben R each received a £10 book token. A big well done to everyone who took part.

- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham - 9 Mar  
A big thank you to all the Year 7s who took part in Number Day and in particular those who were able to get sponsorship. In total £126.19 was raised to help support the important work of the NSPCC and Childline. @NSPCC @childline #NumberDay #Maths #charity
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil - 19 Mar  
Year 7s - 10s, don't panic, your merits won't disappear. When we return to school you will have a few chances to use them up before they then disappear. However, if you want to cash in tomorrow, please come along. Be patient though, it will be busy! #merits #rewards #NorthgateWay
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport - 10 Mar  
Comfortable wins across the board for the yr 7 girls football team tonight in round 1 of the @NorfolkCountyFA schools tournament @theFDCNorfolk Great commitment shown during their first experience as a team; well done #thesegirlscan #girlsfootball #proudtteacher #teamnorthgate
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport - 11 Mar  
A cracking day at Taverham for the @WNDSSP KS1 rugby festival. Our Yr10 sports leaders coached over 100 children as part of this massive event. They showed innovation, enthusiasm and a high level of skill to enable the youngsters to have a fun and engaging experience of rugby. 🏉
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil - 17 Mar  
Congratulations to Blake, Year 7, who won our competition to recite as many digits of pi as he could – an amazing 102 digits! You can read more about our pi day activities in our latest blog: [northgate.norfolk.sch.uk/northgate-cele...](http://northgate.norfolk.sch.uk/northgate-cele...) @NgateDereham #piday #pie #Maths
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport - 11 Mar  
Huge praise for all the pupils that came out to represent their houses in the annual swim gala. There was an amazing atmosphere and team spirit throughout the competition. New records for Ruby, Joschka, Milo and Tom #swimming #NorthgateSport



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### Useful Websites whilst Home Learning

- [GCSEpod](#)
- [Seneca Learning](#)
- [Sam Learning](#)
- [BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Kerboodle](#)
- [Mathswatch](#)
- [Corbett Maths](#)
- [Time for Geography](#)
- [History Learning Site](#)
- [Duo Lingo](#)
- [BBC Religion + Ethics](#)
- [Technology Student](#)
- [Design Technology Info](#)
- [Muse Score](#)



Further online resources can be found on subject pages on the [website](#).

A HUGE thank you to all staff at Northgate during this difficult time for their dedication and commitment to our students. Now, more than ever, Northgate's 5Rs come in to play.

### RESILIENCE - READINESS - RESPONSIBILITY - REFLECTIVENESS - RESPECT

Thank you to parents/carers and pupils for your kind messages - it means a lot to all of us!



### Pi Day - Message from a Record Breaker

The Maths Department celebrated Pi Day (14<sup>th</sup> March) a day early this year due to it taking place at the weekend. We were fortunate enough to receive a special video message from David Thomas, who in 1998 broke the Guinness World Record for reciting Pi to 22,500 digits! He talked about Northgate's 5Rs (Resilience, Respect, Reflectiveness, Readiness + Responsibility), how these relate to his work as a speaker, travelling the world and coaching people in public speaking, and how important they are at school and the outside world. Thank you David, for taking the time to send this important message to our students. You can see it in full [here](#).

### Merit Update

Please don't panic if you haven't spent your merits already. On our return to school, you will have the opportunity to spend them, even if this ends up being in September - you won't lose out as you've all worked so hard to earn them! Also, merit certificates and badges will be awarded for merits earned to date. The house merit competition is below:

Hawking	Attenborough	Holmes	Rowling
55.01	53.62	51.95	51.35

### Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7KM, 7HR, 8AS, 8AG, 9HM, 9CSU, 10JSM and 11SC1 who all won the attendance trophies during March. At Northgate we know the importance of good attendance and the positive impact it has on the progress of our students.



### Recycling Update

Thank you to those who are continuing to support the recycling programmes. To date we have collected 132Kg of pens and 137Kg of crisp packets, saving them from going to landfill and raising over £360 for Cancer Research UK. Keep collecting ready for when we return to school.





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## Northgate Triumphs in Subsea STEM National Competition

Back in November a team of Year 9s entered a STEM robot competition in Norwich. They were named Regional winners and as well as receiving a special trophy, they were invited to take part in the National competition in Aberdeen. The day of the competition arrived and the team gathered in a conference room at P&J Live in Aberdeen with the other 5 competing schools (from Bristol, Manchester, Newcastle, Glasgow and Inverness) as well as the event judges, sponsors and hosts. Maddie says, "We were all so nervous, yet so ready to begin. Our preparation was immense, so a skim over Connor and Dylan's high quality research was all it took to get us going and into our element."

The task was to design, build and market an ROV of their own (remotely operated under water vehicle) and form a company. The Northgate team came up with 'ROVolutionary', having already predetermined their roles: Connor - project manager, Dylan - head engineer, Lewis and Keira - programmers and Prisha and Maddie - marketers. Projects would be judged thoroughly on build, design, functionality, teamwork, marketing and more.

Northgate took to the stage with as much confidence as they could muster. They all delivered their lines clearly and with much enthusiasm. As they left the spotlight, they listened to their advertisement play on the big screen. Once the rest of the competing schools had completed their presentations it was time for judging. The team sat nervously as they awaited the results, and in no time they had arrived. Northgate's team received lots of support and encouragement from Mrs Simms and Mr Nicholson. To the team's surprise, they were announced the WINNERS! A huge well done to all involved. You can read the full blog from Maddie [here](#).



## Northgate crowned Eco Award Winners

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March saw members of Northgate High School's Environment Team and School Council head to St Andrew's Hall for the Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards 2020.

During the ceremony the students were delighted to be presented with their special Eco Award trophy and certificate. After receiving Highly Commended from the judges at the awards last year, they were determined to win and during the past year have put into place further initiatives at the school. The competition was tough but the judges said,

'Northgate High School's Environment Team display a fantastic commitment to environmental issues and are using their voice to spread the message as far as they can. Students are actively involved at every stage of projects and are gaining important skills in how to plan projects and convey their ideas at meetings with senior members of staff and governors.'

Miss Theobald, School Council Coordinator said, "To receive the Eco Award this year is a fantastic achievement for the school. It recognises the enthusiasm and passion of both students and staff in being more environmentally aware and the positive impact we can all have, however small. We are excited for the future and already

have some ideas in mind for further projects.'

You can read the blog in full [here](#) and see more photos from the Awards Ceremony.

