



# Northgate Council Bulletin

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## Charity Corner

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to and took part in our fundraising efforts for Children in Need.

Particular thanks go to the Social Team along with Mr Carter and Miss Petcher-Ellison for organising the activities. It is great to see the whole school community come together to support such an important cause. The cake sale and beat the keeper competition proved to be particularly successful! We can reveal that an incredible **£901.60** was raised in total!



## Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

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

[November Bulletin](#)

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

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Follow us on Twitter:  
@NGateDereham, @NgateCouncil



Follow us on Instagram:



## Upcoming events

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

### 1st - 3rd December

Year 11 mock exams continue

### 2nd December

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

### 6th December

Year 11 Food Practical Exam

### 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day (see the [letter](#) on our website)

### 14th + 15th December

Year 11 RM Practical Exam (TBC)

### 15th December

Christmas Dinner (info to come out shortly to parents/carers and students)

### 17th December

Last day of term

### 18th December

Literary Society trip to 'A Christmas Carol' in Thetford

A virtual Christmas Showcase will be recorded and available to watch during December (keep an eye out for this).

We wish all Northgate students, staff, parents, carers and the community a very Happy Christmas!





## In the News

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

- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mr Everett](#)
- [Year 11 Art & Design Pupils Visit SCVA](#)
- [Winterton-on-Sea Geography Fieldtrip](#)
- [Northgate Remembers](#)
- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mr Oldfield](#)
- [Students spread kindness during Anti-bullying Week](#)
- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mr Digby](#)
- [Erasmus - Human's First - a project on sustainability and renewable energy](#)

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## Recycling Updates

It's been a while since we've updated you on our recycling schemes and we have a new recycling scheme to tell you about.

A big thank you to everyone in the community who is currently supporting our writing instrument, crisp packet and bread bag schemes and in particular to Morrisons and Nationwide Building Society who have collection boxes in the store/branch for their customers.

We have now collected 185Kg of writing instruments, 265Kg of crisp packets and 2.4Kg of bread bags and bakery plastic. Students can bring these items into school and either put in the boxes in the main hall (crisp packets and bread bags), or pen pots in classrooms or hand over to Miss Theobald.

Our new recycling scheme is in partnership with Think-Inks. The aim is to recycle as many ink cartridges and printheads as possible. Some of these hold value and so our Northgate School Council and Dereham Sixth Form Senate will then be able to put money towards future projects. You can find out more information in our letter [here](#) - please help us not only to prevent this plastic going to landfill but also to raise valuable funds.



Finally, we are really looking forward to our plastic recycling machine arriving, courtesy of a £10,000 grant from Breckland Council. Students can start bringing in washed and clean plastic mentioned on our poster and put in the black recycling bins near TE7. A group of

students will then work alongside Mr Mottley and use the machine to grind the plastic into pellets and then melt into new plastic sheets. These will be used in Design Technology projects and hopefully on further eco initiatives.

## Plastic Recycling Scheme

The school can now recycle and shred certain plastics.  
Please help us to reduce and recycle waste by turning these plastics into new products.

**PETE**

Polyethylene Terephthalate

Plastic products we want:

Drinks bottles and lids

**HDPE**

High-density Polyethylene

Plastic products we want:

Milk bottles and lids  
Shampoo bottles  
Detergent bottles

**LDPE**

Low-Density Polyethylene

Plastic products we want:

Squeeze bottles (ketchup)

**PP**

Polypropylene

Plastic products we want:

Yoghurt pots  
Juice bottles  
Coat hangers

**PS**

Polystyrene

Plastic products we want:

Yoghurt pots

Please only bring to school **clean** and **washed** plastic items from the list above and no other plastics



## Northgate Remembers

We were proud to be able to hold our annual Service of Remembrance at Northgate on Thursday 11th November. Representatives from Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form took part in the service which included readings, the Last Post, a moving piano interlude and the laying of crosses, poppy pebbles and a wreath. A big thank you to all involved and to Mr MacDonald for organising the service. You can read more about it in our blog.

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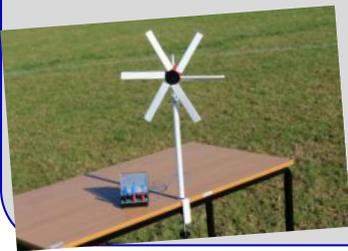


## Erasmus - Humans First Project

A group of Year 7 - 10 students recently spent the week working alongside Miss Brooks on a project which involved virtual meetings with schools in Germany, Italy and Spain. The theme of the project was sustainability and in particular renewable energy. As well as finding out about renewable energy in the regions close to the four schools, students conducted experiments to see which renewable energy sources would be better in those locations. They attended a virtual talk by an atmospheric scientist and a workshop on how to write a persuasive piece

on climate change.

You can read more about it in our blog [here](#).



## Students spread kindness during Anti-Bullying Week

Northgate students and staff supported Anti-Bullying week in November with a number of activities for PART lesson put together by members of the Wellbeing Team Council, alongside Mrs Holt and Miss Rowden. The theme this year was 'One kind word'. Year 7 and 8 students were also treated to a

performance by visiting artist Irini Mando who talked about her struggles with mental health and body image. You can read more about anti-bullying week in our [blog](#), written by Year 8 students, Evelyn, Seren and Kyra.



**ONE  
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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK





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### House Tokens return!

This half term has seen the return of House Tokens, a scheme which all students can contribute to outside of lessons. It encourages all students to be positive Northgate Citizens whether this be through picking up litter, helping another student, holding doors open, helping a teacher carry some books and more. Students seen doing acts of kindness earn a token from a teacher which is then placed in our amazing House Token collection box in the main hall. All tokens collected contribute to the House competition. So far Attenborough have taken an early lead, however we look forward to seeing how the competition develops in the coming months.



### Photo Time

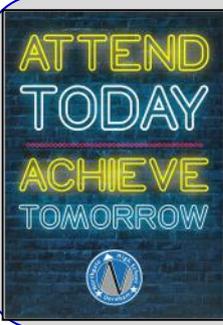
Here are some recent photos of events from our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook page.



### Merit Update

This month we have seen students pass the 25,000 merit mark which is an amazing feat! Staff continue to be impressed with the quality of work being produced in and outside of lessons and the positive approaches on display. Merit cashing in for all year groups takes place every Thursday from 12.30pm - 12.50pm in the main hall. Remember our rewards catalogue can be found [here](#). Bonus merits will be awarded at the end of term for attendance and no negatives so look out for these in January. Well done to Holmes who remain top of the House merit competition.

Holmes	Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough
35.79	35.19	33.78	33.00



### Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have recently won the fortnightly attendance competition: 7WF, 7TG, 8AB, 8KS, 9SJ, 9HC, 10AR, 11TF and 11VE. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms. Well done to Billy M (Y7), Zack H (Y8), Tylor P (Y9), Charlotte C (Y10) and Archie J (Y11) who all won Amazon vouchers in the first attendance raffle.

