



Northgate Council Bulletin

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Charity Corner

Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in Christmas Jumper Day back in December. We raised an impressive £243.72.



Our School's Social Team is currently planning fundraising activities for Comic Relief in March - plastic-free red noses have already been ordered! We will share more details with you on social media as we get closer to the event.



Upcoming events

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

1st February

Virtual Earth Summit
Make Your Mark Campaign and Norfolk Youth Parliament voting throughout February

2nd + 3rd February

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

3rd February

Harry Potter Book Night

4th February

Year 7 + 8 Number Day

7th - 11th February

Year 7 SAIL project presentations
Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

8th February

Safer Internet Day
We Wonder: Protect our Planet launch

11th February

International Day of Women and Girls in Science
Break up for half term

21st February

New half term begins (Week A)

21st February

Year 11 PAP

21st February - 11th March

Year 11 Mock Exams

23rd February

Eco themed poetry competition deadline

28th February - 4th March

World Book Week

Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

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

[January Bulletin](#)

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

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In the News

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

- [What are we doing to reduce plastic?](#)
- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mr Davison](#)
- [Northgate welcomes 'Ultimate Heroes' author](#)
- [Literary Society Christmas Trip](#)

Northgate continues Eco initiatives

There are plenty of new eco-themed activities, challenges, competitions and events going on at Northgate at the moment as well as some updates we would like to give you.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributes to our recycling schemes – students, staff and members of the community (at our collection points in Morrisons and Nationwide). Our crisp packet recycling scheme has just passed the 300Kg mark which is fantastic! The pen recycling has reached 200Kg and bread bags/bakery plastic has now hit 3.5Kg. All of this plastic is recycled into new plastic items and we receive money for our chosen charity, Cancer Research UK.



So far, we have been able to donate £600 – thank you! It is a fantastic community effort that has helped us reach this point. We are grateful to all those who contribute. If you are interested in what happens to the plastic when we send it to Terracycle, you can find out [here](#).



Our Think-Inks print head and ink cartridge collection is coming along nicely. Once we have a full box, we can send it away and earn money for the print heads, in particular Canon and HP brands. We have collection boxes at Northgate, Dereham Sixth Form, Sowerbys in Dereham and Nationwide Building Society in Dereham, where inks can be dropped off. Money raised from this recycling scheme will go towards future environmental projects.

In January members of our School Council entered a competition to win £150 of climate change books. With the help of Year 13 media students from Dereham Sixth Form, they filmed a video explaining what we are doing as a school to reduce plastic waste. As you can probably tell, we are incredibly proud of all the work that goes on. Our students are having a positive impact and are really thinking about how they can encourage others. It's so important that they have a voice and use it for the benefit of others, including the environment.

You can watch their video [here](#).



Our plastic recycling machine, purchased with a £10,000 grant from Breckland Council, is now up and running. Mr Mottley and Mr Logan are now accepting the recyclable plastics talked about in PART lesson and on social media. A team of students have been tasked with sorting the plastic. They have already started grinding up the plastic and producing new plastic sheets. These will then be used in a variety of Design Technology projects and it's a great way for the department to be more sustainable with their resources and again, for our school community to contribute to green projects.



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Make you vote count

Make Your Mark



Throughout February our students will have the opportunity to cast their vote in PART lesson in the UK Youth Parliament's 'Make Your Mark' campaign. Make Your Mark gives all young people aged 11-18 in the UK the chance to have a say on the biggest issues facing young people. Previous topics voted on have included stopping plastic pollution, votes at 16, tackling discrimination and hate crime in the UK, tackling child poverty and supporting our mental health, amongst others.

We are also incredibly proud to have four students, Ella P (Yr 7), Seren W + Evelyn W (Yr 8) and Chris T (Yr 9), standing as candidates in the elections for the Norfolk Youth Parliament. We wish them the very best of luck with their campaigns as Norfolk students vote for who will represent them.

Photo Time

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



Green Influencers Scheme

A small group of Year 7 to 9 students are working alongside Miss Theobald on a Green Influencer social action project. The Green Influencers Scheme is designed to help young people make a real difference to the environment. The project is funding 40 Green Mentor roles across England to facilitate groups of empowered young people to work on environmental

social action. At Northgate, we have been assigned our own Green Influencer Project Mentor, Alex. He is incredibly excited to be working with our students. We are also being supported by Ben Earle, Learning Engagement Officer at Gressenhall Environmental Hub.

Throughout the process, our team of students will be at the forefront of designing, delivering and promoting their own environmental projects. This will take place through a number of virtual and face to face sessions across several weeks. The mission of the Green Influencer Scheme is to help young people create deep, lasting and meaningful connections with the natural environment.

Through the scheme, students will learn and develop new skills that help them engage and influence their friends and families, and contribute to their local communities. We will be able to apply for a £360 grant to support the project work.

Our students have already had their first two sessions and are currently coming up with ideas for their project. So far they have looked at what the climate emergency is, what sustainable means, local environmental issues and possible solutions. They also created anti-litter posters and looked at concerns with litter. We look forward to updating you as they progress through their project.





Competitions and Challenges - get involved!

The Earth Summit Team have launched a competition for Year 7 – 13 students. They would like students to submit a poem on the theme of the environment and climate change as we know it's a topic that so many of our students feel so passionately about. We have some incredible writers across Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form and would like to showcase this. The deadline for submission to Miss Theobald (kttheobald@ng6.unity-ed.uk) is Wednesday 23rd February. There are prizes for the top three submissions, as judged by the Earth Summit Team, and House points and merits for submissions from Northgate students. All competition details can be found on our social media pages and Satchel One.

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A new challenge is being launched in the Library for Year 7 - 9 students. The We Wonder: Protect our Planet challenge is being run by the National Literacy Trust. We have been fortunate to be one of 100 schools to receive a selection of environmental themed books to help with the challenge. The idea of the challenge is to Read, Investigate and Campaign - for students to use the resources to research environmental issues and climate change. They can follow up by investigating different aspects of climate change, including the impact of their own school's behaviours towards our planet. Finally students will design a campaign poster on a topic most important to them e.g. a recycling guide to pin up near the bins at school, a visual design showing how the school could use less energy or a poster on a wider, global issue to share within school and the local community.



Our first meeting will be Tuesday 8th February in the Library at lunch time. Members of our Environment Team are keen to get involved, but anyone else in Year 7 - 9 who would like to take part, please come along to the first session with Mrs Gill and Miss Theobald.

Merit Update

Congratulations to all students - over 40,000 merits have now been awarded since September! Holmes maintain their lead in the House merit competition.

Holmes	Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough
54.73	53.33	51.15	49.86

Library Updates

There are lots of activities, events, challenges and competitions taking place in the Library this term. If you want to find out more, go along and speak to Miss Lynn or Mrs Gill. Get involved in some of the exciting opportunities and try something new. You can also keep up to date with all the goings on in the Library by following @NGatelibrary on twitter.



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have recently won the fortnightly attendance competition: 7WF, 8CD, 9HC, 10AS and 11MM. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms. Congratulations also go to Mia W (Year 7), Ted W (Year 8), Chelsea B (Year 9), Jessica L (Year 10) and Tyler D (Year 11) who won the attendance raffle for the second autumn half term!

