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Northgate School weekly newsletter

*Introduction to the
Newsletter*

Hi there, everyone! This is the new newsletter, which we'll be sending you weekly whilst school is closed. It'll be filled with messages from teachers, fun puzzles and activities for you to try at home. If you have anything you'd like to input, or any news you'd like to share, please send it to us at office@northgate.barnet.sch.uk.





A Message from the Headteacher

Hello to all Northgate students.

We find ourselves in extraordinary circumstances. Exams have been cancelled for the year 11's, year 10's would be choosing their options and year 9 would have building on their functional skills. Instead we are all apart and the future is uncertain. However one thing remains and that is how proud I am of all of you and your achievements at Northgate. For year 11, formal learning has come to an end but you continue to engage yourself in other activities and we all look forward to you sharing those with us in this forum. Year 9 and 10 are about to start working on Google Classrooms and will be able to interact more with their teachers.

We do not know when things will return to 'normal' but you must remember that you are always in our thoughts. We are just at the end of an email or the telephone and we will all come back together at some point.

Stay strong. Be kind to everyone at home. Remember that your parents/carers are having to adapt to working at home or in very different circumstances, supporting their children with home education and navigating all the other changes that have come about as a result of the Coronavirus.

We miss you and look forward to hearing all your news.

Angela

A Message from Anna, our new Assistant Headteacher



Hi everyone! My name is Anna and I am really excited to be starting at Northgate School as Assistant Headteacher. I will also be teaching English and sharing my love of reading with you all!



From next week we will be starting to use Google Classroom to support our learning at home. I hope you find it a useful platform. I will be sending out some information to you over the next few days to support you in accessing this.



Here is a photograph which was taken when I was lucky enough to visit an elephant hospital in Laos. I hope this enables you put a face to a name. It reflects two of my passions which are travel and animals. (My favourite animal is a dog in case you were wondering!) I am really looking forward to working with you all.



Take care,

Anna

Baking Competition

Take a photo of your finished cake and send it to us at office@northgate.barnet.sch.uk, for a chance to **WIN** your photograph in the next newsletter!



Marian's Carrot Cake Recipe



Easy peasy carrot cake for lockdown (that uses only a little flour!)

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 170 gm of white or brown§ (or a mixture) of self-raising flour. If you haven't got self-raising, use plain flour and add a good teaspoon of baking powder.
- 3 or 4 medium sized carrots, grated.
- 140 grams of sugar (brown if you have it, but any type will do).
- 150 ml of vegetable oil (sunflower oil if you have it). If you haven't any oil to spare, use 150gm margarine or butter.
- 4 teaspoons of mixed spice (or use a mixture of cinnamon and nutmeg).
- Grated rind and juice of an orange (or use half a lemon). If you haven't any fresh fruit, you can use juice.
- 50 grams of sultanas or raisins



- 50 grams of walnuts if you have them. If not, add more sultanas/raisins or dessicated coconut.
- A teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda (or baking powder if you don't have any).



Method

Heat the oven to 180 degrees/ 160 degrees for a fan oven or gas 4.

Grease a baking tin (a loaf tin is good).



In a large bowl, mix the eggs and oil. Then add all the other ingredients one at a time and mix everything together really well.

Put into the tin and bake in the centre of the oven for an hour.

Check the cake is done by putting a skewer in the middle. If it comes out wet, cook for a little longer.



When the cake is cool, take it out of the tin.

You can ice it by mixing some icing sugar and a little orange or lemon juice or water if you haven't got any juice. Prick the cake and pour the icing over.

Or you can make icing by mixing equal amounts of butter and icing sugar and a little juice or water. Put walnuts on top of you have any.

Have a lovely time eating it 😊

- Marian

Jo's Inspirational Quote of the Week!



This week's inspirational quote is ...

"Keep calm and carry on!"



This was the message issued by the British government which was displayed on posters during the Second World War to boost morale and mentally prepare civilians. It is now widely used because its message is applicable beyond its original intent. It's also poignant now that coronavirus is invoking comparisons to world war.



Want your furry friend to be pet of the week? See below for details!

Pet of the Week!

*This week's pet of the week is ... **Betty Boo!** Here's what she had to say.*



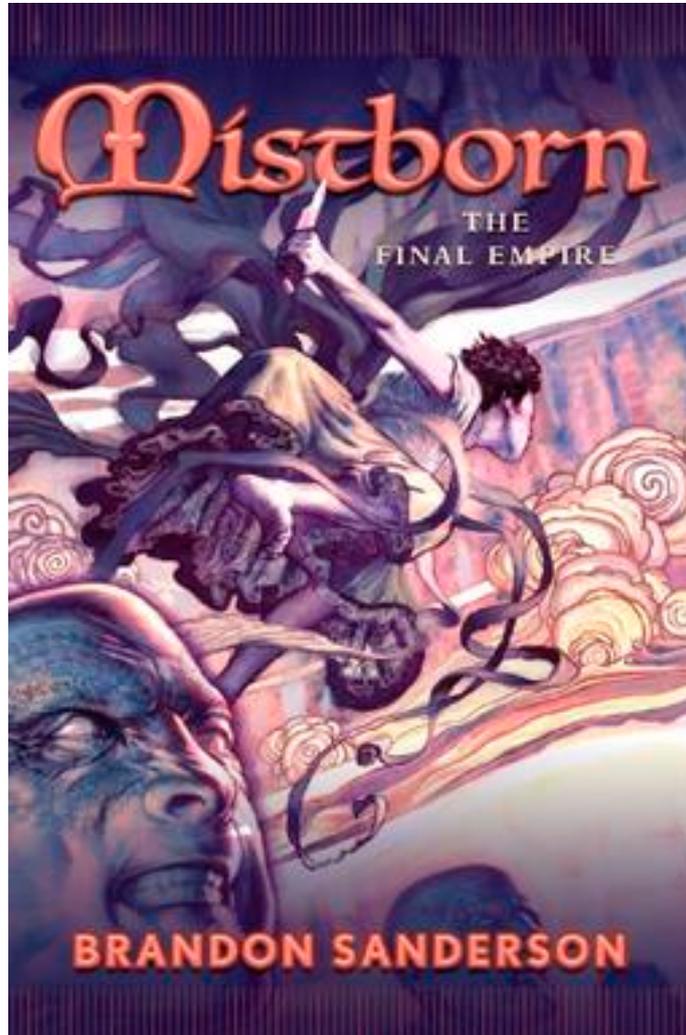
Hello there! I hope you're having a PAW-sitively excellent day. My name is Betty Boo. Do you have any tuna? That's my favourite snack. I can spend an entire day running around in the garden chasing bees and wasps – I think they're fascinating, don't you? I remember once I found an especially mean one, though – my paw got stung and I even had to go to the V-E-T! It was absolutely rubbish! My favourite spot to nap is on top of the ironing basket! The clean clothes just smell sooo good! I'm pretty sure my humans appreciate it, because I leave them lots of my fluffy fur on their clothes. Yes, they're very lucky to have me!



If you would like to submit your pet for pet of the week, email a photo and information about their favourite snack, sleeping place, and activity to office@northgate.barnet.sch.uk!

Literary Corner

The reading suggestion for this week is ...



*This week, the recommended read is **The Final Empire**, by Brandon Sanderson. It's an excellent book about a thief girl in a fantasy world who has to help overthrow an evil lord. If you read it, let us know what you thought!*

What are you reading?

Send us the title and author's name to office@northgate.barnet.sch.uk and we'll put the book you're reading in the newsletter!

Messages from staff

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Hi everyone! Thank you for all the Netflix recommendations; I've been binging Brooklyn Nine-Nine! I recently took several tests to find out which character I am. It turns out I'm a subtle blend of Gina Linetti and Jake Peralta... "Cool, cool, cool, cool, cool. No doubt, no doubt, no doubt." Hope you're all keeping well!

Ellen



Hello there to everyone at home! I really hope you're all managing okay. I am so proud of the growth I've seen in all of you over this year and the excellent work you've all done. I'm going to be recommending a movie to watch each week. The film recommendation this week is ET – it's an absolute masterpiece! Let me know what you think!

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Hope you are all doing well and hope you are not all going slowly mad like me! :S :P
And if you ever need something to do during the breaks, remember there is always dancing! ;P



SUDOKU FUN!

Can you solve this puzzle?

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