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North Primary School and Nursery
A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Imperial War Museum

Visiting the world-class museums in London is always an inspiring way to spend a day and the Imperial War Museum was an exciting and stimulating experience for our year six pupils when they returned to London for the second time this term as part of the 'Discovering Their Footsteps' project. Having studied the history of soldiers from the Great War who attended North Primary, we were keen to find out more about the conditions they had to tolerate during the fighting in France. The stunning World War One exhibition made it easy to understand the background to the hostilities and brought history to life with examples of uniforms, equipment and frightening weapons. Picking our way through a life-size trench was an unnerving experience as the shadows of soldiers moving around us and the sound of tanks, aircraft and explosions above our heads gave us an uncomfortable insight into the conditions they must have faced.

Our project workshops have studied the war-time paintings of Paul Nash and we were thrilled to see his original artwork on display but we were not prepared for the exhilaration experienced when walking into the room which contained the six metre long painting of soldiers after a gas attack by John Singer Sargent. We were absorbed by this incredible piece of artwork and the observations and deep questions the children discussed demonstrated why it is worth making the effort to visit places like this. With the Easter holidays approaching, I know that lots of the year sixes will be nagging their parents to take them back. **Mr Armitage reporting**

Cross Country

On a glorious sunny day in February, 17 year 3 and 4 children went to Colchester Rugby Club to compete in the annual cross country event run by the Colchester Blackwater Partnership. The year 3's completed 800m, 2 big laps of the field and the year 4's ran 1000m, 2 and a half times around the field. Every race had over 100 runners and there were some stand out performances. Atene came 10th and Lily T was 11th in their race. Scarlett was 20th and Sharnay was 25th in their race. Our top boy was Joe who came 31st. I would like to say a huge well done to all of our runners, who tried really hard. All of them completed their respective races which gave us points for our team. They all made me very proud. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents that helped with transport to the rugby club and back. They were a great help. Below is our team doing a group warm up, year 3 boys race and the year 4 girls team at the end of their race.

Mrs Eves reporting





Please support our amazing team of runners!



<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/freeforall>

follow the link to the Colchester Half Marathon 2016

There is just over a week to the half marathon and the organisers say that “this year’s race is on track to be the biggest and best one yet!”

The organisers of the Colchester Half Marathon proudly support great local charities and this year the proceeds from the main event will be donated to The Tom Bowdidge Foundation and Robin Cancer Trust. You can read more about those charities on the Colchester Half Marathon website and we wish them all a great event and success in their fundraising.

It is a huge privilege for North that the race organisers allow us to enter a team, raising sponsorship for Free for All, which benefits all the children at our school. This is a fantastic opportunity for the school and we are very grateful to the organisers and to our runners and marshals who make our involvement possible.

Everyone will know someone who is running or volunteering on the 13th - staff members, friends, colleagues or a parent of a child in the same class. Please support them and help us make this a record-breaking event - it would be wonderful to make 2016 the best year yet for the Free for All team! **Thank you**

**Non-Uniform Sportswear Day for Sports Activities
Friday 11th March**

The whole school will be showing support for our half marathon team on Friday 11th March, when we will be having a non-uniform day, raising funds for Free for All. Children will be able to come in dressed in their sportswear and will take part in sports activities during the day. This event has been a great part of the build up to the half marathon in the last 2 years and we hope all the children enjoy the day! Collection buckets will be in the playground before and after school.

Parking

Following an article at the end of last year, we are continuing to receive complaints about the parking of some parent drivers, especially along Victoria Chase. Families are understandably very concerned about the safety of this. All **drivers must follow the highway code** and the law. If you use Victoria Chase please:

- Do not park on double yellows. (Sitting in the car does not make it ok.)
- Do not park on the pavements. Parents with buggies should not have to use the road to get past a car.
- Drive slowly, there are lots of little children about.

DATES FOR TERM

Tuesday 1st March Wednesday 2nd March Friday 4th March	Reception Class Stay and Learn afternoons	Badgers Hedgehogs Squirrels
Friday 11th March	Non-Uniform Sportswear Day	
Sunday 13th March	Colchester Half Marathon	
Tuesday 15th March	OPEN AFTERNOON	
Friday 18th March	School Disco	
Thursday 24th March	Last day of Spring Term - Governors Awards and NSA Easter Parade	
Monday 11th April	First day of Summer Term	
Friday 27th May	Last day of half term	
Tuesday 7th June	Return to School	
Friday 22nd July	Last day of School Year	
Monday 5th September	New School Year begins	