

NEWSLINE

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

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Governors Awards

Congratulations to all our Spring Term Governors' Award Winners pictured above:

Persia Charlton, Riley Mardle-Turner, Amber Szabo, Nikolas Tomaszewski, Olivia Lawrence, Orlando Smalldridge, Lugen Esamaldeen, Benjamin Slapin, Joshua Agbortabot, Zakir Hassan, Matilda Francis, Gabriella Marshall, Gabriella Champion, Sofie Lacey, Thomas Vidal, Talia Mereani, Ira Saxena, Halim Hassan, Amos Watts, Toleen Merani, Jake Inman, Zoe Dines, Kamil Bulak, Lucy Webb, Laura Grinberga, Arina Akinova, Ellie Winter, George Tatum.

No Dilemma - It was a Great Day

Mrs. Marsh reporting

On Tuesday 22nd March, eight Year 5 children from North, along with another 19 children from other Colchester schools went to Heathlands Primary School to attend a writing workshop run by Welsh children's author Colin R. Parson (Wizards' Kingdom Trilogy, The Curious World of Shelley Vendor, House of Darke).

In his introduction, Colin R. Parson told the children that he never used to read books until he was given a paragraph of C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* to read aloud in class aged 10. He said he got so totally absorbed in what he was reading that he asked to borrow the book from his teacher afterwards. This suddenly arose his interest in books and really got him into reading and writing.

The aim of the workshop was for the children to write a short story called "Death Trap" (named after his forthcoming book) about two young characters, a boy and a

girl, stuck inside a video game. The rules were that there was to be a dilemma in the shape of a rollercoaster ride in the middle of the story, that some of the five senses be included and that there should be absolutely no "once upon a time" beginnings and definitely no "it was only a dream" endings.

The children were given just over one hour and a half to write their original pieces of work which they then shared by reading them aloud after lunch. They worked really hard and there were some fantastic ideas and stories.

"It was a great opportunity to meet an experienced writer and get his feedback" said Jake afterwards. Ivan added that it was "exciting to get a chance to learn how to be better writers". "It has inspired me even more to become a writer", concluded Anisa.

The day ended with a children's literature quiz and a book signing by the author.



Look at Isabella, Livvie and Habib sat in the Town Hall Council Chambers and Livvie is even sat in the Mayor's seat! Behind them is the Mayor and the Chair of Colchester Rotary Club, sponsors of the annual public speaking competition. 9 other schools took part and all spoke with confidence on a range of subjects, some humorous many thought provoking. Our team were supported by the rest of their writing group whose words were used in their speeches. Two of the group, Rebecca and Kimberly said that hearing their words spoken was special and that they were proud of their team who spoke with such confidence that it made them feel like they could do it too. Livvie's gran said they did really well. Livvie was a bit scared at first but she loved being in the special room.

New School Dinner Menu

The new menu for the summer/autumn term started on Monday 11th April. All children have been given a paper copy and the menu is also available on the school website. Please note the following changes will be made to the menu to replace the dishes shown with more popular choices.

Week 2 - Monday

Beanie Hot Pot will be served to replace the Vegetable Lasagne

Week 2 - Wednesday

Nossage Roll and Mash will replace Sweet and Sour Vegetable Noodles

School Nurse Drop-ins

Monday 18th April 2.30

School nurses will be in The Community Room from 2.30pm on Monday 18th for any health advice or concerns you have. No appointment necessary

North is Still a Very Healthy School

On Friday 11th March, Sylvie and Kimberly in year 6 went with Mrs Eves to collect an Enhanced Healthy Schools award from Chelmsford. At the award ceremony, around 50 schools received a Healthy Schools award but North was one of the few schools to get an 'Enhanced' Healthy schools accolade. A few of the schools at the ceremony gave presentations - one school even brought a dog with them! There was also fruit salad dancing, which Mrs Eves enjoyed. Clutching their free fruit infuser water bottle, Kimberly and Sylvie thought that the award ceremony had been extremely informative as they had also learnt about other schools in Essex

Report by Sylvie Clarke-Davies

The girls are pictured with GB gymnast Bryn Bevan



DATES FOR TERM

Thursday 21st April	Year 3 swimming starts 1/10	
Monday May 2nd	Bank Holiday - school closed	
Monday 9th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK	
Tuesday 24th May	Parents Meeting - New Entrants September 2016	6pm
Friday 27th May	Last day of half term and PENNY RACE	
Tuesday 7th June	Return to School	
Friday 10th June	NSA Bingo night	
Wednesday 15th June	Class Photos	
Sports Days: Nursery - Wed 22nd; KS1 - Tues 28th June; Reception - Wed 29th a.m.; KS2 - Thurs (30th June)		
Friday 1st July	NSA Sumer Fete	6pm
Friday 15th July	Open Evening	
Tuesday 19th July	Y6 Show	
Friday 22nd July	Last day of School Year	
Monday 5th September	New School Year begins	