

NEWSLINE

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

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Class 2S on the Road2Rio

On Thursday 26th May, class 2S were lucky enough to go to the Road2Rio Olympics at the Garrison track. There were 12 schools taking part each one representing a different country. Our team was South Korea so we all wore a head band decorated with the flag. There were lots of different events to try from sprinting and long jump to a sponge relay race and throwing the javelin. Harriet said, 'My favourite event was the running. It helped me to get faster.' Roman said, 'The hurdles were fun because I ran fast and jumped high!' We all agreed with Jack that 'South Korea is the best team to be!' The sun shone. We were cheered on by a loyal group of supporters and Kacper was awarded the 'Star of the day' medal which made him very proud. The event was brilliantly organised by Colchester Institute.

Mrs Spalding reporting



Well done to the Rugby Team!

The last time the rugby club competed in a local tournament was a cold, wet, slippery day in February. Conditions were more favourable for our recent event at the end of May when eleven pupils (pictured above) took part in the area competition. Teams played in divisions during the morning session and North made a cracking start, winning four out of their five pool matches with some surging runs and a solid defence line. Following round one, teams were placed in new divisions according to their performances. This meant a tough set of matches against competent sides. The team were up to the challenge with Kristine, Kieron and Albaraa supporting each other in thrusting runs which frequently broke the defensive line of the opposition. The competition achieved its aims of providing an opportunity for young people to experience the high-speed action of tag rugby in a friendly, sporting environment. The team's experience of success left them wanting more.

Mr Armitage reporting

Key Stage One Learn Some Amazing Animal Facts

Did you know that a leopard gecko will drop his tail if he is scared and then grow a new one?

This is only one of many interesting facts that Key Stage One learnt about pets when the mobile animal zoo visited on Tuesday 7th. The children were very excited when they got to touch the pets, especially the snake! The mobile zoo also brought with them a leopard gecko, bearded dragon, snail, stick insect, rabbits, guinea pigs, a mouse and a very sleepy ferret. We learnt that you need to think about six things before you can get a pet; food, water, shelter, exercise, money and care. In Year One we have continued to use books and leaflets to find out about pets and will be making a pet fact file for Mr Garnett next week. We all had lots of fun!

Miss Bilton reporting



Colchester Accordion Showband raising funds for Free for All

The Colchester Accordion Showband have been generous supporters of Free for All since the campaign began. They have put on several fundraising concerts and made donations towards our fundraising and many of the children have joined them to sing at their Christmas performances.

On Sunday 19th June the band will be performing at the bandstand in the Castle Park with their fee being donated to Free for All. Please go along between 3 and 5pm for what promises to be a lovely afternoon of entertainment and to support Mrs Skinner and the rest of the band.

Poppy Plaques

As part of their project 'Following in Their Footsteps', year six pupils have discovered details about the former World War One soldiers who attended North Primary, including where they lived. To commemorate these soldiers, special plaques featuring a poppy design have been commissioned, with the intention that they could be placed on the houses in which they lived. These poppy plaques were designed and made by the artist Peter Jones (pictured right) and on Thursday 9th June, he visited the year six classes to explain the processes involved in making them.

Before half term, the year six pupils wrote to the current residents of these houses, asking them if they would consider placing one of these plaques on their homes, as well as inviting them to an open evening to inform them of the project and provide more information about the plaques. The response to the letters was extremely positive; many commented on how emotive the letters had been, how impressed they were with the project and how important they believed the poppy plaques to be. Not only this, but interest about the project has spread, with other members of the local community also attending the event, including several former pupils. We are now looking forward to seeing these plaques placed on the houses of our former pupils, to commemorate these men and share their memory with our local community.

Miss Gray reporting



DATES FOR TERM

Wednesday 15th June	Class Photos	
Wednesday 15th June	Sex and Relationships Education - Parent Meeting - Year 5 6.00pm, Year 6 7.00pm	
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 8th July	Key Stage 2 Brazilian Carnival	
Meet Your Children's Next Teachers		
Monday 11th July	New Intake	9.10am
Tuesday 12th July	Year 4 (current Year 3)	9.10am
Tuesday 12th July	Year 1 (current Reception)	2.40pm
Wednesday 13th July	Year 6 (current Year 5)	9.10am
Wednesday 13th July	Year 5 (current Year 4)	2.40pm
Thursday 14th July	Year 2 (current Year 1)	9.10am
Thursday 14th July	Year 3 (current year 2)	2.40pm
Friday 15th July	Open Evening	6.00pm
Tuesday 19th July	Y6 Show	
Friday 22nd July	Last day of School Year	
Monday 5th September	New School Year begins	