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A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Meeting Robin Price

On Thursday 9th June Jack, Dylan, Zofia and Jessica from 2S and Ellie, Matilda and Honey from 2J were invited to Old Heath Primary School to take part in a creative writing workshop. The workshop was led by children's author Robin Price.

The morning began with Robin taking the children back in time to the Stone Age. Working in pairs the children wrote incredible Stone Age stories. In the afternoon the children got back into their time machines and travelled into the future where their imagination could run wild. Robin had the entire class laughing when he took off the safety catch on his imaginary chocolate blaster by licking it off!!

"Robin Price has inspired me to write even more stories than I already do" said Dylan. Jack reported "I loved the way that Robin expressed himself in lots of different ways"

The children had the opportunity to purchase Robin's books too. Zofia bought *Boudicat* and *I am Spartapuss*. "I am really enjoying reading them" she said.

The children discovered that anything can work when it comes to writing stories. Jessica commented that "you don't have to write just fiction or non fiction, you can put both together" The children left on a high and couldn't resist a snap shot with the man himself! **Miss Dowde reporting**



Garrison Athletics

On Tuesday 14th June a group of 31 students walked up to the Garrison Athletics club to take part in the Primary Athletics Competition. With the weather forecast due to be wet we were well prepared, especially after the inclement weather at the previous cross country event! There were 80 different races to get through and also Long Jump and Ball Throw, so it was a very busy afternoon. All of the children competed to the best of their ability and all enjoyed the afternoon. There were stand out performances from Olivia, Lily and Joe (pictured above) for their individual events and the Year 3 girls relay team came 3rd in their final out of 13 schools. A fantastic achievement. Well done to all who took part and many thanks to all the parents who braved the weather to help us walk the children there and back.

Mrs Eves reporting

Fairfield's Farm

On Wednesday 15th June our class 2J went on an adventure to Fairfield's Farm in Fordham. As part of the Farm to Fork initiative we were able to visit this working potato farm which also makes its own variety of crisps. When we arrived we were shown where the potatoes grow in the fields and what a potato plant looks like. The children were asked questions and many of them asked relevant questions back, which showed their inquisitive nature. We were then taken into the crisp factory, Mrs Talbot's idea of heaven, to see how the potatoes are turned into crisps. It was fascinating. Next we saw how potatoes are prepared and packaged ready to go into the supermarkets. On the way home Abdullah said, "I thought we were coming to see one potato, I never dreamed we would see all this". A fitting end to a very informative trip, along with a goody bag which included some sample crisps.

Pictured right: the children being shown the potato plants and the crisps coming out of the fryer

Mrs Eves reporting





Sunday in the Park with the award-winning **Colchester Accordion Showband** was a treat. We are grateful, as always, for the Band's support for the school. They donated their performance fee to Free For All. This year Niamh and Roisin rattled the Free For All collection buckets amongst the crowds gathered in the park and raised a fantastic £93.00. A sign of how much the concert was appreciated. Well done, girls.

Fingers crossed for great weather for our upcoming sports days and the Summer Fete. Look out for the raffle tickets. Good luck selling them to your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues.

There is a job for everyone at the summer fete.

If you are able to help during the day or during the evening please let the NSA committee know - leave your details at the school office. Thank you.



Exciting times for Gardening Club! We have harvested broad beans, carrots, onions, radishes and strawberries with more to come. Well done gardeners!

DATES FOR TERM

Wednesday 22nd June	Nursery Sports	10.00am
Tuesday 28th June	KS1 Sports Afternoon	2.00pm
Wednesday 29th June	Reception Sports Morning	9.30am
Thursday 30th June	KS2 Sports Afternoon	2.00pm
Friday 1st July	NSA Sumer Fete	6.00pm
Wednesday 6th July	Y4 Music Concert for Parents	2.00pm
Friday 8th July	Key Stage 2 Brazilian Carnival	Look out for the letter
Thursday 14th July	Music Concert Evening (children who have individual lessons)	7.00pm
Thursday 21st July	Y3 Recorder Concert	2.30pm
Friday 15th July	Open Evening	6.00pm
Tuesday 19th July	Y6 Show	
Friday 22nd July	Final day of School Year	
Monday 5th September	New School Year begins	
Friday 21st October	Final day of half term	
Tuesday 1st November	School resumes	
Wednesday 21st December	Final Day of Autumn Term	
Thursday 5th January 2017	First day of Spring Term	

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