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Children's University Graduation

This year's Children's University Graduation was held on Saturday 11th June at the University of Essex. The children had the opportunity to attend three lectures in the morning, from which they could earn additional hours. The workshops included: being a ranger with Colchester Zoo, finding out about the UmPhafa Nature Reserve in South Africa, a writing session where they made up a group story and an art and craft activity.

In the afternoon the children graduated. North was one of the largest contingents graduating which was fantastic. Mrs. Eves, who co-ordinates our membership of the Children's University said, "I would like to take this opportunity to say well done for all the hard work and commitment from the children to gain additional out of hours learning."

The children shared their success in assembly on the 27th. They told the school how to join the Children's University and how to earn hours which lead to graduation. Mrs. Eves will have a stall at the Open Evening again this year. If your child will be in Y3-Y6 next year they will be able to register.



Maths Doesn't Get Much Tougher Than This!

On the 20th eight children from year 3 were chosen to go to St Michael's school for a maths workshop day. With groups from several others Colchester schools they stretched their brains and had a fun filled day of numbers, shapes and problem solving. Rihards said, "I enjoyed working out the magic square problem, some of them were very hard, but I persevered and solved them all!"

When asked, Oscar decided that his favourite part of the day was Tangram puzzles (pictured below). The children were amazing and impressed the staff with the level of maths they could achieve and their calm and logical problem solving skills. They made new friends from other schools and were wonderful ambassadors for North School with wonderful manners, and great maths knowledge! They hope to share what they have learnt with their classmates very soon.

Mrs. Key reporting

Sticky Wicket

Our cricketers splashed around Lower Castle Park on midsummer's day(!) competing with other local schools in the annual Colchester Kwik Cricket Competition. The players started with a comfortable victory against St. James but then had to face Kelvedon, who we beat in the final last year. Our players did their very best but Kelvedon deservedly defeated us and went on to win the competition. The team bounced back in their final league game against Heathlands, winning a close game. The players enjoyed their afternoon and improved in every game.



Congratulations to Mr. O'Loughlin's class who are the winners of this year's Penny Race.



Uniform

Getting ready for the autumn term

If you are planning to order new uniform for the autumn term, a reminder that all uniform is ordered from **www.tesco.com/ues**.

The full range of items is available - white and burgundy polo shirts, burgundy sweatshirts, cardigans and fleeces as well as book bags, PE bags and rucksacks. For PE a white logo t shirt is also available and either black or burgundy shorts can be worn for PE. As always, parents are able to choose whether they would like plain or embroidered items of uniform.

Current Year 5 children will be looking forward to wearing black fleeces when they start Year 6 in September - these are also really useful for the Weymouth trip. If your child will be needing a black fleece. Please make sure you order uniform now, for delivery by the start of term.

Sports Days

A reminder that Sports Days are on dates below. Please make sure all children have their PE kits in school for the week, as they will be practising before the day!

Parking will not be available as the playground will be in use for sports. Entry to the playground will be via the side gates.

Class Photos

Children have been given the proof of their class photo. Please ensure your order and payment is sent in to the school office by Wednesday 29th June. **Thank you.**

National Book Tokens School Library Competition

www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

National Book Tokens are running a competition for a school to win £5,000 of books for their library. Take a look at the website and nominate North - the more entries the more chance we have of winning!

DATES FOR TERM

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	7.00pm
Wednesday 20th 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