

NEWSLINE

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

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Looking after Pets

On Friday 6th May Years 1 and 2 had a visit from Suzanna from Cats Protection, an organisation which has looked after, and re-homed, cats since the 1900s. Suzanna shared lots of information about cats; such as there could be 20,000 descendants from just 1 cat in five years! We have also found out that cow's milk is bad for cats to drink, and it is better for a cat to have a micro-chip rather than wearing a collar.

On Monday 9th May Years 1 and 2 had a visit from Jan from Blue Cross, an organisation that helps sick, injured and homeless pets. They have been helping these animals since 1897. Jan told us about how to care for our own pets, including how important it is to show them lots of love. She is also gave us some information to keep safe around pets that we don't know. **Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Catchpole reporting**
Pictured below: Edward and Eve with Suzanna, and Jan.



Let's Dance

On the 9th, the week got off to a rocking start with Laura Rampton's dancers showing us all what a fantastic activity dancing is. The girls filled the hall with energy and fun. They were great adverts for dance as a brilliant way to exercise. It was fitting to see such talent on display because the week will end with the North's Got talent Final.



Farm to Fork

On Wednesday 27th April Miss Bilton's year 1 class went on an adventure to Tesco's at Highwoods. It was part of the Farm to Fork initiative and the topic this time was sustainability. We found out about what Fairtrade and The Rain Forrest Alliance means. We identified that bananas are Fairtrade (which means the farmers get paid fairly for the fruit they export). We looked at how chocolate is made (with some tasting included) and we went and looked at the fish counter and saw all the different kinds of fish that are available.

We ended our tour with another tasting session. This time it was fish. We tried salmon, smoked mackerel and anchovies. All of the children tried the samples, the favourite being salmon. The day was even more special because as part of the Farm to Fork trial we were the 4000th children to go around the store. All of the children enjoyed the trip and got to take home a goody bag.

Mrs Eves reporting





BEST FOOT FORWARD

How well do you know your way around Colchester? Do you know the best short cuts to walk and cycle, avoiding the busy roads. Do you know where to go for fun walks on the way home from school? Emily Harrup and Pam Nelson (pictured left) do. And they told the school council all about their project to encourage us to get out more and explore our local area. Look out for the parent survey coming soon. The school council will be working on a few ideas too. DO you know what a *Play Walk* is? It sounds like great fun and they will be trialled after school from North soon. Summer holiday ideas include *The Cake Escape* - cycle to certain cafes and get free cakes - what's not to like! If you want to find out more have a look at www.livingstreets.org.uk and www.bigshift.sustrans.org.uk

Penny Race

Not long now to find out who will win the most keenly contested trophy at North. Can Mrs. Spalding hold on to the winner's shield? Get looking down the side of your sofas, rifle through those drawers. What is under the seats in your car? Make your pockets lighter - bring in your loose change. Fill up those jars. Find a penny, pick it up, all day long you'll have good luck.

MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE OF THE **MEET THE TEACHER** MEETINGS - A GREAT CHANCE TO MEET YOUR CHILD(REN)'S NEXT TEACHERS AND FIND OUT HOW TO GET THEM READY FOR THEIR NEXT CLASSES.

DATES FOR TERM

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	
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
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	