

NEWSLINE

North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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“Every morning I wake up and think to myself, ‘today I am going to dance!’”

And that is exactly what Katie O’Sullivan, pictured right from SOS Dance, got the whole school doing in assembly on the 16th. First she told the children how she got involved in dance. She started with ballet when she was 4 years old., moved on to other dance styles as she got older and started helping teach from the age of 14. She is now a full time teacher, teaching a range of styles including *Street*. She told the children that dance is a fantastic way to get fit and stay fit. She then got all of Year 1-6 on their feet, as well as the staff for five minutes of Jamaican Dance.

The Year 5 and 6 classes then had 25 minute taster sessions with Katie. A big thank you to Arina who invited Katie to the school.



An Expert View of Brazil

On Thursday 12th May Years 3 and 4 had their knowledge of our Brazil topic boosted by the personal experiences of Dr Adrian Locke (pictured below). Adrian has lived and worked in Brazil at various times in his life from the age of 18 months and has worked across South America in his role as Curator for the Royal Academy of Arts. He shared his experiences of Brazil’s rich and diverse cultural heritage in a fascinating presentation. The children showed great curiosity and had lots of questions on everything from the Rio Carnival, to Pelé. However, they also impressed him (as well as their teachers) with their ability to answer his questions, showing off just a fraction of what they have learnt so far.

He commented, “I was incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm and knowledge demonstrated by the children who's engagement with Brazil was a real pleasure to experience.”

With the Rio Olympics to look forward to this summer, this is proving to be a truly inspiring topic!

Mr. O’Loughlin reporting



“The only person you should be better than is the person you were yesterday.”

Another Monday, another great message brought to us by special guest Leah Scott, a dance teacher at the Institute who also runs her own business called Theatricool. She got the school fizzing with energy on the 23rd. She led an assembly teaching the children the benefits of dance. She told them what skills dance needs and how it can help us do other things. She had some willing helpers: Stephen and Hazem (below) demonstrated amazing energy levels and the children pictured above (Ayaan, Isabella, Molly, Arturs and Jessica) showed off their multi tasking skills. It was a fantastic assembly. Afterwards Year 5 and Year 3 enjoyed workshops with Leah. A big thank you to Lexi who invited Leah to the school.





Many thanks to you all for all your pennies. The children had great fun laying them out and the NSA judges have measured every line. The pennies need to be counted and banked and the Penny Race Shield will be presented later in the term.



CATFISH IMPRESS AT TALENT SHOW FINAL

Fresh from victory in the *North's Got Talent* Final. Rockband Catfish headed to Montgomery Infants ready to put on a good show at the Colchester School's Consortium Talent Show final. A wide variety of acts from the 14 schools made the judges' jobs very tricky. The skill and originality of our musicians was commended by the judges, doing a great job of showcasing the strength of music teaching across our school. The band members (from left to right: Taylor, Ivan, Lucy, Manni, Hari and Ellayna, pictured relaxing during rehearsals) said they were happy with their performance as it was even better than in our final. They were pipped to the post by two dancers from Heathlands.

DATES FOR TERM

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	