

NEWSLINE

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

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The Sponsored Readathon Draws to a Close

According to Lola, Taabish, Sofie and Oleysa (pictured), it has been a very successful event. The readathon has encouraged children to improve their reading habits. Sofie has been reading to even more people. "I have read to my mum, my dad, my gran and my granddad and my mum even videoed it!" Taabish has tried out different books, reading plays by William Shakespeare like *The Tempest* and *Hamlet*. Oleysa says, "she does loads of reading to get better at it." The children don't just read books, they talk about them too. "Just the other day, Jenna and I were chatting about our books in the playground," said Lola. "Jenna had brought in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* and *Geek Girl*. We think they are really good and think that other people would like them too," she continued. The children have been pleased to get sponsorship. And they know that what they collect will go to support **Free For All**. The Readathon was just one of many activities that the children enjoyed during Book Week. Oleysa was very pleased with her purchase at the Book Fair - *The Secret Life of Pets*. All the children loved the Family Afternoon and Lola said she would like more of these because they help older and younger children to bond. And the children are all agreed that they will carry on reading even though the Readathon is over because they love books and they love reading.

Good luck everybody collecting your sponsor money.



Year 4 Football Special

On Thursday 20th October two Year 4 football teams competed in a tournament at St Helena School. After a shaky start, with both teams failing to trouble the scorers in their opening games, the North teams found their rhythm. Both teams battled hard, with exceptional performances from Thomas, producing clearance after clearance in defence, Joe, solid in goal, and two goals apiece for Kai T and Derek.

However, it was the performance of Captain fantastic, Kai L-N, that changed the fortune for one team. His six goals in the next two games set up a dramatic final winner-takes-all game in which his team needed to beat Heathlands. In a tense match, the scores were tied at one apiece going into the final minute. Then Kai stepped up again to score his second of the game (and eighth of the tournament) to seal a dramatic win for North!

Mr O'Loughlin reporting

HARVEST APPEAL

raised the fantastic sum of £738.96 Chris Cuff from WaterAid was delighted when he found

out. "That is a tremendous achievement. On behalf of WaterAid, congratulations to all concerned." Hear, Hear! Thank you all.





Join the Free for All team in the Colchester Half Marathon - Sunday 12th March 2017

Thank you to our first keen runners who have signed up to join our team for the 2017 Half Marathon. As in previous years, runners will be asked to raise sponsorship for Free for All and runners of all abilities are welcome. If you are looking for an incentive to start running, training for an event or are an experienced runner we'd love you to join the team. All sponsorship raised will enable the Free for All campaign to continue funding trips and activities for children at North.

If you are interested speak to a member of the team, or speak to Mrs Sancassani in the school office on 01206 574225 or email freeforall@north.essex.sch.uk to find out more and sign up for the team.

Reception 2017 Open Evening Thursday 1st December at 6.00pm or 8.00pm

If you are applying for a child to start Reception in September 2017, please come along to our special Open Evening. As well as meeting Mr Garnett, you will be able to meet the Foundation Stage Leader who will present a film made by the current Reception children. The school special needs co-ordinator will be available to answer questions too. Please note, the evening will be for parents and carers only and you are asked to arrive promptly for your choice of session. Parking will be available in the lower playground, accessed via Victoria Chase.

Please contact the school office to book a place on one of the two time slots.

Open Lessons, Stay and Learn

Tuesday 8th November	Year 1	9.10am
Tuesday 8th November	Reception - Squirrels	9.10am
Wednesday 9th November	Year 6	2.00pm
Wednesday 9th November	Reception - Badgers	9.10am
Thursday 10th November	Year 2	9.10am
Friday 11th November	Reception - Hedgehogs	9.10am
Tuesday 15th November	Year 3	9.10am
Wednesday 16th November	Year 5	2.00pm
Thursday 17th November	Year 4	9.10am

DATES FOR TERM

Friday 18th November	NSA Bingo Night	6.00pm
Thursday 24th November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Thursday 1st December	Year 3 Christmas Play	Afternoon
Thursday 1st December	Parents Meeting for September 2017 starters	6.00pm and 8.00pm
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Bazaar	6.00pm
Tuesday 6th December	Year 4 Christmas Play	Afternoon
Friday 9th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play	Morning and afternoon
Tuesday 13th December	Reception Christmas Play	
Tuesday 20th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert	
Wednesday 21st December	Last day of term	
Thurs 5th January 2017	First day of Spring Term	
Thursday 9th February	Last day of half term	
Mon 20th February	Return to school	
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring Term	
Tuesday 18th April	First day of Summer Term	