

NEWSLINE

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

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*I am independent
but I can get on
with all sorts of
people.*



Good Citizen Olivier

The school received an email on the 15th. It was lovely. Here it is -
Dear Mr Garnett,

I would like to write to say how absolutely astounded I was last week when I met Olivier from 4N. What a lovely young man. I was in the park with my minded children and we couldn't go on the roundabout as it was wet. Olivier came over and informed us he had 3 packets of tissues in his bag and he thought he would be able to dry the roundabout easily. I reassured him not to waste his tissues but he did it - talking to my young children as he did so - involving them and agreeing to push them around once he had dried it.

He was wearing his school uniform and so I asked for his name and he went on to tell me all about how much he enjoyed his class 4N and enjoyed school in general.

The children were delighted with Olivier and I was so pleased they had experienced a 'bigger boy' being so friendly and kind.

What a nice young man, and a credit to your school.

Please can you pass on my thanks to him once again.

Thank you,

Kindest Regards....

Well done Olivier, your act of kindness was greatly appreciated. You were a perfect ambassador for the school. Thank you.

Busy Sporting Week

On Monday 14th November North's **Netball team** had their first match against Heathlands. A number of the team had not played a full game of netball before so it was a steep learning curve. At the beginning of the game there was some anxiety but as the game went on they all improved their level of skill and gained in confidence. Heathlands went away with a 4-0 win, however we learned a great deal in that game. There are lots of positives to take away from the match and as Lexi said, "There are things that we can work on in practise ready for the next match". [Mrs. Eves reporting]

On Tuesday 15th November a group of 10 year 5s and 2 Year 4s went to Bishop William Ward for a **friendly football** round robin training fixture. The weather was not very kind to us but it didn't dampen our spirits. Both teams played 3 matches with Mrs Skinner's class winning all 3 and Miss Brookers class winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 1 (against their rival class)! Our top scorers were Jazil from 5B and Erin from 5S. A special mention must go to Damian and Joe who both had an excellent stint in goal making some spectacular saves, therefore keeping the score lines down. Very well done to all the teams. Thanks to Mr Williams for running a coaching session for the players and for refereeing the matches. We are hoping to invite BWW back in the Spring term. [Mrs. Eves reporting]

The **Year 6 footballers** league campaign started against Heathlands on the 17th, playing at St. Helena's Playfootball Zone. North battled valiantly, never giving up, but the superior skill and teamwork of the opposition was relentless. Ivaylo, in goal, was worked constantly, making a string of fine saves. Despite the players' best efforts the final score was 9-1 with Freddie scoring a consolation goal.

Time Travellers

On Tuesday 15th November KS1 walked to the Town Hall to take part in a Time Travellers guide to Colchester.

We were met by Valina who took us into the hall and talked to us about historical sources. This linked nicely with our history work on the Great Fire of London.

Then we looked at two pictures of Colchester town centre, one from now and one from 100 years ago. We used magnifying glasses to help us spot what was the same and what was different about the pictures.

Next we explored all of the history resources that were set out in the hall. These included maps of Colchester, photographs and recordings. The children were fascinated and disappointed they could not stay longer.

This exhibition is open to the public so why not go along and find out more the history and geography of the town you live in.

Mrs Catchpole reporting

The NSA are busy organising the Christmas Bazaar - Friday 2nd December. The NSA would love more help to set up the stalls on the Friday afternoon during school time and running stalls too.

If you can help please email the school office or contact the NSA directly through their Facebook page. They will also have a stall at the Parents Evening on the 24th November.

Parent Consultations 24th November

Have you returned your reply slip to book an appointment with your child's class teacher? During the evening there will be a Governors' Stall situated in the Junior Hall. Governors will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about their role and/or regarding any aspects of school life.

Non-Uniform Day Friday 25th November

In return for coming into school in your favourite clothes, the NSA ask children to bring in a gift that may be used in the Secret Santa room at the bazaar. To get an even spread of gifts we ask that children donate for the list below:

- Reception and Year 4: Gifts for her
- Years 2 and 6: Gifts for him
- Years 1, 3 and 5: Bottles and jars

Thank you

Christmas Lunch Order Forms

have been sent home this week. Please return forms to book meals:
Key Stage 1 by 21st November
Key Stage 2 by 25th November

Finding out about children's anxiety ...

Families at North are being asked to help with a major piece of research by the University of Reading aimed at making things better for children with anxiety.

Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are this week bringing home a leaflet and survey information. Do hunt in book bags if you haven't seen it yet!

The University is hoping that as many families as possible will return the forms, including those with children who are confident, those who are anxious, and those in between. It should only take 10 minutes and you can complete it online if you prefer: (<https://reading.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/n-cat> parent questionnaires.)

Please return your reply in the brown envelope provided to your child's class teacher or the school office by Friday 25 November.

If your answers suggest that your child may be experiencing difficulties with anxiety, you will be contacted directly to offer a more detailed assessment.

The research will help to develop tools for teachers to use to help them to decide if a child may need help to overcome problems with anxiety. Your help will make a real difference!

Mrs Jasper

DATES FOR TERM

Friday 18th November	NSA Bingo Night	6.00pm
Thursday 24th November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Friday 25th November	Non-Uniform day in aid of Christmas Bazaar	
Thursday 1st December	Year 3 Christmas Play	2.00pm
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	2.00pm
Friday 9th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play	9.30am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 13th December	Reception Christmas Play	9.30am
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	