

# NEWSLINE



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A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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## Year 2 Gymnastics Festival



Children from Miss Jacobs' class showing great control and enjoyment



Point those toes and hold - now smile for the camera!



Both Year 2 classes enjoyed a visit to St Helena during the week before half term to take part in a gymnastics festival. The festival which had a 'Lion King' theme gave the children the opportunity to meet with children from other local schools and to experience a range of gymnastic activities. After a warm up the children worked with a partner to perfect different gymnastic balances, practised walking and jumping from a bench and then performed their specially prepared routines to each other.

The event was organised by Mrs Taylor, PE teacher from St Helena, who has been coming into school to teach the children their routine every Thursday since Christmas. The children all did brilliantly and Mrs Taylor has offered to come into school so that they can perform their routines for their parents to watch. Look out for details on the Year 2 weekly newsletter.

**Miss Jacobs reporting**

## Key Stage 1 visit Go Outdoors

On Wednesday Key Stage 1 designers visited Go Outdoors to gather information for their next design project.

Our design brief is to make a shelter suitable for an expedition to the Polar regions. In class we observed and compared pictures of tents and thought about their different shapes and features. Then we were ready to look at the real thing.

We looked at lots of different tents, thinking about what they were made of and how they stay up. We sketched and recorded information. Now we are ready to begin to design our own shelters.

**Mrs Spalding reporting**





# Countdown to Half Marathon

## Sunday 12th March



We are just over 2 weeks away from the half marathon and our runners have been braving the cold weather to train hard to complete the course.

This year the Colchester Half Marathon organisers will be donating all proceeds from the main event to The Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust, a charity which receives only limited funding and relies heavily on donations. We wish them all a great event and success in their fundraising.

Our involvement in this community event has been a major part of the success of the Free for All campaign and North are hugely grateful that we have been allowed to enter a team for the 4th year running, to raise sponsorship which benefits all the children at our school. Our heartfelt thanks go to the organisers and to all our runners and marshals who make our involvement possible.

Everyone will know someone who is running or volunteering on the 12th – staff members, friends, colleagues or a parent of a child in the same class. Please support them by sponsoring the team, cheering them on at the race and helping us make this a record-breaking event! Good luck to everyone.



Check out our runners' stories and sponsor our team now on <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/freeforall2017/405841>

### Football Team's Satnav Fail on Road to Wembley

On a bitterly cold afternoon with the wind whipping in off the North Sea, our football team travelled to Clacton to take part in the first stage of a 6-a-side competition with the ultimate prize being playing for Chelsea in a Premier league final. Even the players who don't support Chelsea were excited. Embarrassment was narrowly averted after Mr. Garnett's satnav led him down a dead end in an industrial estate. A jolly postman put him right and all the players arrived in good time. Fittingly for a seaside venue the pitch was sand based astroturf which was a very fast and slippery surface which, combined with the wind, made football hard. Nevertheless the team won their first match against a side from Ipswich. Sadly, despite some good performances, draws and defeats followed with the players learning the tough lesson that quality play needs to be matched by quality finishing.

### Missing Clothing

Has your child got their own clothes? From time to time clothes get mixed up and get worn home by mistake. Could you please check that your child's uniform and coats and shoes do not have somebody else's name in. Please return anything to the school office that has been brought home by mistake.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested please collect a nomination form from the school office. Nominations close Friday 10th March. If there is more than one nomination received there will be an election.

### DATES FOR TERM

Friday 3rd March	NSA QUIZ Night	7.00pm
Sunday 12th March	Colchester Half Marathon	
<b>Tuesday March 21st</b>	<b>Open Afternoon</b>	
<b>Friday 24th March</b>	<b>NSA Spring Fair</b>	
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring Term - <b>EASTER PARADE</b>	
Tuesday 18th April	First day of Summer Term	
Friday 26th May	Last day of half term	
<b>Tuesday 6th June</b>	Return to school	
Friday 21st July	End of school year	
Monday 4th September	Year 6 go to Weymouth	
Wednesday 6th September	Autumn Term begins	