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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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School Council visit Town Hall for the Commonwealth Day Celebrations

On Monday 13th March 2017, the School Council visited the Town Hall for the annual Commonwealth Day celebration event, hosted by the Mayor of Colchester, Cllr Julie Young.

After enjoying a choice of muesli, toast, pineapple chunks and orange juice, provided free by the Colchester Fair Trade Town Steering Group, the children assembled at the front of the Town Hall to help the Mayor and the High Steward of Colchester, Bob Russell, read the Commonwealth Affirmation:

‘Our pledge is to support the Commonwealth, working together for a future in which there is freedom and justice and prosperity for all, with peace and understanding between peoples and nations.’

The children all made passports, with materials provided by Colchester Toy Library, and visited lots of stalls showcasing products made in some of the 54 countries in the Commonwealth.

The mayor also showed the children around the council chambers, and they had an opportunity to stand on the balcony and see the town from above. An exciting morning was had by all.

Mr Johns reporting



Everyday Superheroes Visit Foundation

This week in Reception we have been learning about everyday superheroes (people who help us). Last Friday Special Constable Stewart came in to talk to the children about being a police officer. He brought in lots of equipment to share with the children. The children had lots of fun trying on the clothes and helmets and also enjoyed printing their fingerprints. On Wednesday Jan Blackwell, our Chair of Governors and dentist (picture left), visited the children to talk about her job. The children learnt the importance of brushing their teeth and how to brush them correctly. They loved looking at the model teeth and really enjoyed brushing Mr Croc's teeth!

Miss Sutenwood reporting

Open Afternoon Tuesday 21st March Y1 - 6

2.00 - 3.00pm

Dear Parent/Carer

We do hope you are looking forward to the Open Afternoon on Tuesday 21st March. Please note this will now be from 2.00 to 3.00pm.

The afternoon will be a cross between an Open Lesson and an Open Evening.

The children will be engaged in lessons but these will be designed so that you will be able to help them with their activity but also look at their work in their books and the work on display.

You will be free to visit all classrooms but your children will remain in class.

Parking will be available in the lower playground.

Reception Classes have Stay and Learn sessions - check Tapestry for details.

A programme will be set home on Monday outlining what each class will be doing.



All the classes in Key Stages 1 and 2 have benefitted from free class trips this week, just part of the unique way that opportunities are funded at North, through Free for All. Sponsorship for our runners on My Donate so far is over £1,600 (including gift aid) and sponsorship forms are still to come in. We will announce the grand total and say a big thank you to all our runners at the end of term. There's still time to donate and help us to raise funds for all the children. Visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/freeforall2017/405841>

Netball v Friar's Grove

On Monday the year 5 and 6 Netball team were in action against Friar's Grove Primary School. It was a lovely afternoon and everyone felt very upbeat about the match. In the first quarter we went ahead by 1 goal, which they pulled back in the second quarter. The next quarter was a draw with some great defence from both teams. In the final quarter we edged in front again and eventually they drew level. We were nearing the finishing posts with only seconds to spare when they scored a final goal to win the game. It was a great display from both teams who were very evenly matched, so much so that we are hoping to play a friendly against them after Easter. Well done to all the team, an excellent effort from all.

Year 3 and 4 Cross country Relay Competition

On Tuesday a team of 6 year 3 and 6 year 4 (pictured) walked to Hilly Fields to compete in a cross country relay event organised by Rachel Taylor at St Helena School. They each had to take it in turns to run a 600m lap of the field and then hand a baton over to the next person. All of the children ran with enthusiasm and showed determination to complete the course. Our year 3 boys, Owen, Abdallah and Rhys came second overall with some fantastic running. Our year 4 girls, Lily, Talia and Niamh, lead all the way up until the final straight when we were overtaken on the line. It was an exciting race to watch. Well done to all the children who took part, it was a real pleasure to see them compete. Thanks must also go to the parents who helped walk the children to the event, it is very much appreciated.

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The wonderful thing about sport is its unpredictability. This season the football results have not always been a fair reflection of the players' effort or performance. That can be true in victory as well as defeat. Against Monkwick on the 9th, the game stats would have shown a very even match with perhaps Monkwick having more shots on target but on this occasion North took their chances and ran out comfortable winners. Every North player made a contribution in a great team performance. Special mentions for Freddie for making a clutch of great saves; Ivaylo, making his defensive debut and reading the game intelligently and captain Louis who scored four goals. Magnificent.



DATES FOR TERM

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| Tuesday March 21st | Open Afternoon Reception children will have separate stay and learn sessions | 2.00 to 3.00pm |
| Friday 24th March | NSA Spring Fair | |
| Friday 31st March | Last day of Spring Term - EASTER PARADE | |
| Tuesday 18th April | First day of Summer Term | |
| Friday 26th May | Last day of half term | |
| Tuesday 6th June | Return to school | |
| Friday 21st July | End of school year | |
| Monday 4th September | Year 6 go to Weymouth | |
| Wednesday 6th September | Autumn Term begins | |