

NEWSLINE



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

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Year 3 and 4 Field Trips

On Monday the 12th June and Tuesday 13th June, Years 3 and 4 visited Cudmore Grove, in West Mersea, and Walton-on-the-Naze as part of our Geography topic on Coasts.

At Cudmore Grove, we walked down to the beach where we sketched the landscape, looking closely at what we could see. Whilst we were at the beach, we walked further along the coast in order to see the cliffs and look at how they have eroded over time. After that, we explored the beach areas and looked closely at the different shells, stones and seaweed we could find. The children really enjoyed this part and wanted to take half of the beach back to class with us! Zara said, "At Cudmore Grove I really liked finding all the oysters and crabs along the shore."

The next day, we had rested and were ready to visit Walton. Once we had arrived, we visited the pier and sketched some rides as we will be using these to inspire us during our DT week. We walked a little way along the pier and sketched the view of Walton from a distance. Amelie said, "I enjoyed sketching the rides along the pier."

In the afternoon, we explored the beach, and made comparisons to the beach at Cudmore Grove. We made sandcastles, played near the water and enjoyed the glorious weather. Summer said, "I loved making Zara into a mermaid, using sand and a few shells that we found."

The two days at the coast were a great success, the children were extremely well behaved and we look forward to using our field work in our Geography lessons.

Miss Stevens reporting

Robotics Challenge

On Thursday 15th June Hari and Arturs (pictured right) from year 6 went to Home Farm Primary to take part in a Consortium Schools' Robotics Challenge. They went armed with a vehicle they had to construct out of Lego with a hub and motor attached.

The competition was in four parts: to code, using Scratch, the vehicle to travel a metre and stop; to control the car as it travelled over rough terrain; complete a maze puzzle (timed and as a race); travel 3 metres as fast as possible (timed race).

This was our first time in the competition so we did not know what to expect. They had built a car that looked like a monster truck! Hari had brought in a bag full of wheels from home to test his theories. It worked really well on the rough terrain and they gained maximum points. But when it came to the race at the end and we were beaten by the smaller, lighter models.

I was very proud of Hari and Arturs. The boys had not had long to design, build and code their car. North came third overall and the boys collaborated well together and with the children from the other three schools. They both agreed they had had a great time and enjoyed the experience..

Mrs. Walker reporting





Friday the 23rd of June is non-uniform day. In exchange, we ask that children bring in a small token that may be used at the **Summer Fete**. To ensure that we get an even spread of gifts we ask that children donate from the list below.

KS1: Sweets/Chocolates

KS2: Jars/ Bottles. eg. candle in a Jar, bubble bath, coin counting jar, bath salt in a jar, wine, Jam, chutney, cake mix in a jar, cheese, cookies in a jar, sports bottle, shampoo.

Please bring the gifts with you on non-uniform day the 23rd of June. Thank you

At the NSA we are always grateful for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fete on the 30th of June.

Meet the Teacher - Parents Meetings

Mon 10th July	New Parents - Sept starters	9.10am
Tues 11th July	Current Year 3	2.30pm
Tues 11th July	Current Reception	2.30pm
Weds 12th July	Current Year 5	2.30pm
Weds 12th July	Current Year 4	9.10am
Thurs 13th July	Current Year 1	2.30pm
Thurs 13th July	Current Year 2	9.10am

Nursery Open Afternoon Wednesday 21st June 1.30 - 3.00pm

Parents looking for a nursery for their younger children are invited to drop into our Open Afternoon to

- * Visit the Nursery, meet the nursery staff and headteacher
- * Find out about nursery education at North - led by qualified teachers and early years support staff and our future plans to extend sessions for parents who are eligible for 30 hours provision
- * Complete registration and enrolment for Autumn Term
- * Enjoy a Stay and Play session - parents and children can sample some of the nursery activities we offer
- * Find out how to prepare your child for their big adventure of starting nursery in the autumn!

Applications are being taken for places in our nursery starting September 2017 for children who are 3 years old before 31st August 2017. To register your child please complete a nursery application form (available from the school office).



TERM DATES

Wednesday 21st June	Nursery Sporty Morning	
Tuesday 27th June	KS1 Afternoon of Sports	
Wednesday 28th June	Reception Sporty Morning	
Thursday 29th June	KS2 Afternoon of Sport	
Friday 30th June	NSA SUMMER FETE	6.00pm
Tuesday 4th July	KS1 Play - Around the World	Evening performance
Wednesday 5th July	KS1 Play - Around the World	Morning performance
Wednesday 5th July	Year 4 IfA concert for parents	2.15pm
Friday 7th July	KS2 special event!	
Thursday 13th July	Music Evening Concert	7.00pm
Friday 14th July	OPEN EVENING	6.00pm
Tuesday 18th July	Year 6 Production	7.00pm
Wednesday 19th July	Year 3 IfA concerts for parents	2.30pm
Thursday 20th July	Year 5 IfA Battle of the Bands for parents	2.00pm
Friday 21st July	End of school year	
Monday 4th September	Year 6 go to Weymouth	
Wednesday 6th September	Autumn Term begins	

Reminder - please return orders for class photos by the deadline of Friday 23rd June. Thank you