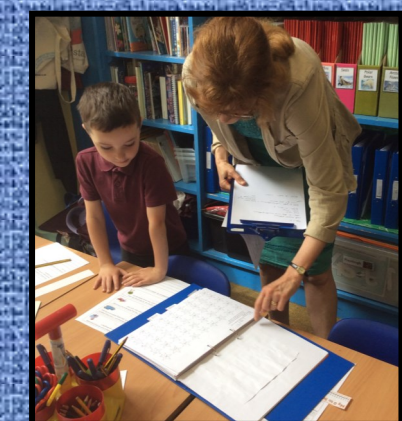
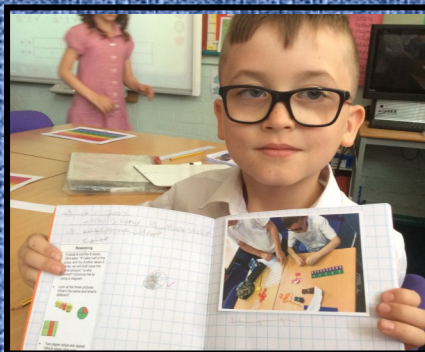


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SAW TOUR - Governors Very Impressed

"How do your maths challenges work?"

"How does teachers' written feedback help you?"

These were just two of the key questions that four of our governors were asking our budding mathematicians when they visited the class rooms on the morning of Friday 16th for a School At Work (SAW) Tour. Mrs Blackwell, Mrs. Cook (pictured with Harry in Year 1), Miss Perkins and Mrs Javaid (pictured with Year 6) found the children polite and enthusiastic as always, keen to talk about their maths and to tell the governors how much they enjoyed this subject.

In the Foundation classes Governors found, "there is a strong emphasis on using practical teaching to give children a deep understanding of what they are learning," and that our youngest pupils, "were extremely articulate and able to explain their work."

In Year 1 and 2 Governors found children "were keen to show their maths folders, and explain the marking system in place which they liked and fully understood. They seemed happy with the purple polishing pen which gave them the opportunity to improve their work. Some children had feedback sessions which helped them to understand if they had gone wrong, and they all knew where to go or look if they needed help. Teachers moved the lessons smoothly on, whilst ensuring the less able were not left behind."

In Year 3 and 4 Governors found, "the children spoke knowledgeably about the marking system commenting that pink is good and that they've got it all right, with 'Green means you need to have another look at it to make it better.' It seems a great way to provide feedback to children, with them responding positively to it. Governors also "really liked the idea of the 'Tweet the teacher' system – a chance to give positive (or constructive) feedback to the teacher about their lesson/homework/challenges.

Year 5 and 6 told the governors about how confident they were about their Maths skills and most enjoyed doing Maths. "Some pupils might need some extra help with their maths work, if that is the case they have a weekly LSA session. They are explained the work and pupils found it quite helpful. Once they know then they are given a few weeks and then tested in their work again to know where their understanding is."

Owen (pictured holding up his new maths book) is new to North having started only two weeks ago. He says he is really liking it at North and he is enjoying the maths even though it is harder here than at his old school. I don't get every question right but I am doing well." Which is how it should be. If Owen got every answer correct then his teacher would not know what his limits are or how good his learning characteristics are when he does get stuck. The teachers try to get the balance right between building confidence and fluency and presenting work that requires deeper thinking and application.

Another Goodbye and A Hello and Welcome

Mrs. Jasper is leaving North at the end of this term. She has been the school Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator since 2013. During her time with us she has worked tirelessly to help children with complex or additional needs succeed in school. She leaves us to begin a new phase in her life and will experiment with retirement. She is pictured with Mrs. Zoltan, who will be the new SENCo from September. Mrs. Zoltan is a highly experienced SENCO. She will be visiting the school over the next few weeks to prepare for her new role at North.

If you would like to make a contribution towards a leaving gift for Mrs. Jasper please hand your donation in to the school office. Thank you.





Sounds of Essex Youth Music Festival

A free family event at Castle Park Saturday 1st July 10am to 7pm. Some of our Year 6's will be performing at 1pm - please go along and support them!

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

Year 5 Sports Afternoon at St. Helena's

On Wednesday 21st both Year 5 classes visited St Helena for a Sports Festival. There were six other teams to play against from three different schools. The children were put into teams for four different sports: handball, football, netball and athletics and we only had one practise in our teams last Monday! It was a hot afternoon but everyone put in their best effort and worked fantastically as a team, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. Miss Brooker's class came 3rd overall in the netball tournament, narrowly beaten by Mrs Skinner's class who finished a commendable 2nd place. Mathilde from 5B and Tolleen from 5S battled it out in several events within athletics to come joint 2nd. The football teams tried incredibly hard playing against some strong teams. A special mention to 5S team captain Erin who demonstrated great leadership skills, helping her team reach 3rd place. As well as Taabish from 5B who improved in confidence to save many goals. The handball teams may not have won many games but should be proud of themselves for their super efforts playing a sport that was new to them. Mrs Skinner and Miss Brooker were very proud of all of the children for their attitude – well done Year 5!

Miss Brooker reporting



TERM DATES

Tuesday 27th June	KS1 Afternoon of Sports	2.00pm
Wednesday 28th June	Reception Sporty Morning	9.15am
Thursday 29th June	KS2 Afternoon of Sport	2.00pm
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	