

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Issue 1

Are We Ready for Ofsted?

On the 4th May the local authority conducted a review of the school. The team of three—two Standards and Excellence Commissioners and one headteacher—had the task of judging whether the school was ready for Ofsted and what judgement we are likely to get. They saw paperwork and data reports in advance and spent the day watching lessons, looking in books, talking to pupils, interviewing school leaders and governors. At the end of a busy day they shared their headlines and a full report will be received in the next few weeks.

Here are some of those headlines.

- ◇ Teaching across the school is good, some very good.
- ◇ Consistency within year groups is strong.
- ◇ Relationships between staff and pupils is very good.
- ◇ Additional adults are very effective.
- ◇ Children's books are very good.
- ◇ Learning environments are very good.
- ◇ The children are "delightful, polite and articulate".
- ◇ Leadership is good, knowing the strengths and weaknesses of the school.
- ◇ The curriculum is a strong feature of the school – "a step above other schools".
- ◇ Writing standards are good, with good evidence of this across all subjects.

Two of the LA Team visited the school for the first time. The third, Kerrie McGrory, has worked with the school for many years now. This worked very well. The two new *pairs of eyes* were full of praise for standards and Kerrie could put that in the context of continuous improvement since 2012, which is the last time Ofsted visited the school. We are expecting them any minute! The school will receive a phone call the day before. Under this system it is harder for inspectors to get parents' views of the school. They ask that parents go on to the Ofsted website and complete a short questionnaire. This can be done at any time at this address: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Why not go on now.

So, the LA team view is that North Primary School and Nursery is good and has got even better since 2012 and advise us to look forward to Ofsted's visit ready to sell our success stories with confidence. Well done to the staff and children. It is always nice to have hard work and achievement recognised and appreciated.

Team Leader Stephen Mellors talking to Riya about her impressive dinosaur writing.



Writers Recognised

Congratulations to Asiya, Atarah, Jazil, Lexi and Ivan. They were all praised by St. Helena judges for their entries in the 500 word story competition. They were presented with certificates in assembly on the 3rd. Jazil was also presented with a trophy for coming second in his age group and Lexi was presented with a trophy because she was the winner in her age group. Ivan, received notification that his story was shortlisted in the Radio 2 competition from an entry of over 170 000 stories down to the best 5000. Fantastic achievements. Also, well done to all the children who took part in the competition. Hopefully you will have another go next year and this year's success will inspire more children to write at home and enter next year's competition too.



Wednesday 26th April saw the start of Miss Moroz's Science Club. It is an afterschool club that enables the children to experience Science through fun and exciting hands on experiments. The first lesson was well attended and the children were introduced to forensic science and learnt about solving a mystery by investigating fingerprinting techniques. In the last session the children extracted and examined DNA from strawberries and made an edible version of a DNA helix (see Lucas, pictured right).

Young Scientists



North's Got Talent 2017

The Year 6 School Councillors have spent the past week's lunch times running auditions for this year's final. They have taken their roles very seriously and have been scrupulously fair in arriving at a final of 11 acts. They have chosen musicians, dancers, singers, a comedy act and a magician. It has the makings of a great final. The judges would like to say, "Well done and thank you," to all the children who took part this year.

Getting on with the Neighbours

Some of our parents have been upsetting Seatrade again. Seatrade's car park is private property and should never be used to turn round in or park. If this message applies to you, please stop.

TERM DATES

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Monday 8th May	Year 6 SATs WEEK	
Monday 15th May	Year 2 assessment week	
Monday 15th May	Walk to School Week	
Monday 22nd May	SCIENCE WEEK	
Thursday 25th May	September starters' Parent Evening	6.00pm
Friday 26th May	PENNY RACE	
Friday 26th May	Last day of half term	
Tuesday 6th June	Return to school	
Thursday 8th June	Class Photos	
Friday 9th June	NSA Bingo Night	
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
Friday 7th July	KS2 special event!	
Friday 14th July	OPEN EVENING	6.00pm
Tuesday 18th July	Year 6 Production	7.00pm
Friday 21st July	End of school year	
Monday 4th September	Year 6 go to Weymouth	
Wednesday 6th September	Autumn Term begins	