

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Book Fair is Here - Don't Miss Out

The Junior Hall was busy after school on the 6th as children and parents got in quick to look at what was on sale.

The start of the day began with Reception children attending a big assembly for the first time. They behaved brilliantly and enjoyed clapping children who were proudly showing off their Animal Agent certificates and medals. They also saw Good Work Awards and Good Citizen Awards being presented and joined in the singing of Happy Birthday at the end.

The Book Fair is open at the end of the school day in the Junior Hall on Monday 9th to Thursday 12th.

Is North a Rights Respecting School?

This was the theme for the assembly on the 9th. The children were asked to think about the rights they have in school and were reminded of many of the rights contained in the UNESCO 52 Articles which are there to protect children in every country.

This fits in perfectly with our Visible Learning Programme. Article 28 and 29 state that every child has a right to an education and articles 12-14 describe how children's views and opinions should be heard. Central to Visible Learning is the principle that children learn best when they are able to tell teachers about their learning. In other words, feedback works both ways.

With rights come responsibilities and the importance of what we do as individuals was made very clear. The School Council have a big part to play in North being a Rights Respecting School. One of their jobs is to check that we respect these rights and so help the school achieve the Silver Award from UNESCO.

Our Harvest Appeal links to this work too. The articles also talk of helping children in other countries enjoy the same rights our children do. The UN says that helping children and their families escape danger and start a new life is the responsibility of every country in the world. By supporting Essex Integration this harvest we can help too. Our children can relate to this at their level by sharing what they know to be important in their life - books, games and toys.



Thank You NSA -

you continue to making a difference

The NSA Annual General Meeting gave us a chance to reflect on a very successful year. The Chair's Report captured the range of NSA's achievements through the year and the Treasurer's Report detailed just how supportive they have been in enriching the children's school experiences.

Did you know the NSA donated £9986 to enable a range of memorable class trips for all age groups? Also, the NSA continue to make a significant contribution to our Instrument For All programme. Letters we receive from parents make it clear how appreciative you are of what we are able to do -

"I think they have enjoyed opportunities they might never have had elsewhere."

"We would like to thank you for the fun and fantastic school trips our daughter has been on, Free For All helping keeping costs down and sometimes free. I hope Free For All will continue to thrive."

Staff, Governors and NSA hope so too but to be successful we need our whole school community to be actively involved. Look out for the NSA newsletter to find out ways you can help. See you at the school disco on the 13th.

Ask not what the NSA can do for you but what you can do for the NSA!



Join the Free for All team in the Colchester Half Marathon - Sunday 25th March 2018

For the fifth year, we will be entering a team of for runners for the Half Marathon. Staff who have signed up so far are Mr Armitage, Mrs Ames, Mrs Davies, Miss Moroz and Mrs Watson. If you would like to join our team and raise sponsorship for Free for All we would love to hear from you. This is a fantastic event which has raised over £14,500 for the school in total over the past 4 years. It would be great to see that total go even higher and make the fifth year the biggest and the best! All sponsorship raised will enable the Free for All campaign to continue funding trips and activities for children at North.

If you are interested speak to a member of the team, or speak to Mrs. Sancassani in the school office on 01206 574225 or email freeforall@north.essex.sch.uk to find out more and sign up for the team.

TERM DATES		
Friday 13th October	NSA Disco	5.30pm and 6.45pm
Friday 20th October	Last day of half term	
Monday 30th October	Return to school	
Thursday 2nd November	OPEN LESSONS - Year 4 Classes	2.00pm
Tuesday 7th November	Reception STAY AND LEARN	9.10am
Wednesday 8th November	Reception STAY AND LEARN	9.10am
Wednesday 8th November	OPEN LESSONS - Year 6 Classes	2pm
Thursday 9th November	OPEN LESSONS - Year 3 Classes	9.10am
	Reception STAY AND LEARN	9.10am
Monday 13th November	Individual and sibling Photos	All day
Tuesday 14th November	OPEN LESSONS – Year 5 Classes	2.00pm
Wednesday 15th November	OPEN LESSONS - Year 1 Classes + Mrs. Spalding’s Class	9.10am
Thursday 16th November	OPEN LESSONS - Miss Jacobs’ Class	9.10am
Friday 17th November	NSA Bingo	6.00pm
Tuesday 21st November	FLU VACCINE DAY	All day
Thursday 23rd November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Friday 24th November	Non-uniform day -	
Wednesday 29th November	Parents Meetings for September 2018 starters	6.00pm and 7.00pm
Wednesday 6th December	Reception Nativity	9.30am
Friday 8th December	KS1 Christmas Play	9.30am and 2.00pm
Friday 15th December	Year 3 Christmas Play	9.30am
Friday 15th December	Year 4 Christmas Play	2.00pm
Tuesday 19th December	Year5/6 Carol Concert	7.00pm
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term	
Wednesday 3rd January 2018	First day of Spring Term	

Go on a food adventure!

Special Menu Tuesday 17th October

World Food Week runs from 16th to 20th October. Our caterers, eats, will be putting on a special menu on Tuesday 17th October to encourage pupils to experience different tastes. The menu that day will be as follows:

**Spanish Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Rice
or Butternut Squash and Lentil Lasagne
with Mediterranean Focaccia Bread
and Seasonal Vegetables
Apple and Cinnamon sponge with Chocolate Sauce**