

NEWSLINE

North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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VEX IQ Robot Challenge Ringmaster Competition at St Helena

On Tuesday 9th the Robot Club members walked to St Helena to take part in the regional Vex Iq Challenge. Knowing we were going to be up against secondary schools we decided to have fun and do our best. Ira and Roberta had worked hard to produce a diary of the construction and development of our robot 'MART'. Amos and Halim used their coding skills to write the programs so the robot performed tasks by itself in the Programming Skills. Lastly, Toleen, Mainak, Mathilde and Benjamin, under pressure, coolly took charge of the remote controller guiding the robot in the Driving Skills challenge. After the morning session Mainak surprisingly announced we were in fourth place....unbelievable! It was later when we noticed the projector slightly off the screen and there was a line of ones on the back wall. We were in fourteenth place! During the afternoon the Teamwork Challenge got underway. North had to make alliances with other schools to gain as many combined points working together. The competition finished with a nail biting knockout round. We finished in a very creditable sixteenth position. Halim said, "I am impressed that we have done as well as we have," and Mainak said, "I've really enjoyed today and have learnt a lot about robotics." The school should be very proud of all the children. They were certainly not fazed being the only primary school in the competition. Well done!!

Take a look at the website below to get a better idea of the Ringmaster competition. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7suUU57fsU>

Mrs Walker reporting



Local Author visits Key Stage 1

On Monday 8th January children in KS1 had a visit from local author Josie Dom. Josie shared her book 'Lum' with the children. The story of 'Lum' explores the themes of bullying and friendship.

The children had the opportunity to ask Josie questions about her book and about being an author. Sonny wanted to know 'When did you start being an author?' Leo asked 'Is it fun being an author?' and Jasper asked 'What is your favourite thing about being an author?'

Asiya told Josie that she is an author as she has written a story for a competition.

Miss Jacobs reporting



A Special Treat for Year 5's

"Who is the fairest of them all?" "He's behind you!" Year 5 joined in with great enthusiasm last Friday when we attended the pantomime at the Mercury Theatre. Yasmine said "I thought it was really creative and amazing." Aman said "This was the first pantomime that I have ever seen and I thought it was really fun. The children behaved brilliantly throughout the performance and they were all fantastic ambassadors for North School. A shout out to Carli Norris (parent of Betsy and Lola) for organising the tickets. It was a great end to our first full week back at school.

Mrs Skinner reporting

Menu changes week commencing 22nd January

Please note that on Monday 22nd January, the menu will be Chicken Korma and Rice (instead of Chicken and Ham Pasta).

Theme School Dinner Day Winnie the Pooh Day Tuesday 23rd January

Winnie's Honey Baked Sausages
Or Tigger's Veggie Toad-in-the Hole

with Diced Roast Potatoes & Gopher Gravy
and Piglets Peas & Christopher Robin's Carrots

Kanga Roo's Hot Chocolate Pudding and Ice Cream or
Fresh Fruit Salad

Parent Governor Vacancy

Letters were sent out last week informing parents that we have vacancies for Parent Governors. If you are interested in finding out more about what the role of governor involves or would like to collect a nomination please speak to the staff in the office. The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 24th January.

Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

On Friday our Year 5 and 6 football team travelled to Clacton to play in the Premier League Schools Football Tournament. The team performed well showing great skills both in attack and defence. They lost two games, drew one and won one so ended the day 3rd out of 5 teams. Our top goal scorer was Tolu, the Ledge, who scored 3 goals. Well done to all the team for their dedication and commitment and thanks to Mr Williams for managing the team and Mr Addley for supporting.

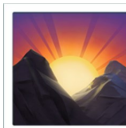
Mrs Eves reporting



Friday 26th January	NSA Disco
Friday 9th February	Last day of Half Term
Monday 19th February	Return to School
Friday 9th March	NSA Craft Fair
Sunday 25th March	Colchester Half Marathon
Tuesday 27th March	Y1-6 Open Afternoon
Thursday 29th March	Easter Parade and last day of term
Tuesday 17th April	First day of Summer Term
Friday 11th May	NSA Bingo Night
Friday 25th May	Penny Race and last day of Half Term
Tuesday 5th June	Return to school
Friday 29th June	NSA Summer Fete
Friday 20th July	End of Term
Monday 3rd September	Year 6 Weymouth Residential

New Date for Your Diary

Please note. Open Afternoon for Reception Classes will be on 3 afternoons - details will appear on Tapestry.



Sunset Club

Early Session 3.15pm – 4.30pm £5
Late Session 4.30pm – 5.45pm £5
Full Session 3.15pm – 5.45pm £10

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to start Sunset Club. The club will start week commencing 29th January. If you are still interested in your child attending, please speak to the staff in the school office.