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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos



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Y5 VISIT ESSEX RECORD



On Friday Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Essex Records Office in Chelmsford. The trip was part of their lottery funded Homecoming Project and kick-started the project in an interesting and engaging way. The third phase of this WW1 project is focusing on men that were once pupils at North Primary and came home either during or after the war.

In the course of their visit the children took part in three activities. Firstly they received a 'behind the scenes' tour of the Records Office and were able to see some of the key primary WW1 sources kept there. Another session gave children more information about the First World War including why men would go to war as well as what they faced in the trenches. Niamh said, "It was fascinating to find out about life in the trenches, I found out about the illnesses they suffered." The third workshop was led by Claire Driver, the historian we are working with on the project. She talked the children through several primary sources linked to North Primary School including original log books and admissions books. Maddie said, "It was interesting because we got to touch really old books and pictures and find out about the history of the school."

We owe a big thank you to the fantastic staff at Essex Records Office as well as to Claire Driver and Laura Davison who arranged the visit. Thank you also to the staff and governors that accompanied us on our trip. We are looking forward to continuing the project and finding out more! Final word from Derek: "I read some interesting facts about our school and the headteachers that used to be here." If you want to find out more about the project or know of people who have stories to share please come to the Open Day (details below). *Miss Brooker reporting*

HOMECOMING PROJECT OPEN DAY

Saturday 3 February 2018, 11am - 2pm

Join us at North Primary School to find out about our **Home Coming** Project. This National Lottery funded project is the final part of a trilogy researching the lives of former pupils from North Primary School who served in the First World War.

Year 5 pupils are researching what it was like for soldiers returning to civilian life in Colchester at the end of the War.

Do you have a story to share?

We are looking for families whose relatives attended North Primary School, served in WWI and returned to Colchester at the end of the war. We hope to capture personal family stories to help us discover what Colchester was like one hundred years ago.

Come along and share your family stories, photographs & memorabilia.



For further information email: northwewillrememberthem@outlook.com or visit our website:

<http://www.lauradavison.co.uk/wewillrememberthem/homecoming/>



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EXPLORE LEARNING

Samantha Stewart, Assistant Director of the Explore Learning Centre at Tollgate Sainsbury's, was a special guest in assembly on the 29th to present our maths team with their medals and certificates. Sam said they are some of the best mathematicians in the country. Well done Ira, Taabish, Matthew and Toleen. A number of our children know Sam because they go to EL after school and at weekends. They love it. To find out more visit www.explorelearning.co.uk

500 Word Story Writing Competition 2018

St. Helena are holding their 500 word story writing competition again to coincide with the Radio 2 competition. Your stories can be entered for both.

Last year Ivan got through to the BBC shortlist stage and Lexi won the St. Helena older age category. Can you do as well as them this year? Teachers say they have some great writers in their classes so what are you waiting for.

Here are the details. If you want to enter the St. Helena story writing competition you must hand in your story to Mr. Garnett by Tuesday 20th February. Make sure your story has your name, school and age written on every page. Stories can be written or typed.

If you want to enter the Radio 2 competition you must do this online by February 22nd. Follow the link below.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4h26FXFQ4KfMV7VVSbJxY3g/500-words-2018>

There is so much good information on there including top tips for writing great stories.

You can :

download a learning pack from the [LEARN](#) section;

get helpful hints from some famous faces in the [Story Starters](#) video series;

study the [500 Words Blog](#) to discover top tips to create terrific tales written by previous winners, amazing authors and a few of the 500 Words elves;

And, "for a last burst of inspiration why not watch [the winning stories from last year's 500 Words Final](#) from the Tower of London.

Good luck everybody.

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



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**Great Disco
thank you**

Their next event is the Craft Fair. This was brilliant last year. You will be able to:

Treat your mum's and grans' to afternoon tea.

Enjoy the children's hands-on art and raft activities.

Buy a lovely present for Mothering Sunday from the range of excellent craft stalls.