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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos



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SING SING SING, DANCE DANCE DANCE

Charter Hall was packed for the 68th Colchester Schools Music Festival. 22 Year 5 and 6 girls from North took their place on stage alongside 15 other school choirs. Together they made a beautiful sound. I had the pleasure of sitting beside Shyan's gran who was great company and loved every moment. Together the children sang 8 songs including. *Any Dream Will Do* and *Dancing Queen*. 6 schools entertained the audience with their own individual items. The teachers even sang a song, *Three Little Birds*. They were joined by some enthusiastic "volunteers" from the audience who played percussion instruments. Krista's Dad was superb on the sleigh bells!

But the highlight of the evening was North's dance routine (pictured in rehearsal). They deservedly got the loudest cheer of the night for their stylish interpretation of the 1930s swing classic, *Sing Sing Sing*.

Mrs. Skinner, who had taught the children the songs and Miss Jacobs, the dance choreographer who was ably assisted by Mrs. Walker, were delighted with the girls singing and dancing. As were their very proud families.



Nursery Stay and Learn

Parents were invited into Nursery to find out all of the exciting things their children have the opportunity to learn at Nursery. The children loved sharing their learning with their parents and enjoyed completing a challenge with them. As our topic this term is learning about transport, they were asked to make a boat that floats together. There were some fabulous designs and all of the boats passed the test and floated. Anielia's mum said "Aniela and myself had a wonderful time! Thank you so much for the opportunity to come in and play with her."

Ananya's mum (pictured with Ananya above) said "Amazing experience...took me back to my childhood days...thank you!"

Miss Sutenwood reporting



Year 3 and 4 Cross Country Relay Race

Wow, what an amazing afternoon. 19 children from Year 3 and 4 walked to Hilly Fields to take part in a cross country festival organised by St Helena School. The children were divided into teams of 3 and ran in a relay race against Heathlands and St Georges. Fortunately the weather was kind to us, if a little on the chilly side. All of the children performed outstandingly and showed commitment and determination in their running, not wanting to let their team down. Our Year 3 girls team were first as was one of our Year 4 boys teams. We also had a team in second place and a team that was third. I am so proud of all of the children not only for running but also for supporting all of their team mates throughout the afternoon. They are a credit to our school. Well done.

Mrs Eves reporting

There will be a sponsored running event for all the children in April to raise money for Free For All and show support to our half marathon running team. Details to follow.



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Best Performance of the Season

Ask Chelsea fans and players if they deserved to lose 4-1 to Barcelona and they will answer "NO!" Chelsea lost to the better team but put on two of their best performances of the season. Sport can be like that. Well, North hosted Kelvedon St. Mary's on the 15th and both teams played out a thrilling, highly competitive game which the visitor's won 4-1 – a harsh scoreline. Kelvedon have won the league for the past few years and always play good football so North players knew it was going to be tough.

The pattern of play was clear from the start. Kelvedon, well organised and moving the ball quickly to feet, the fast and true surface helping their game. North, dogged in defence and breaking at pace with Erin, Tolu and Joe causing real problems. Taabish needed to make some good saves with captain Suhrab leading by example showing bravery in the air and on the ground. Damian and Benjamin came on in the first half and gave him great support successfully spoiling a number of Kelvedon's counter attacks. Half time the score was 1-3. The difference? Kelvedon being more clinical around North's goal. North's consolation was Erin's superb finish from a tight angle crashing a screamer in off the crossbar. Unstoppable!

It was clear that if North could get the next goal they would have a great chance of getting something from the game. Alas, soon after the restart a speculative long range effort from Kelvedon took a wicked deflection giving Taabish no chance. North battled on, with Bobby and Jazil bringing new energy to the team as they pressed to reduce the deficit. Kelvedon needed some good goalkeeping, the woodwork and at times desperate defending to maintain their lead.

So, final score 1-4, but that scoreline does not show the effort and skill displayed by the footballers of North FC.



Futsal arrives in Colchester

On Monday the 12th a group of 8 Year 3 and 4 girls were invited to attend a Female Futsal Festival at the University of Essex. The event was run in their brand new state of the art arena, which is home to the Essex Blades Basketball team and the Mavericks Netball team. There were 7 primary schools who attended this event and it was aimed specifically at girls who had limited experience of football. The festival was also promoting the Wildcats Football club which is being run at the University but also has satellite clubs within the Colchester area.

Futsal is an indoor version of football, pioneered in Brazil. Players like Neymar were brought up on Futsal. The afternoon started with a skills session where they went round 5 different activities that looked at dribbling, passing, small sided games and general agility. To finish the girls played a round robin tournament against the other schools that were present. The aim of the afternoon was all the participants to have fun and find out more about the game. All of our girls gained in confidence the more they played and thoroughly enjoyed the festival. Thank you to Mrs Davies for helping to transport the children to the event.

If you want to find out more about Futsal please see www.essexfa.com/players/youth/girls/wildcats for information about sessions at the University of Essex Sports Centre.

Mrs. Eves reporting

Friday 23rd March	Reception Stay & Learn - Badgers
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



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