

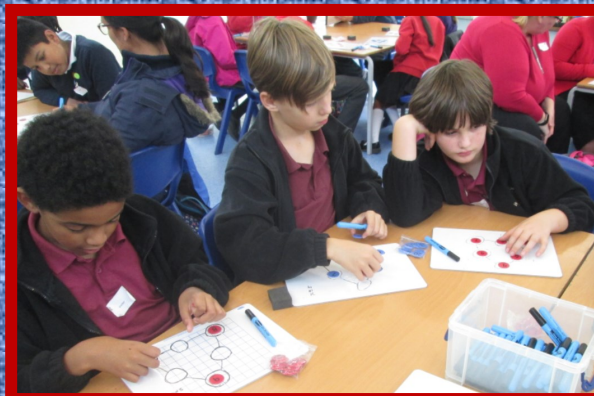
NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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On Tuesday Olivia, Zoe, Richard, Will, Joel and Hajar attended a **Maths day at Kendall Primary School**. The day began with the aim of answering a Sats question from 2016 that was incorrectly answered by the majority of children across the country that year. This was successfully achieved using reasoning skills to solve problems with the aid of multilink and cups and eventually number squares. Joel said, "I liked using the multi-coloured cups to help distinguish different amounts." Using collaboration and perseverance as well as their maths skills, the children then had to solve a series of problems systematically. After an enjoyable lunch spotting sheep and exploring Kendall's playground (the school councillors will be bringing back ideas), the children began an afternoon of algebra. They investigated number triangles, building on their knowledge as they worked to identify patterns and predict answers for larger numbers. These were then written in algebraic form. Hajar found it effective to use numicon to solve harder algebra questions, while Will thinks he will use algebra more in his maths. In summary: very productive day. **Mrs. Wood reporting**



North School Association Annual General Meeting

There was a buzz in the Infant Hall on the 2nd. Parents assembled to look back on the NSA achievements of the past year. They were presented with the annual Chair and Treasurer's reports and accounts. Elections were held for posts on the committee. Kate Randall, re-elected as Chair, is very much looking forward to the year ahead. "It was lovely to see lots of new faces and to hear so many good ideas. It will be great to welcome new blood on to the committee. I can't wait for the first meeting to be held in the school at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 16th October.**" Even if you missed the AGM you can still get involved - either attend the meeting or leave your contact details in the

office.

The full minutes of the meeting will be circulated soon. The first event of the year is approaching fast: the **Disco** on Friday 12th October.

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76 Pairs of Old Shoes Required

At the end of this month there will be an exhibition in the Minories commemorating the First World War. Work from our WE WILL REMEMBER THEM project from 2014-2015 will be exhibited - a very great honour indeed. To complete the display we have been asked to provide 76 pairs of old school shoes - one pair for every former North pupil who died in battle. If you have any of your children's old school shoes that are no longer worn we would be grateful to take them off your hands. Thank you.

HARVEST APPEAL 2018

The school Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 19th October. At this time of the year we give thanks for what we have and think of those less fortunate than ourselves. Sadly, Foodbanks are becoming more necessary for more and more of our families. Attached to this Newsline is a poster from the Colchester Foodbank which lists the items they need. Please give what you can. There is no need to send anything in to school until next week. Thank you.

Stretchy Maths In Assembly on the 8th I set the older children a challenge. I told them that the world's most expensive book was bought by Bill Gates for 29 million Euros. The challenge was to work out how long it would take them to save that amount of money if they put 1p away every day. NB The book was one of Leonardo da Vinci's original notebooks.

NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN LESSONS AND STAY AND LEARNS

Wed 31st October @ 2.00pm	Year 6	Tues 6th November	Reception
Wed 7th November @ 9.15am	Mrs. Neal	Tues 13th November	
Wed 7th November @ 9.15am	Mrs. Spalding	Wed 14th November	
Thurs 8th November @ 9.15am	Miss Wicks	Nursery Stay and Learn	
Thurs 8th November @ 9.15am	Miss Jacobs	12th –16th November	
Fri 9th November @ 2.00pm	Year 4	Please look on Tapestry for precise details	
Tues 13th November @ 9.15am	Year 5		

TERM DATES

Friday 5th October	BOOK FAIR ARRIVES & Summer Read Celebration	
Friday 5th October	St. Helena Roadshow - Y5/6 children and parents	2.30pm
Friday 12th October	NSA Disco	5.30pm and 6.45pm
Friday 19th October	Last day of half term	
Tuesday 30th October	Return to school, OPEN LESSONS start, dates to follow	
Wednesday 31st October	Secondary School Application Deadline	
Monday 5th November	Individual and sibling photos	All day
Sunday 11th November	Centenary of First World War	
Friday 16th November	NSA Bingo	6.00pm
Thursday 22nd November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Friday 23rd November	Non-uniform day -	
Wednesday 28th November	Parents Meetings for September 2019 starters	6.00pm and 7.00pm
Friday 30th November	NSA Christmas Bazaar	6.00pm
Tuesday 4th December	Nursery Singalong	
Wednesday 5th December	Reception Nativity	9.30am
Friday 7th December	KS1 Christmas Play	9.30am and 2.00pm
Friday 14th December	Year 3 Christmas Play	9.30am
Friday 14th December	Year 4 Christmas Play	2.00pm
Tuesday 18th December	Year 5 /6 Carol Concert	7.00pm
Wednesday 19th December	Last day of Autumn Term	
Monday 7th January 2018	First day of Spring Term	
Friday 15th February	Last day of half term	
Monday 25th February	Return to school	
Friday 5th April	End of Spring Term	
Tuesday 23rd April	First day of Summer Term	
Friday 24th May	Last day of half term	
Monday 3rd June	Return to school	
Wednesday 24th July	End of school year	