

# NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

November 2018

## “Truly a Day to Remember”

The school's Remembrance Day Service and Unveiling of the Home Coming artwork will go down as one of the school's finest days. The school bell rung for the first time in 24 years to beckon the guests into the Junior Hall in good time for the Last Post and the two minute silence. Before this, Year 6s reminded everybody of the impact of The Great War on the local community by calling the names of all the former pupils on the school Roll of Honour.

Project Co-ordinator, Laura Davison and artist Ian Etheridge spoke very movingly of the work of the teachers and children over the course of the three projects. The artwork was unveiled. What a moment! Then Lily, Hajar, Charlotte, Betsy, Maddie and Joe performed remarkable monologues of people associated with North and what they did during and after the war.

Afterwards the guests were able to view the artwork up close and look at the history exhibition and the wonderful work on display from all the KS2 classes.

The school was opened to the public and it was good to see school families as well as people with no connection to the school. Recent and distant former pupils and staff were in attendance too. Lots of staff were present to run the 'Café' with drink and food kindly provided by Tesco's. What a day! The comments in the visitors' book are amazing.

On Monday 12th the rest of the school got to see the artwork unveiled by Sir Bob Russell in his official role as High Steward of Colchester. He brought along Captain Dennis Tranham from the 16 Air Assault Brigade and Mr George Lazenby MBE, also from the Garrison.

If you want to learn more about the project and how the artwork was made visit the We Will Remember Them website. The final word belongs to Laura Davison, the inspiration behind these projects:

*“It has been a great honour to work with North Primary School on the Home Coming project. The teachers and pupils have worked so hard researching and developing their understanding of what it was like to return to Colchester at the end of the first world war. The unveiling of the artwork and the pupils performances was an incredible event, of which they should be extremely proud - I know I am!”*



North School Association

Dear Year 6,

Yesterday I had the pleasure of attending the Remembrance Day service at the School. I was not prepared for what I experienced, your performances were very humbling and it was a privilege and an honour to be in the audience. You really brought it to life, and it was easy to transport myself back in time and imagine myself there due to the content and portrayal of the accounts of those who lived during the Great War.

It was clear to see how much effort, hard work and dedication has gone into the homecoming project and it was delightful to hear you all explaining your individual contributions to your families after the unveiling had taken place.

North School is a very special place, made special by yourselves, the teachers and the wider school community, I was a very proud member of the school community yesterday and wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of myself and the rest of the NSA.

I hope you are all as proud of yourselves as we are of you.  
Yours faithfully

Kate Randall  
NSA Chair

*“What a great, ambitious and thoughtful project! The children's work in art, writing, history and drama has come to together so well. And the confidence with which the children delivered their moving monologues was really stunning. A great project well-conceived, sustained and delivered and inspiring thought-provoking result that must make all consider how and to whom the terrible waste of war has so persistent an effect.”*

John Wallett, WWRT website designer.

*“On behalf of all serving servicemen and women of today thank you for your Remembrance of our fallen comrades.”*

Captain Dennis Tranham 16 Air Assault Brigade

*“All involved are to be congratulated on a fantastic project spreading across five years, in engaging so many pupils in learning about The Great War.”*

Sir Bob Russell, High Steward of Colchester.

*“It was a privilege to be a part of such a moving occasion. So much fantastic work by the children with excellent support by so many adults coming into North. Truly a Day to Remember.”*

Jan and Martin Blackwell



### Getting Ready for the Christmas Bazaar

Traditionally the Friday before the NSA Christmas Bazaar is a non-uniform day. On this day the NSA ask that children bring in something for the bazaar to help with Secret Santa and other stalls. It would be great if you were able to donate the following:

Reception and Year 4: Gifts for Her

Year 2 and Year 6: Gifts for Him

Year 3 and Year 5: Bottles (Bubble bath, shampoo, wine etc.) and Jars (jams, chutneys etc)

Year 1: Sweets and Chocolate

We would also be grateful for any donations of Teddies (for the Tombola) and cakes (please bring cakes on the day of the Bazaar.)

### BINGO NIGHT

**Friday 16th November**

Tickets are now on sale or family bingo - a very popular evening. Don't miss out!



#### TERM DATES

Friday 16th November	NSA Bingo	6.00pm
<b>Wednesday 21st November</b>	<b>Visible Learning Parent Meeting</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>
Thursday 22nd November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Friday 23rd November	Non-uniform day - Harry Potter theme optional	
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	

### Turn North into Hogwarts Friday 23rd November

The school council would like to use this day to hold a Harry Potter competition too. They have been given two lovely HP books from Mrs. Marsh. They have decided to give one to an infant and one to a junior. The books will be presented to the best dressed Harry Potter characters. This is completely optional and will add a bit of fun to the non-uniform day.