

# NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

December 2018



Ellie and Victor definitely full of

## Christmas Arrives at North

It was only the 30th November but who cares! Father Christmas didn't. Neither did Michael Buble. Mulled wine, tombola, the school choir, spicy samosas - these were just some of the multi-sensory delights that brought the seasonal spirit to North.

Children were busy playing games, buying presents for their families in the Secret Santa Room and eating, drinking and generally being merry.

There were craft stalls, cake stalls, and even clay poppies made by Year 6 which were on sale to raise money for the British Legion.

Congratulations to the NSA and their merry band of helpers, staff, choir and everybody who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.

Thanks also to everybody for your donations for stalls and prizes.

Early indications are that the profit is likely to top £1500 which is tremendous.

## Poets Discover Recipe for Success

On Tuesday 27th November, Millie, Derek, Oscar S and Charlotte from Year 6 went to a poetry day at Lexden Primary. This was led by the poet Adisa, who encouraged the children to ask him questions throughout the day about his ideas, inspiration and his choice of words. Millie (pictured right) enjoyed this part and asked lots of questions. Adisa told us that poetry is like baking a cake. You gather the ingredients, mix and cook. Once its out of the oven you can eat it immediately and burn your mouth or you can ice it and make it better. Poets edit their work all the time so they always ice their cake.

After some excellent renditions of his poems, the children had to identify the metaphors and similes he had used in a particular poem. Building on these, the children wrote their own metaphors for the place they feel at home. They used personification to imagine who their place could be with both good and bad traits. All these ideas came together as they created their own poems.

In the afternoon, the children had a go at writing a poem using the five senses to describe a memory associated with a food.

It was a fun, creative day; full of inspiring ideas that the children are keen to use when they write poetry.

Charlotte said, "I really enjoyed the day because I have never written poems like that and I have learnt new ways to use metaphors."

Mrs. Wood reporting





### New Ways to Help the School

Amazon has recently created a way for you to support the NSA every time you shop on their website at no extra cost to you! To set it up, you just need to go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1032262-0>, log in and then click "Start shopping".



Thank you from St Helena Hospice to all of you who donated shoes for our exhibition at The Minories. Laura Davison passed them on to St. Helena's shop and am pleased to tell you the proceeds from selling the shoes raised £44.46.

The school **POSTBOX** is now open. If your children are writing the envelopes please check that they include last names and class name. This helps our Year 6 postal service operatives enormously.



### ART COMPETITIONS GREAT SUCCESS

Congratulations to the winners - pictured above with organisers, Miss Wicks and Mr. Armitage - of the KS1 and KS2 art competitions held earlier in the term. Both age groups were set home learning challenges to create multi media pictures with 3D elements. The themes were *AUTUMN* for KS1 and *REMEMBRANCE* for KS2. The competitions generated a lot of interest and fantastic pieces of art.

### TERM DATES

Tuesday 4th December	Nursery Singalong	
Wednesday 5th December	Reception Nativity	9.30am
Friday 7th December	KS1 Christmas Play	9.30am and 2.00pm
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Lunch	
Thursday 13th December	Year 3 Christmas Play	6.30pm
Friday 14th December	Year 3 Christmas Play	9.30am
Friday 14th December	Year 4 Christmas Play	2.00pm
Sunday 16th December	Colchester Accordion Showband Christmas Concert	10.30am
Tuesday 18th December	Year 5 /6 Carol Concert	7.00pm
Wednesday 19th December	Last day of Autumn Term	
Monday 7th January 2019	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	
Monday 2nd September	Year 6 residential to Weymouth	
Thursday 5th September	First day of new school year	