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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos.

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MEETING MARGARET

Gabriela and Jacob were privileged to spend an hour in the company of Margaret Gilbert on the 11th. And what an amazing



experience it was. Armed with questions, the children set off to visit Margaret with project co-ordinator, Laura Davison, who was lugging a large recording machine, ready to capture Margaret's every word. Margaret, whose maiden name was Amesbury, is 104. What memories she has! Her second cousin, Judy Alden, was also present. Gabriela was surprised to learn that other members of their family also attended North. Margaret and Judy shared lots of photos including ones of Margaret's mother (Violet) and uncle (Herbert) pictured with John Harper. They



also have a copy of a reference John Harper wrote for Herbert. Jacob was interested to learn that Margaret only remembers English-speaking children when she was at school. She has no recollection of families having different home languages. [Fact: we currently have families who speak 36

different home languages.] The transcript of the interview and the photos will be added to the archive. Laura was thrilled with the visit - "It was amazing! Margaret was incredible - what a fascinating history. Gabriela and Jacob did a brilliant job." They both thought Margaret was a lovely, kind lady who answered the questions "in a nice way". And they enjoyed their glass of lemonade and chocolate biscuits too. The children will be inviting Margaret to visit the school. What an honour that would be for everybody to meet her.

RUGBY TEAM IMPRESS



On a sunny but very breezy Thursday morning, eleven intrepid rugby players from year six braved the Mersea mud to play their first tournament together at Mersea Rugby Club. Despite the slippery conditions under-foot, North made a cracking start, winning four out of their five pool matches with some surging runs from Joe, Daniel and Matthew coupled with a solid defence line from Hajar, Derek and Alex who repeatedly tore away the opposition tags. Zofia and Olivia supported more of Joe's weaving runs and the try count notched up steadily. A constantly-changing team line-up kept the speed and motivation high with Zara, Rihards and Talia supporting each other in thrusting runs which frequently broke the defensive line for our speedy runners to latch onto some swift passes. Hopes were high after surviving the pool rounds and qualifying for the semi-finals for the first time in any of our tournaments but we were drawn against the ultimate winners and narrowly lost in a competitively fought game. The team were inspired by their first taste of competition. They are now eagerly anticipating our next event in late spring when the firmer ground will feel more like our own astro-turf and we can take advantage of our ability to inject sudden changes of speed into the game. We are aiming to build on this very positive start.

Mr. Armitage reporting



THE NSA Committee have put some new dates in the diary - see below. The committee needs more help to make these events possible. Volunteer via their facebook page or drop off your details at the office.



4M Rocking Guitar Concert

Guitar teacher, Mr. Wright, was very pleased with the performances from 4M on the 11th. They played a number of songs and even sang whilst strumming for one number. Jessica played a terrific solo. Lily and Joe, from Year 6, also entertained the appreciative audience. The children will now pass on their guitars to 4OH and spend the rest of the year playing either the violin, flute, clarinet or saxophone.



Primary 500 Word Short Story Competition

Deadline is Monday 4th March.

Please make sure stories are handed into the office.

TERM DATES

Friday 15th February	Last day of half term	
Monday 25th February	Return to school	
Friday 1st March	Chocodolly Evening	7.00pm
Thursday 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY Grandparent Afternoon	
Friday 8th March	NSA DISCO	5.30pm & 6.45pm
Saturday 16th March	Children's University Graduation Ceremony	Invitation only!
Friday 22nd March	NSA Spring Fair	After school
Sunday 24th March	Colchester Half Marathon	9.00am start
Tuesday 26th March	Colchester Music Festival	6.30pm
Tuesday 2nd April	Open Afternoon (KS1 and KS2) 2.00pm. Reception Stay and Learn dates to follow	
Friday 5th April	Easter Parade and Governors' Awards	assembly
Friday 5th April	End of Spring Term	
Tuesday 23rd April	First day of Summer Term	
Friday 10th May	NSA Bingo Night	6.00pm
Friday 24th May	Penny Race	
Friday 24th May	Last day of half term	
Monday 3rd June	Return to school	
Friday 7th June	NSA Quiz Night	Details to follow
Friday 5th July	NSA Summer Fete	6.00pm
Wednesday 24th July	End of school year	
Monday 2nd September 2019	Year 6 residential to Weymouth	
Thursday 5th September	First day of new school year	