

# NEWSLINE

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## North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos.

Looking forward to its 125th anniversary on 12th November. Visit [www.northschoolxxv.com](http://www.northschoolxxv.com)

### Democracy In Action

The Honourable Member for Colchester, Mr. Will Quince visited the school on Friday 1st March. He was met by Chair of Governors, Mrs. Blackwell and Vice-Chair, Mrs. Maxam (pictured). He was a very welcome VIP guest in the award assembly where he presented the certificates. It was explained to the children that an MP is like a school councillor. A class elect someone to represent them in the school council and the people of Colchester voted for Mr. Quince to represent them in Parliament. It was also explained that Mr. Quince was visiting to meet with governors from North and other schools to discuss how we could get the best possible deal for schools so the children can get the best possible education. (see Governors corner) Mr. Quince was given a brief tour of the school and he was very impressed by what he saw, especially the Year 6 Robot Team who were busy preparing for the Vex Nationals.



### Governor Corner

Thank you to everybody who signed the letter. Mrs. Blackwell presented the letter to Mr. Quince before they joined Governors from other schools to discuss the impact of underfunding and what we can do to change Government Policy.

Mr Quince is now clear that there is a massive problem. He spoke in favour of increases to schools funding in an education debate in Parliament on February 26th. At our meeting he agreed to help schools in Colchester petition the Government. He will draft a petition and has urged governors to get as many signatures as possible from parents in order to raise awareness of the issue, locally and nationally.

He made other pledges including to rally support among MPs from all parties to lobby for increased funding for education in the Comprehensive Spending Review, especially now that the Chancellor has an extra 17 billion to spend. Governors from all schools left feeling that Mr. Quince had listened and is committed to the cause. Watch this space.

Juliette Maxam,  
Vice Chair of Governors

### E-Safety

The letter to parents and teachers talking to their children about Momo provoked a strong response from parents. There is certainly no consensus in the playground. Views ranged from extreme gratitude for the swift and reassuring response to the situation, to very strong offence that a parental right had been taken away by teachers talking to children before they could.

It would never be my intention to act rashly. My purpose was to nip in the bud the playground chat which was leading to children misinforming each other and not being instructed on how to keep themselves safe online. Therefore I took the decision to ensure that all children heard the same message at the same time so that clear guidance could be provided. The message of course, is not specific to Momo. It is general: if you are worried or unsure about something online then show your parents immediately. I apologise to those parents who feel my actions were wrong but if it raises the profile of children's online and social media activities to make it a subject for debate then I think that is a good thing. Last month I wrote to you about E-Safety. Only two parents expressed an interest in attending a parents meeting. Please revisit my letter on the website and return the reply slip. Thank you.

### North Half Marathon Team

Pictured below are parent Kiaia Anderson with Aisha-Monae and Lola and teacher Mrs. Watson who are two of this year's half marathon team. Mrs. Watson is looking to run for the school for the second time. For Mrs. Anderson, this is her first Colchester Half Marathon but she is an experienced runner. Both are hoping to beat their PBs, and know that families cheering them on will help make that happen. So will sponsorship, please visit the My Donate website <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/freeforall2019/484559> to donate.





# NSA News NSA News

## DISCO

Friday 8th March Fast track your entry by buying tickets before the day



### Forties Chocodolly Glamour Comes to North

The Junior Hall was transformed back in time as people of all ages and from all over Essex enjoyed an evening celebrating beauty and pampering. The Glenn Miller sound was brought to life by the fabulous Harmonettes. Models from London, Paris and North Primary School showed off the colourful and classy couture. All in a good cause. Parent, Carli Norris brought her Chocodolly roadshow to North for a second time and this year was even better. Year 3 children helped by decorating cupcakes with Carli the day before. These were on sale along with other traditional cakes and drinks with all takings going to the NSA and Free For All. A share of the ticket money and clothes sales were also donated. A huge "thank you" to Carli and Dominic for a wonderful evening enjoyed by so many.



### TERM DATES

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
Friday 29th March	Mothering Sunday Lunch	Details to follow
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	