

# 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.northschoolcxxv.com](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com)

## And The Winner Is..... 86421A



With that announcement 5 exhausted roboteers and their parents jumped to their feet and raced to be presented with The Excellence Award. That's right. 86421A was the registration number for North. So, North Primary School and Nursery Robot Club was officially declared the best primary school robot team in the United Kingdom.

Chris Calver, one of the competition organisers who works in Colchester at Rapidonline was thrilled for Mrs. Walker and the team. He said, "Congratulations to you and your team on the award, that's a big deal! I am so thrilled that you won such a prestigious award."

Four years ago Rapidonline approached local primaries and secondaries to invite them to free programming training and a complimentary starter kit to go with it. Mrs. Walker took advantage of this opportunity and she and the children have never looked back.

Before announcing the name the audience were informed of the reasons why North were the best team by one of the judges, pictured above. "This team excelled in many areas... patience, devotion, hard work and teamwork. This team is committed to quality and has been a strong contender in numerous award categories."

Winning this award gains the team entry into the world finals which will be taking place in April in... Kentucky USA. As you can imagine, this trip would be incredibly expensive and certainly beyond the capacity of Free For All! It is unusual for primary schools from the UK to attend but before declining this invitation we shall explore sponsorship opportunities.

Joel, Talia, Alex, Will and Joe - The Roboteers.



## NSA News NSA News

### DISCO

Friday 8th March

Fast track your entry

by buying tickets before the day.



The Free For All fund has grown by £581. This is fantastic news. This money can cover the cost of one or possibly two class trips. How brilliant is that! Well done to Chocodolly, the NSA and everybody who attended the evening.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

**Thursday 7th March**

Dress up as your favourite  
book character  
and bring  
your favourite book to school

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Enjoy a special themed lunch  
and  
Spend the afternoon with  
your school family  
and grandparents

## Democracy In Action

Would you mind signing another petition? Would you like to get others to sign it too? Will Quince MP is writing to all his constituency schools to follow our governors' lead and sign a petition. He is writing the wording for the petition himself and it has to be worded in a particular way for it to fit in with parliamentary conventions. And it can be signed by anybody over the age of 18. So we will pass on a form to every family to get signatures.

Will Quince has been persuaded of our arguments over the past year that funding is falling a long way short of rising costs and is very committed to campaign to change this. He spoke in the Commons again on Monday 4th - a debate triggered by the national petition - and even mentioned his visit to North on the 1st.

Will believes that the government will have to listen if more people show their support for the campaign. Look out for the petition forms and then get talking to your neighbours, friends, family and workmates.

### TERM DATES

Thursday 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY Grandparent Afternoon	1.45pm
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	