

# NEWSLINE

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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos.

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## WORLD BOOK DAY 7th March 2019

### Grandparents Queueing to Get In!



### Sharing favourite Stories



KS1 had a parade on a catwalk.  
Who is strutting their stuff?



**Nana Plunga and Nanny Graham** were “really impressed by the knowledge the children had of the books/authors and it was so lovely to see all the different ages being together and working together.”

With thanks to Mrs. Sancassani for organising the families. School Council for reminding us how good families are. Mrs. Skinner for booking the volunteers and organising the activities. To the kitchen team for a special lunch. To everybody who visited. Thank you all.

The children and staff looked amazing. Look at Amelia's home made skirt and wings made out of book pages.



**Links with local businesses.** 6 employees from The Book Company at Frating spent the morning in junior classroom doing book quizzes. They also donated books to the school.



Who is that handsome man sat with Mary Poppins?





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### DISCO

**“You will always find me in the kitchen at parties.”**

NSA are always keen to welcome new faces. If you are at the Disco tonight and want to help the team, just introduce yourself to one of the NSA., roll your sleeves up and get stuck in. It's great fun.

Remember: new arrangements for this disco to speed entry.

Entrance via Infant Courtyard.

Exit via Junior cloakroom

**GOVERNORS' CORNER** It's extremely rewarding to volunteer as a Governor at North Primary, but even more so on the weeks when we get to go into the classroom for Monitoring. School visits are an integral part of being a governor and provide the opportunity for interaction between children, staff and governors. On the 26th and 28th February governors visited classrooms from Nursery to Year 6, to monitor how maths is being taught (and learnt) across the school.

We saw a wide variety of maths challenges for 3 to 11 year olds. Nursery children were independently accessing shiny numbers in the sand tray or being encouraged to count out dinosaurs to match the numeral on the card; Key Stage 1 demonstrated their skills in Visible Learning using steps for success, the maths toolkit and WALT (We Are Learning To) of 'Adding in 10's using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mentally adding 10's and units together"... They used Dienes Rods (10 unit cubes stuck together in a row) as well as mental arithmetic and white boards to work out the addition of 10's followed by the units (eg  $34+23 = 57$ ). The spirit of collaboration across the school was strong. For example in Year 3 several pupils were observed helping their classmates in their group which demonstrated that these pupils had mastered the lesson enough to be able to explain and help those around them. Year 5 were using grids to draw reflected shapes. Year 6 were using multiplication & division skills to solve problems with proportion (see below for one of the problems they worked through on Tuesday - have a go!).

Display is used effectively in every class to help children with vocabulary and modelling strategies through Wagolls - what a good one looks like! There is also currently a fantastic interactive maths display in the junior hall giving the subject a high profile.

It has been an absolute pleasure to see budding mathematicians in action demonstrating their maths knowledge. Teachers, thank you for your hard work and dedication in making maths exciting and engaging. Children, keep doing your best to build on your learning. Parents, thank you for helping and encouraging your children with their home learning.

*Year 6 - Challenge C*

*Five cinema tickets cost £38. What is the cost of a) 4 tickets and b) 11 tickets...*

### TERM DATES

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	