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A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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CXXV OPEN DAY II - happy memories



Who said history is boring? Certainly nobody who was at school on Saturday 11th for the second CXXV Open Day. For three hours former pupils and teachers took a trip down memory lane, and what a fabulous journey that was for them and for the staff and pupils listening to their stories, making recordings and taking their photographs for the archives.

In turn they were treated to refreshments served by the NSA and provided by Tesco Hythe. They were also entertained by present pupils singing and dancing - a reprise of their performance at the Colchester Children's Music Festival back in March. Nicola Burrell, one of the two artists on the project led a workshop making card models which was enjoyed by the younger visitors.

One of the delights was watching people who had not seen each other for many years - some 40 years - talk about their childhood or experiences of working at North. One former pupil, Brenda Cant, nee Trace, who attended North from 1939. (pictured inset top right), was worried about returning to the school in case the grandeur of the Victorian building had not been preserved. She was very pleased that she did come and fortunately for us she was impressed with what she saw: a building that respects its history but is fit for purpose in the 21st century. And she has something else to be grateful to North for. She met a boy at the school when they were 11... and when they were adults they got married!

Project co-ordinator Laura Davidson was thrilled. "What an amazing day! It was a great pleasure to meet so many former pupils and teachers who shared their memories of North. It was fascinating to hear how North has changed. Clive Blanchett (Miss Plunga's uncle) remembered that in the 1950s there used

to be a medical room where the nit nurse checked your hair - yes that was a job - this is now the kitchen. Mrs Skinner's class, 5S, used to be Mr Boyes classroom, he taught the handicraft lessons. There were some great reunions. Frances Fisher, (inset with former teacher Mr. Betts and Mrs Nicholls) nee Miss Ellie, who taught at North between 1956 - 1969, visited her classroom which is now the ICT room. Our visitors travelled great distances to join us for the open day. David Gane came all the way from Newark, (about 150 miles away) meeting up with his classmate from the 1960s Susan Wilson. They were delighted to meet up with their former teacher Mrs Fisher and reminisce about the past. Mr. Betts also remembered teaching Mrs Skinner at St John's Green School! There were lots of fond memories of the nursery and the little beds they used to sleep on. Our visitors thoroughly enjoyed the pupils dancing and singing performances, it brought back many fond memories of what they used to sing, the country dancing, Morris Dancing and even sword dancing. It was great to see the Year 5 pupils Ellie and George put their oral history training into practice with Mrs Jasper, Mrs Wood and Miss Griffith recording visitors' memories. Our project historian Claire Driver was kept very busy with so many people sharing their photographs. All the memories, photographs and oral histories will be added to the school archive, retelling its 125 year history. All this information will gradually be added to the project website www.northschoolcxxv.com or you can follow us on Facebook North School CXXV. The success of the day is down to the support from the project team, teachers, governors, NSA and pupils. A big thank you to them all!" Well said, Laura.

Following the class auditions, the Year 6 Councillors had the horrible task of choosing 8 acts to make it through the

North's Got Talent

semi-finals to the grand final to be held on Friday 17th May. In fact, they found it so hard that they have selected 9 acts to go through! The school will have the pleasure of

watching children from Y2-6 sing, dance, play musical instruments and tell jokes. The Councillors will manage and

host NGT themselves. Commiserations to those children who did not make it this year. Hopefully they enjoyed taking part. Keep practising and try again next year.



"Quack Quack"

The Junior Hall was buzzing once again for an exciting night of Bingo. Head of Kitchen kindly provided Pizza and Chips for those who booked food and the NSA ran the event as smoothly as ever. The evening lasts just over 2 hours and everybody gets to play 6 games for their entry fee and there is the option of one more game at the end for an extra £1. So, with 7 games in all excitement rises as every game reaches its climax. Oh, the agony of only needing one more number to win! Money raised from the evening totalled £330. Thank you to all the families who came.

TERM DATES

Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATS Week	
Thursday 23rd May	New Parents (September 2019) Meeting	6.00pm
Friday 24th May	Penny Race	
Friday 24th May	Children's Sponsored Fun Run at Hilly Fields	Details to follow
Friday 24th May	Last day of half term	
Monday 3rd June	Return to school	
Friday 7th June	NSA Quiz Night	
Tuesday 11th June	Class Photographs	
Wednesday 12th June	Nursery Open Afternoon	4.00pm—5.00pm
Wednesday 12th June	Y5/6 RSE Meeting for Parents	6pm and 7pm
Thursday 13th June	Fathers' Day Lunch	Booking required
Friday 14th June	KS2 Free For All Enterprise Show	Details to follow
To be confirmed	Nursery Sporty Morning	
To be confirmed	Nursery Sporty Afternoon	
Tuesday 25th June	KS1 Sports Afternoon	afternoon
Wednesday 26th June	Reception Sporty Morning	
Wednesday 26th June	KS2 Sports Afternoon	afternoon
Tues 2nd and Wed 3rd July	KS1 Enterprise Show	
Friday 5th July	NSA Summer Fete	6.00pm
To be confirmed	Parents "Meet the New Class Teacher" Meetings	
Wednesday 17th July	Year 3 Music Concert	morning
Wednesday 17th July	Year 4 Music Concert	afternoon
Thursday 11th July	Music Concert Evening	Details to follow
Thursday 18th July	Year 5 Battle of the Bands	afternoon
Friday 19th July	Open Evening	
Monday 22nd July	Year 6 Show	evening
Wednesday 24th July	Last day of School Year	
Monday 2nd September	Year 6 residential to Weymouth	
Thursday 5th September	First day of new school year	
Friday 25th October	End of half term	
Tuesday 5th November	Return to school	
Thursday 19th December	End of Autumn Term	



PENNY RACE

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THE SHIELD
THIS YEAR? FEEL
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OF YOUR SOFAS
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TREASURE**

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