

# NEWSLINE

North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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## I am a Dementia Friend



Y1-6 welcomed some very special visitors to their assembly on Monday. Staff from the local Bluebird Care and Alzheimer's Society led an interactive assembly on the subject of Dementia. The presenters made a very difficult and desperately sad subject understandable to the children. It was pitched perfectly and the children - and staff - were left with lots of simple, practical ways that they can help their relatives who may have dementia. We are grateful to Krissy Rice, parent to Hayden and Hope, who organised this event. She was delighted by the engagement and enthusiasm of the pupils. "We had so much fun with the

children learning about how the brain works, and how anyone can help someone living with Dementia; even a smile or reminding someone where they put their glasses can help, or singing and going through photo albums can make sure a huge difference." The children now have the chance to enter a competition by writing a poem about dementia and love and how they could support someone with dementia. There is a template for them to use. All entries must be in by 3rd June. There are two prizes of £25 of Smyths Vouchers, one for a winner in key stage 1 and one for the winner in key stage 2. Good luck.



## Could this be the Best North Rugby Team Yet?

An opening game against Heathlands A team was going to be a challenge but, at this year's Colchester area rugby tournament, our team was up to it. It was important that we made a fast start and some wonderful combination passing from Olivia, Dora, Joe and Alex meant that the opposition were two steps adrift of the ball and couldn't cope with our surging attacking runs. Our quickly advancing defence line coped well with some of their faster runners and Talia's determination meant that their wingers struggled to squeeze by her. Each game in the first round followed the same pattern with good wins against Prettygate and St Andrew's. This meant that North finished top of their morning league and went through to the top tier of schools after lunch. The subsequent competition was even more intense. The final game of the afternoon would decide who finished top of the group and North needed to beat Whitehall in order to tie for first place. Once again, our runners broke through their tough defensive line and some quick-thinking short inside passes caused the spectators to cheer their well-rehearsed skills. In the end, a few passes went astray and one try separated the two sides with North narrowly losing and finishing in third place. The energy and resilience which this side showed is a credit to their commitment and team work. They are now looking forward to coaching a new year 5 team to try to fill these enormous shoes. *Mr. Armitage reporting.*





### Governors' Corner with Mrs. Dagge

Four children from Year 2 were lucky enough to attend a writers workshop at Kingsford Infant School on Monday. The day was run by a children's author who introduced a photographic book called 'Where I Sleep'. The children took inspiration from this book, choosing a photo of one child from around the world to build a character, and later a story around. The children were excellent ambassadors for North School, showing a very positive and enthusiastic attitude to the day. The children's top tips for story writing from the day are: Reveal things slowly - if it's a scary bit, use suspense. Use adjectives to reveal how a character is feeling- don't just tell the reader straight away.

### TERM DATES

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	



**FRIDAY 24TH  
JUNE**

**WEATHER SET  
FAIR FOR**

**THE PENNY RACE  
AND**

**FUN RUN**

**GOOD LUCK  
EVERYBODY**

