

NEWSLINE

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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

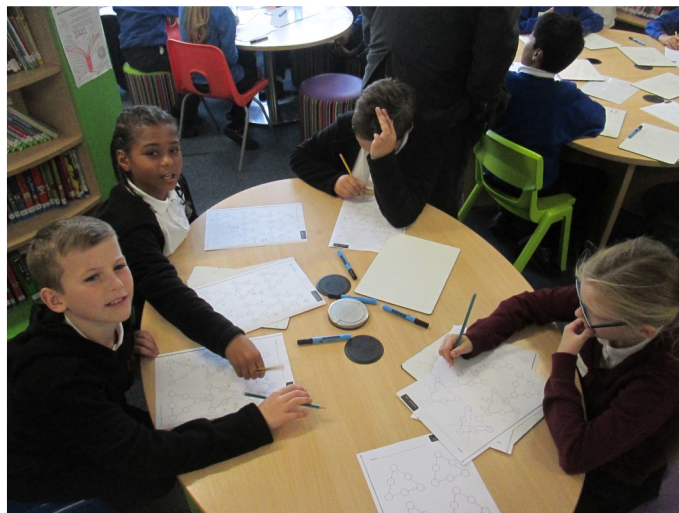
Looking forward to our 125th anniversary on 12th November. Visit www.northschoolcxxv.com

A WHOLE DAY DOING MATHS!

On Thursday 10th October a group of four Year 6s attended a maths day at Lexden Primary School. North were one of four schools which took part in a day full of activities designed to not only encourage a love of maths but also to challenge our budding mathematicians. As we are in the midst of Black History month it seemed fitting that the children started off with a history lesson, learning about Katherine Johnson a truly incredible African American mathematician who calculated and analyzed the flight paths of many spacecraft during her more than three decades with the U.S. space program.

The children really enjoyed all of the challenges, starting with "maths" problems often found on the internet which are not really maths. *Big Maths Beat That* was an individual game challenging the pupils to quickly solve multiplication, division, addition and subtraction problems, with each child trying to beat their previous time. However, the activity that the North pupils most enjoyed were the Tangrams. Tangrams are an ancient Chinese puzzle where you make pictures using mathematical shapes. The pictures became increasingly difficult to copy but the North

team drew on their visible learning attributes and showed great collaboration and perseverance!



It was a pleasure to accompany such engaged and well behaved children for the day and watch as they utilised their current maths knowledge and expand it to explore and solve a wide variety of mathematical problems - thank you Jordan, Maisie, Zachary and Nasi.



DID YOU READ NEWSLINE OCTOBER 3 - THE NSA SPECIAL?

In case you missed it, the children will be bringing home *expression of interest* forms in their bookbags.

Please read and complete. Thank you.

Bikeability

On Monday 7th October, 12 year 6 students started their Bikeability training. It is a county run initiative that allows children to cycle their bicycles confidently around the playground before going out onto the road and learning road safety when riding their bike. Once assessed in the playground they spent the second day on local roads. The children were presented with badges and certificates in assembly on the 14th.

Campaign to Reduce Traffic Pollution in Colchester

Check out this film with a very serious message-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIDQg2iqkfw&feature=youtu.be>

Zakir is a natural in front of the camera, unlike his headteacher! Great performance Zakir. Great message: turn off your engines.



North Harvest Appeal



TERM DATES	
Friday 18th October	NSA Disco
Thurs 24th October	Individual Photos
Friday 25th October	End of half term
Tues 5th November	Return to school
Tues 12th November	School's 125th Anniversary
Saturday 16th November	North Birthday Party
Thurs 21st November	Parents Consultation Evening
Wed 27th November	Parents Evening for 2020 starters
Friday 29th November	NSA Christmas Bazaar
Tues 3rd December	Nursery Christmas SingSong (am and pm)
Wed 4th December	Reception Christmas Play (am)
Friday 6th December	KS1 (am and pm)
Thurs 12th December	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 12th December	Y3 Christmas Play (evening)
Friday 13th December	Y3 Christmas Play (am)
Friday 13th December	Y4 Christmas Play
Tues 17th December	Y5/6 Evening Carol Concert
Thurs 19th December	End of Autumn Term
Tues 7th Jan 2020	First day of Spring Term
Friday 14th February	End of half term
Mon 24th February	Return to School
Friday 3rd April	End of Spring Term
Monday 20th April	First day of Summer Term
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	End of half term

NSA Disco
 Infants 5.30-6.30
 Juniors 6.45—8.00pm
 Entrance via Infant Courtyard

NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN LESSONS AND STAY AND LEARN SESSIONS

Wed 6th November @ 2.00pm	Year 6
Thurs 7th November @ 9.15am	Year 3
Wed 13th November @ 9.15am	Miss Wicks
Wed 13th November @ 9.15am	Mrs. Spalding
Thurs 14th November @ 9.15am	Mrs. Borges
Thurs 14th November @ 9.15am	Miss Jacobs
Thurs 14th November @ 2.00pm	Year 4
Tues 19th November @ 9.15am	Year 5
Friday 15th November @ 9.15am	RECEPTION (Please look on Tapestry for precise details)
Tues 19th November	
Wed 20th November	
Thurs 21st November	NURSERY
18th –22nd November	

PLEASE NOTE
 MONDAY 6TH JANUARY
 WILL NOW BE A STAFF TRAINING DAY.
 The first day of the Spring Term will be
TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020

HALF WAY THERE.
KEEP BRINGING THE STICKERS IN.
 Thank you.

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