

North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

Celebrated our 125th anniversary on 12th November. Visit [www.northschoolcxxv.com](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com)

## Busy Term Ahead for School Council

Councillors have already met twice this term. They are keen to get on with their ambition to make North an even healthier, eco-friendly school. Here are some of the things they are doing -

**Investigating healthy morning snacks for KS2.** Infants get free fruit or veg. Do KS2 keep up these healthy habits? They will survey the classes. They are also writing to other school councils to see if they would like to join a campaign to get free fruit and veg for juniors, just like the infants.

**Making the School Disco healthier and eco-friendly.** The NSA are keen to support this ambition. There may be different items to buy and the NSA are trying to reduce the amount of plastic they use in packaging and drinking cups. They have already asked for the expert advice of our Chair of Governors, Jan Blackwell, who is a dentist, regarding how many sweets children should eat. Her answer? In an ideal world, none! But if you do have sweets, not many, as a treat and with a meal. She also advised looking on the sugarsmart app.

## Teachers Explore Lisa Temple-Cox's Cabinet of Curiosities

Book making, writing and drawing with quills and ink, storytelling, press-printing: the teachers loved all the elements of their workshop with Lisa who was helping them explore how to make the most of her wonderful piece of art. The objects in the cabinet - based on objects found

or made by Year 5 - have been selected for personal reasons, linked to the school. But of course the beauty of these objects is that they can also spark curiosity and imagination. Indeed, they can be interpreted in any number of ways, especially when you select a few and consider how they could be interwoven into one story. Lisa, pictured left, also explained her design process including how she planned out her cabinet - based on the old lecterns - by making a small prototype - a maquette. Lisa enjoyed the workshop too. What better way could there possibly be to celebrate her birthday. Laura Davison has uploaded details of Lisa and Nicola's artworks on to the CXXV website. Take a look. It is fascinating.



# N.S.A.

Lots of school and social events already booked in the school diary. Make sure you book them in your diaries too. The NSA Committee need more helpers to ensure the future success of their events. They are revamping their Facebook account. Look out for that. Get involved. Helping the NSA is a very rewarding experience. Remember, many hands make light work. The more the merrier.

TERM DATES	
Thursday 16th January	SPACE THEMED LUNCH
Friday 31st January	NSA DISCO
Friday 14th February	End of half term
Mon 24th February	Return to School
Mon 24th February	KS2 Monarchs' Week
Friday 28th February	Monarch Week Open House
Tuesday 17th March	Children's Music Festival - Charter H
Thurs 26th March	Mother's Day Lunch
Friday 20th March	NSA Spring Fair
Sunday 29th March	Colchester Half Marathon
Tuesday 31st March	OPEN AFTERNOON (KS1&KS2)
Friday 3rd April	Easter Parade
Friday 3rd April	End of Spring Term
Monday 20th April	First day of Summer Term
Friday 1st May	NSA Bingo Night
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	Penny Race Sponsored Run at Hilly Fields End of half term
Tuesday 2nd June	Return to school
Friday 12th June	NSA Quiz Night
Friday 10th July	NSA Summer Fete
Wednesday 22nd July	End of school year
Mon 7th September	First day of new school year
Mon 7th September	Year 6 Residential to Weymouth

Tickets available in advance soon. Look out for the NSA letter complete with a booking form.

A calendar favourite. Arts, crafts activities. Presents for mothering Sunday. Treat your self to an afternoon cream tea.

It is not too late to enter. We would love to have a few more runners. We also provide volunteer marshals. Visit the school website for sponsorship information.

Come along and see your children at work. Reception and Nursery will offer alternative dates.

A highlight of the year. Start making those hats and bonnets.

Never too early to start collecting pennies.

Put this date in your diary and get a team of friends or colleagues together for a great night of quizzing fun.

Slightly later this year. Always a great event. Definitely one where the NSA need your assistance. Many hands make light work. The more the merrier.