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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

Primary Panathlon Swimming Festival

On Wednesday 29th January I was privileged to be able to take a group of children to The Aquatics Centre, Stratford in London. This venue was host to the swimming events for the 2012 London Olympics. We made our way down there by train and then walked to the centre taking in the sites of The Orbit and the Olympic Stadium (now the home of West Ham United). The event took place in the diving pool and they were able to raise the floor from 3m to 1m so making it safer for the children, meaning they weren't out of their depth. The day consisted of some individual races and then some team relays. It was an amazing event, putting all the children on an equal level so that they could all compete to the best of their ability. George said "I was really sad in that race because I knew it was my last event" and Lara Leigh said "That was great fun". All of the children thoroughly enjoyed their day but were very tired at the end of it. What a fantastic experience that I hope they will remember for years to come. I certainly will!

Mrs. Eves reporting



"Is online safety one of the most important things to learn in life?"

A question posed by a Y5 pupil.
What do you think?

National Survey "Over half of 7 year olds have mobile phones."

Over half of those sleep with their phones next to their beds.



Maths Workshop at Heathlands

On Tuesday 28th January a group of year 4 pupils attended a Maths Workshop at Heathlands Primary School. The day was very interesting, and all the pupils discovered lots of new techniques to develop their maths skills. They learnt how to calculate their times tables using marigold gloves, designed a maths clock and tablecloth and were set lots of mental maths challenges to stretch their mental maths. Gustavs, Sonny, Riya and Aimee had a great time and represented the school exceptionally well throughout the day. They are looking forward to sharing their learning with the rest of Y4 and setting a challenge for children and parents!

Mrs Nowels reporting

N.S.A.

WHAT A GREAT DISCO!

There was a brilliant atmosphere at both discos on the 31st January. Children dancing. Parents dancing. The fruit kebabs and fruit bowls were very popular. Not a single use plastic glass in sight. The



tattoo parlour was a hit. The sensory room was truly magical. A “big thank” you to the Leach Family for sharing this with us. And of course a huge “thank you” to TEAM NSA. The committee members were joined by a large number of helpers who made the event such a success. It was great to see so many new faces helping out. Hopefully they enjoyed themselves too and would like to help out in the future. Last, but not least, thank you to the staff who stayed and helped. Their support is never taken for granted and always appreciated.

TERM DATES

Friday 14th February	End of half term
Mon 24th February	Return to School
Mon 24th February	KS2 Monarchs' Week
Friday 28th February	KS2 Monarch Week Open House
Friday 28th February	CHOCODOLLY
Tuesday 17th March	Children's Music Festival - Charter Hall
Thurs 19th March	Mother's Day Lunch
Friday 20th March	NSA Spring Fair
Saturday 28th March	Tree planting on Riverside
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 26th June	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



Colchester Woodland Project

The next tree planting activity close to us is on Saturday 28th March on Riverside. Find out more by visiting www.colchester.gov.uk/colchesterwoodlandproject

Or from Wayne's own facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/1111207268902224/posts/2892972750725658?sfns=mo>