

NEWSLINE

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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

SCHOOL COUNCIL LAUNCH PLASTIC FREE SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

Year 6 Councillors did a fantastic job of launching their campaign to be the greenest school council ever when they led assembly on the 10th. They explained to the children and staff that a big part of this would be to achieve *Plastic Free School* status. They explained how plastics cause so many problems in the environment including the sea, as is visible by the rubbish that washes up on beaches.

On the 11th the council were joined by Andy Hickman, chair of the NSA and Tesco executive, and Emily Harrup, advisor to the Borough Council (pictured right). Both talked about the work their organisations do to promote greener living. Andy encouraged the children by informing them that Tesco's plans have been driven by the number of letters they receive from children. Emily talked about traffic, transport trees and recycling.

Everybody was in agreement that the school community were already taking positive steps - the Disco and the KS1 Sensory Garden are two good examples. Andy and Emily suggested that the next thing the councillors need to do is write an action plan. So that is what they will do.



Netball and Football Teams in Action

On the 6th the netballers visited Queen Boudicca School. In the first quarter we managed to keep the score down with some great play. However, in the next two quarters the home side ran away with it, with some super shooting skills. We struggled to get the ball to our shooters and unfortunately our heads dropped. Although we lost the game, in the final quarter we played a friendly with both teams starting at nil goals. We raised our game and managed to get the ball into our attacking circle and made some fantastic interceptions in their circle. We came away with our heads held high. It was a good way to finish the game. Well done to all the children that played for their dedication and teamwork.

Meanwhile, the footballers took on Heathlands, a consistently high performing team. It was clear from the off that our opponents had come to play good passing football. The pattern of the game was quickly set: defend for your lives and try to upset them on the counter attack. Shayden was much the busier of the two goalkeepers but their goalie had to be alert and made a few excellent saves. Last ditch tackles and brave saves are unlikely to stop every attack and Heathlands kept to the task and finished worthy 5-0 winners. North took comfort from their resolute determination and overall improved performance.

INSTRUMENTS FOR ALL Y4 CONCERTS

After roughly 5 months of fantastic teaching from the peripatetic music teachers, our talented musicians showed off their skills on violins, saxophones, clarinets, flutes and guitars in special performances on the 10th and the 13th.

The guitarists performed four songs. "I've never seen such concentration on their faces," said Mrs. Roberts. Neev said she felt nervous performing in front of an audience, "but it was worth it and I feel proud." Amber added, "The concert was a lot of fun. It was a great chance to show off my skills on the saxophone. We played brilliantly. All of us."

The end result was so enjoyable for all involved. We are very proud of the children who have all made the most of this opportunity, made good progress and were able to put on a great show. After half term, the children will have the chance to learn a new musical instrument and we are all very excited to see what they do next.

Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Stacey reporting

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CHOCODOLLY

28th February

TICKETS AVAILABLE
ONLINE & from the SCHOOL OFFICE



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

YEAR 6 SEE THE LIGHT!

Year six pupils have experienced some moments of discovery recently in their science lessons where they have been investigating light. Seeing an image appear on the screen of their pin-hole camera generated an enthusiastic discussion and they were then able to link this concept to the structure of the eye and how it worked. On the afternoon of the 7th, Cherri Farren, a member of staff from the science department at St Helena secondary school, brought a collection of LED torches to help them investigate the idea that white light can be broken down into different colours of the visible spectrum. Again, there were magical moments of discovery, when they realised that overlapping colours generated new colours, and this created an excited buzz of questions and hypotheses. Thank you to Cherri Farren for guiding their experiments and helping to inspire their thirst for science knowledge.

Mr Armitage reporting



With effect from week commencing 24th February you will be able to make payments for school dinners online via your Parentmail account - this will apply to children who pay for their meals in KS2. Please refer to the letter sent home last week for full details. All parents are advised to check you can access your Parentmail account as we will be rolling this out to pay for other items very soon.