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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

The Duchess of Cambridge Launches Landmark UK-wide Survey on Early Childhood

Montgomery's Magnificent Seven

Has the standard of Colchester School's football gone galactic or has North just been unlucky in their choice of opponents for the first two games of the season? Time will tell, but what is clear is that Montgomery have another exceptional squad of players.

Credit where it is due. Goalkeeper Shayden, who had another excellent game making many good saves, summed it up perfectly after having to pick the ball out of his net again. He gave a rueful smile, shook his head and said, "They are so good."

Shayden and the rest of the North team showed tremendous spirit in never giving up and as the game progressed creating their own chances which they were unlucky not to convert on a number of occasions.

Montgomery's players should be applauded for how they made the most of their individual skill by playing for each other. Their decision making was excellent, enabling them to transition quickly, moving the ball with great speed and accuracy. It was a pleasure (a painful pleasure for home fans) to watch.

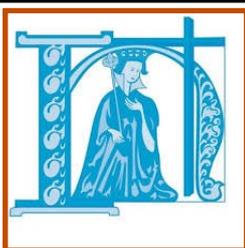
It is never nice losing 7-0 but North should take heart from the resilience they showed and recognise that to develop in sport they need to challenge themselves against the best.



The survey contains five short questions and aims to spark a national conversation on the early years that will ultimately help bring about positive, lasting change for generations to come. It is designed to bring together the thoughts of as many people as possible – recognising that everyone has a role in ensuring strong, healthy foundations for the youngest in our society that will positively affect their lifelong outcomes.

The findings should provide a vital source of information for the early years sector. This public feedback will also help to focus Her Royal Highness' work through The Royal Foundation as she endeavours to provide children across the UK with the best foundations to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

Access the survey at [5bigquestions.org.uk](https://www.5bigquestions.org.uk).



St Helena 500 Word Competition



It is that time of year again where St. Helena encourage our primary students to get creative and submit a 500 word short story. Children can enter the BBC Radio 2 Short Story Competition and St. Helena's own

competition too.

There is a wealth of information on the BBC Radio 2 website - it is very helpful and you can listen to some of the winning stories. They are brilliant and give you a good idea of what the judges are looking for. Here is the website with key information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgL2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>

Parents please help children submit entries to the BBC directly. The deadline is Thursday 27th February.

If your students would like to enter the St Helena School 500 word competition here are some key details regarding the competition:

There are two age categories: 5-9 and 10-13 - Make sure the entries have the student's name, school and age on every page.

The story must be submitted to Mr. Garnett by 3.15pm on Monday 24th February.

A panel of selected staff at St Helena School will be judging the 5 best entries from each school.

All story writers will receive a certificate. Winners are presented with their prizes at a tea party with St Helena principal, Ms Pierson.

GET READING, GET WRITING, GOOD LUCK

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	
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	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
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

Book your tickets in advance

Back for the third year. A popular event bringing in guests from all over East Anglia. And a great fundraiser too. Visit this website to get your tickets <https://www.chocodolly.co.uk/product-page/affair-to-remember-ticket>

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.

Note - the change of date.

Little Mix are in town on the original date. We wouldn't want to ruin their gig!