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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

North Roboteers are Squared Away!

Before most children had eaten their breakfast last Friday, North Roboteers were making their way to the University to take part in their second VexIQ Squared Away robot competition.

Robots and their makers came from parts of Essex and Suffolk to take part. For the first time North had two teams in competition (pictured). Both our teams were not intimidated by the fact that 17 of the 20 teams were years 7, 8 and 9.

They were hoping that they would follow in the footsteps of last year's team who made it all the way to the world finals in Kentucky, USA.

The robots came in many different styles all designed to lift green cubes onto platforms and move red and blue cubes to opposite ends of the field (pictured). [NB "field" is the technical name for the grey playzone. Both teams were paired with other schools to work together to score points in just one minute. Running at the same time the driving and programming skills challenges took place. Both teams were admired for the speed they could perform lifting the cubes onto the platforms.

Both teams moved up and down the leader board throughout the day. Luckily both teams managed to make the playoffs even though the boy's robot unfortunately had a malfunction with its controller towards the end. Well done to the boys and girls for their commitment throughout the year. Results were finalised over the weekend and it was confirmed that the girls' team had qualified for the national finals in Telford in March. Fantastic news for the girls and we wish them good luck. Disappointment for the boys but we are hoping to arrange other competitions for them. Thank you to Mr Francis for battling the traffic helping with transportation duties.

Mrs Walker 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?

Colchester Woodland Project

There are a number of events for families which will be both fun and good for our environment. Wayne, who many children know from working in our garden or running the Highwoods Community Garden is involved in this project and he thinks it is great. So, if Wayne thinks it's great, it must be great!

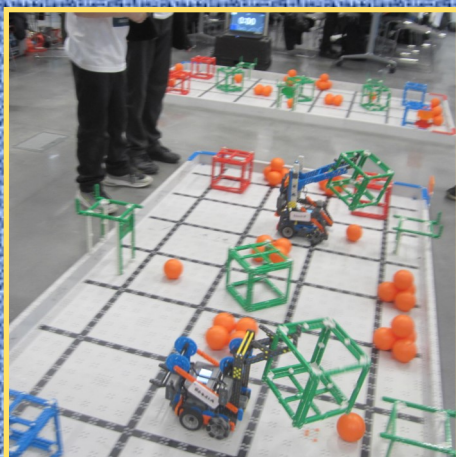
You can find out more from

www.colchester.gov.uk/colchesterwoodlandproject

Or from Wayne's own facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/111207268902224/posts/2892972750725658?sfns=mo>

Wayne says, "It's a great project to Green Colchester but more so for me it is about connecting to your immediate environment and community, and the positive benefits that brings in terms of mental and physical health."



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

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> But there will also be a limited number of tickets available to be purchased from the school office. £3.00 is an absolute snip for an amazing evening. Fun, Fizz and Fashion!

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 marshalls. 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.