

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

COVID-19

We will continue to pass on all guidance and directives we receive from the Department of Education, Public Health England and Essex County Council. Please do your best to follow all advice.



Governors' Corner with Beth Dagge

"On the evening of the 12th, I diligently washed my hands and attended the Brook Talks session at St Helena about the changes to the Relationship and Sex Education curriculum (known as RSE) which will be introduced from September 2020. Brook are a young persons health and well being charity who have been commissioned to support schools in developing and improving their teaching in this subject.

As a parent, I think there were two main messages to take away. Firstly, to note the change of name which firmly puts the focus on 'relationships' and how children can build and recognise healthy, positive relationships starting from a very young age, with a focus on friendships and how people communicate their feelings, likes and dislikes.

Secondly, was to give parents access to support and information so they feel prepared and more comfortable dealing with any of those awkward questions that will arise at some point. Making it less likely that children will seek out unreliable and potentially inappropriate sources such as peers or the internet. To help with this Brook have various resources for parents and teachers on their website which is very informative and well worth a look.

Find it here: <https://learn.brook.org.uk>

North's existing policy will be reviewed in the light of new government guidance which comes into effect from September 2020. The updated policy will be posted on the school's website. So keep your eye out for more information on this in the future.

Famous Former Pupil

This week, as part of our ongoing CXXV project, Year 6 had the privilege of meeting with the son, and niece and nephew of Henry Collins who was a famous artist.

Henry Collins, who was born in 1910, had been a pupil of North School and while he had attended our school, a teacher had spotted his artistic talent and he had the opportunity to attend an Art School in Colchester. The road to his success began when he made an exhibition at the Southbank as part of the 1951 Festival of Britain. Following that, he was commissioned to create incredible pieces of art, using various techniques and materials including, collage, acrylic, inks, concrete and wood.

Year 6 were able to listen to a superb presentation about Henry Collins and then see a selection of pieces of art that belong to members of his family. What a wonderful experience!

Mrs. Sage reporting

**Congratulations to North Football Team in beating St John's Green 8-7
Full report to follow.**



SEATRADE HOUSE Many of you have expressed your concerns about the unsafe practices on the Seatrade site and I know some have taken that further. Thank you for your support. We are watching the site carefully, bringing our concerns to the workers and their manager and a complaint has also been lodged with the Health and Safety Executive.



TERM DATES	
Tuesday 17th March	Children's Music Festival—Charter Hall
Thurs 19th March	Mother's Day
Friday 20th March	NSA Spring Fair
Saturday 28th March	Tree planting on Riverside
Sunday 29th March	Colchester Half Marathon
Tuesday 31st March	OPEN AFTERNOON
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

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The Roboteers were guests of honour in the Mayor's Parlour on the 11th.
 Along with their parents they met the Mayor and Mayoress. Mister Mayor has a computing background and was incredibly impressed with the children's achievements. The children enjoyed their VIP experience. You can read more about it in the County Standard.



Boys and Girls 5-11 years old
 This is your big moment....
 Includes personalised kit
 Colchester & East Essex CC Lower Castle Park,
 Colchester, CO1 1XN
 6:00pm - 7:00pm,
 Fridays (May 15th - July 3rd)
 Contact: enoch_gen524@yahoo.co.uk
Mondays or Fridays
Register at allstarscricket.co.uk

