



*What Does 7 Years
at North
Look Like?*

Welcome

[David]



Welcome to North Primary School and Nursery. WE ARE SORRY THAT WE CAN'T BE WITH YOU TONIGHT.

We have been thinking about your children coming to our school and what they can look forward to for their 7 years at North.

North has a very comforting environment where every child is respected for their differences. They also learn to respect adults and make longlasting friendships.

These are some of the things that we think make our school a great place to learn.



Teachers

Our teachers are brilliant and help us get the best education possible.

In October 2017 North was inspected by Ofsted. The inspector found that the school continues to be good AND is even better than before.

[Cassie]



Visible Learning

[Ava]



At North we have something called Visible Learning which is something not many other schools have. We build the skills of a good learner such as:

- ✓ Perseverence,
- ✓ Reflection,
- ✓ Positivity.

A good mindset helps us succeed even when the work is tough. In reception the children learn to say “YES and do my best!”



Responsibility

[Leah]



Everyone has the responsibility of being a good role model and ambassador. They will be taught to be well behaved and independent. Being well behaved means to give others their three rights: the right to be respected, the right to feel and be safe and the right to learn. This means being kind to one another and treating others how you would like to be treated. They will also have to follow the school motto –

Always Do Your Best.



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Our school has stood strong for 126 years. Believe it or not North Primary School is the oldest state primary school in Colchester. We have been studying the school's past.

When the school first opened in 1894 many children lived in The Workhouse. Now the school is open to rich and poor. We are great at welcoming all types of people.

Today the school is 126 years and 13 days old.

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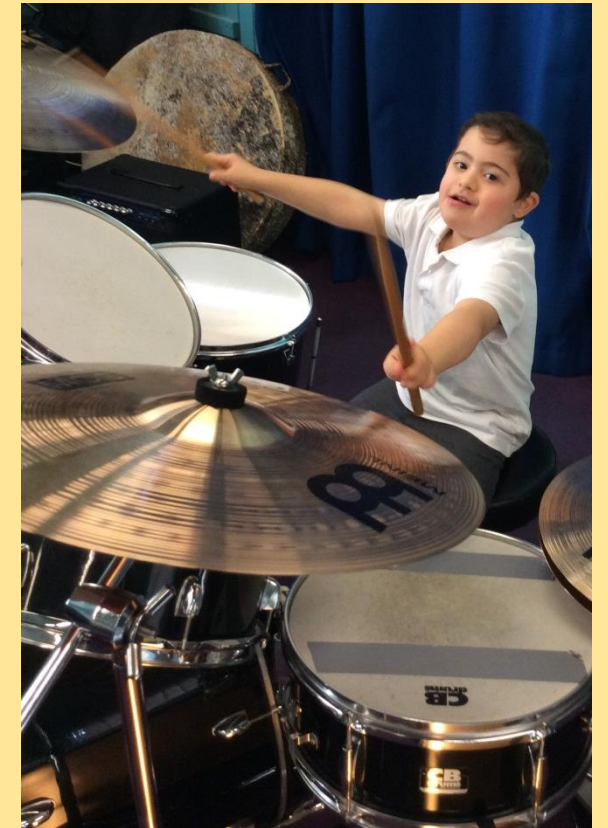
[Jayden]



Inclusion

The adults help children who find it difficult to learn. They help children with disabilities, children who struggle to concentrate, children who have health problems including possibly mental health problems. This helps these children to have a good education, gain confidence and be as successful as their classmates and have no setbacks. If a child gets hurt at playtimes the adults give care with trained first aid skills.

[Juliette]




Health and Safety

[Andrei]



Hopefully schools will go back to normal before September 2021.

This year the school has done lots to make the school as safe as possible from covid. 

Every year the children have the flu vaccine if you would like them to.



Celebrating Excellence

[Shubhi]



Kind behaviour is rewarded by teachers and classmates with Good Citizen Awards presented in assemblies on Fridays. One award is presented per class as well as Good Work Awards.



Two children from each class are presented with Governors' Awards at the end of every term.

All these awards can encourage children to do better all the time and make the school a better place.



School Council

[Anna-Maria]



Your children will have a chance to be elected on to The School Council from Year 2 onwards. Year 6s have jobs such as chair, secretary, treasurer and press secretary.



In 2018 the school council helped the school gain the silver Rights Respecting School Award.



School Meals

[Zosia]



The Head Chef, Mrs. Schuter, creates delicious, healthy meals that your children will absolutely love. The kitchen has a 5* rating.

Attention is paid to children with severe allergies such as nuts, dairy and gluten. There is a three week menu which is changed termly.

These meals are completely free up until the Juniors.

Throughout the year there are special meal days, like Mothers' Day and this Fathers' Day meal.

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Playtimes

[Zosia]



Your children will have a really fun and safe playground. They will share it with Year 1s. There will be midday assistants to look after all the children and Year 5 Playleaders help children play happily.

A lot of equipment is provided.

When they get older they can play in the big playground.



Uniform

[Sushanth]



Your children's school uniform will be burgundy until they reach Year 6. We have black fleeces.

This is a privilege because we want younger children to look up to us.

All children look forward to wearing the black fleece!



Stay and Learn

[Shubhi]



Would you like to see what your children get up to in school?

Well, at North we have Open lessons. These are an opportunity for parent/carers to participate in your children's lessons. In Reception these are called **Stay and Learn** lessons.

These lessons are fun.



The Library

[Myra]



The school has its very own library which has many books from a range of genres. The library is timetabled for every class to use and juniors may visit in their lunchbreak too.

We also have a fully-qualified librarian who has 5 pupil librarians to help her.



Home Learning

[Sharon]



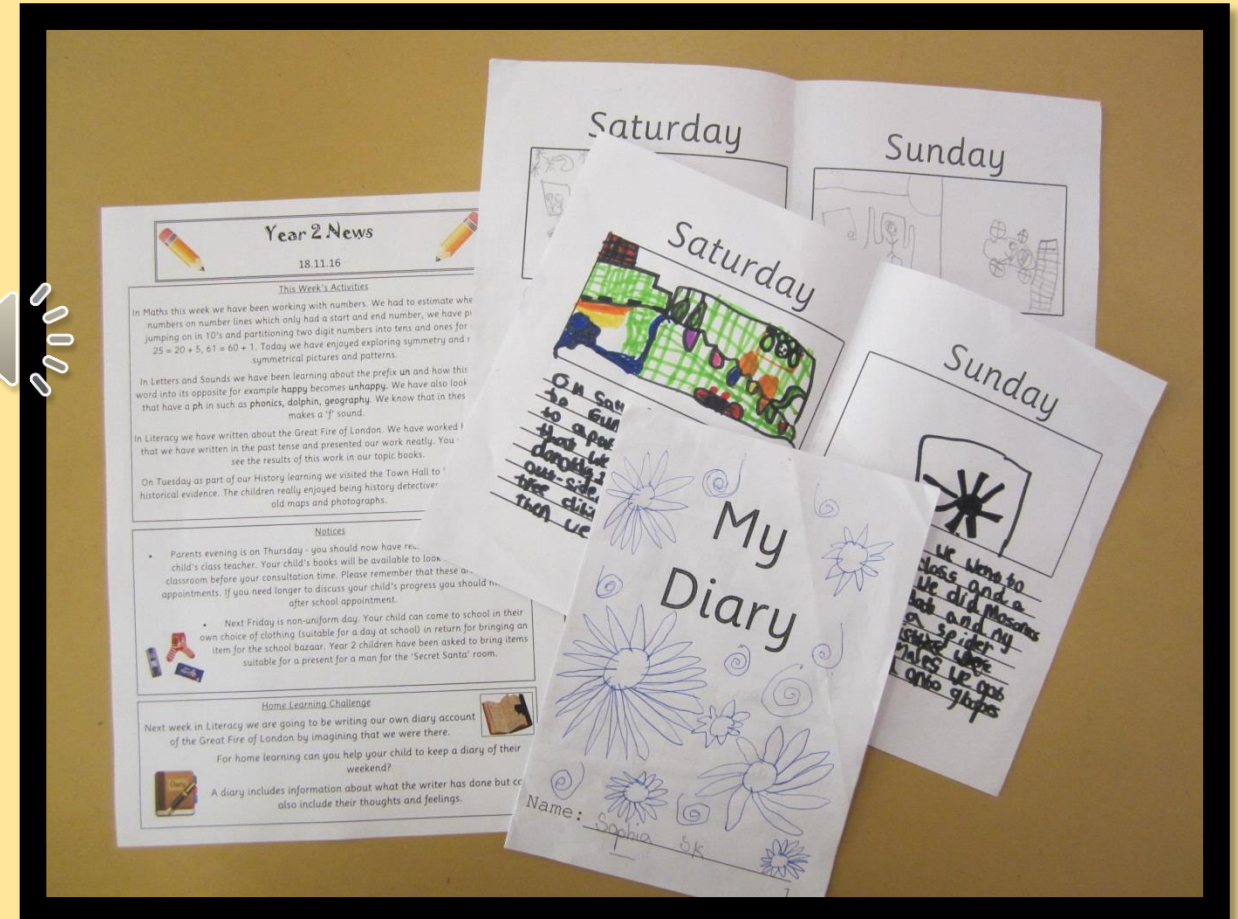
Teachers give children work so they can carry on their learning at home. This is posted on Tapestry for the infants and SeeSaw for the juniors.

This will be Maths, English and topic which includes history, geography, art and science.

Home Learning gets more complex as your children go through the school.

Children will also receive reading books and journals. In their journal a record can be kept every time they read.

It is expected that your child does this home learning.



Feedback and Tuition

[Andrei]



Our school provides extra help for children who may need extra practice on a core skill. This can be for reading, writing or maths.

This helps your children to achieve their personal goals.

It will take place during the school day. Older children may receive free tuition from Miss Hacking, a teacher, after school.



Free For All

[Juliette]



In 2013 Danny Crates, a former Paralympian, launched a campaign called Free For All. The logo was created by Connor Crawford, a former pupil, who is now a graphic designer. This campaign raises money for exciting opportunities to meet your children's needs, co-ordinating school events so you don't have to pay for things like trips and swimming lessons. We are all working very hard for Free For All. If it wasn't for Free For All you would have to pay a fortune for school trips.



Assemblies

[Juliette]



Assembly is a time to think and stretch your brain for the day ahead. In assembly, listening is a skill you will need.

The first big assembly your child will experience is the Harvest Festival where they will sing a range of songs including *Harvest Rock'n'Roll*. The children get to support a chosen charity. This year it was the Colchester Foodbank.



Christmas Productions

[Ava]



North allows your children to develop their theatrical skills through Christmas Productions.

These take place every year and the children are given a part they feel comfortable with. From Reception to Year 4 they will be involved in Christmas Plays. In Years 5 and 6 your child will get the opportunity to perform in a concert consisting of classic Christmas carols.



Christmas Productions cont'd

[Leah]



If your child does not like performing in front of people, which is fully understandable, that is not a problem as they will be able to have a non-speaking part while also contributing by making props. These productions really are exciting to prepare for and to perform. Our helpful and encouraging staff always make these performances amazing.



Music

[Vincent]



One of the things we really enjoy is music. The school provides us with all kinds of instruments. We have our very own music studio.

We also have our very own music teacher, Mr. Bosch.

Reception will have taster sessions.

In year 1 and 2 your children will learn African Drumming.

In Year 3 your children will learn recorder.



Music continued

[Jayden]



In Year 4 your children will get the chance to have guitar lessons and learn one other instrument too. There are scholarships available for the two children who made the most of their opportunity.



In Year 5 your children will learn keyboard and later on will take part in the Battle of the Bands.

In Year 6 your children will be in a huge band and play lots of instruments. It is really fun to perform to the rest of the school and your family.

And it is *Free For All*.

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Computing

We have two large computer rooms. Your children will be taught useful computing skills which they will be able to use fluently in later life. They will learn these computer programming and general IT skills using a series of educational, fun and safe games and programs.



[Cassie]



Robotics

We have a Year 6 Robot Club. You may have seen the 2018 team on the television. They won a national competition and flew to the USA for the world finals. Out of 42000 schools worldwide they finished in the top 100 – the top 5 in Europe.

Last year we had two teams that won even more awards at the Nationals.

We are very proud of our Robotics Teams.

[Vincent]



Competitions

Our school also takes part in lots of other competitions with other schools including art, science, story writing and even public speaking.

It gives the children an extra opportunity to show off their creativity and make their parents proud.



[Myra]



North's Got Talent

[Zoe]



North's Got Talent is an event that happens once every year. Every class holds exciting auditions and children vote on who they want to put through to the semi finals which are organised by Year 6 councillors who also manage the whole Grand Final. Independent judges then name a winner who goes on to represent the school in the Colchester's Got Talent Finals.



P.E.

In Reception your children will have P.E. lessons with their teachers. When they are older they will also have P.E. lessons with our very own P.E. teacher, Mrs. Eves. She is helped by sports ambassadors elected by the junior classes.

She teaches different types of sports and skills and works on children's fitness too.

In Year 3 the children have swimming lessons at Leisure World.



[Sushanth]



Year 6 Residential Trip

[Sharon]



At the start of Year 6 your children could go to Weymouth to try out new activities such as abseiling and flying in a giant swing overlooking Portland Bill. We also learn about teamwork for five days. I bet you are wondering why we are talking about a trip in 2027. Trust me.

It goes very quickly at North.



Clubs

[Anna-Maria]



There are a large variety of before and after school clubs that your children will be able to enjoy in the future. These clubs include: choir, football, rugby, dance and gardening. In the Juniors your children can join the Children's University which these clubs are registered with. They can gain hours for their attendance and can graduate at Essex University.



Choir Performing at the O2



Circus Skills Club

Clubs continued

When your children get older they may be lucky enough to get picked for a school sports' team.

[Zoe]



Thank You for Listening

We firmly believe that our school gives us a great education.

Our school has pupils from around the globe so anyone can join from whichever their country of origin.

We hope that your children come to our fabulous school.

ENGLAND

VENEZUELA

NIGERIA

FRANCE

Hungary



POLAND

PAKISTAN

IRELAND

CUBA

USA

ROMANIA

INDIA

Italy