

# NEWSLINE

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## North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

We Celebrated our 125th anniversary on 12th November 2019. Visit [www.northschoolcxxv.com](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com)

### INSTRUMENTS FOR ALL

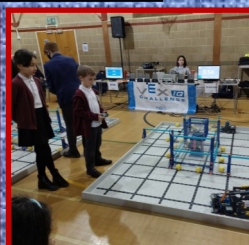
The children in Year 4 are extremely lucky. They do not get to master one instrument...they get to master 2! As we are halfway through the school year, this is a chance for the children to showcase what they have learnt from the first instrument they have been practising. Before half term, we saw 4OM play their guitars. They showed their determination had paid off (even when some did have sore fingers when practising!), as they were able to play in time to the music. They learnt how different strings played different notes and how the length of the string altered the sound. 4HR are very excited it will be their turn to learn this instrument from next week!

4HR then had their turn, where there were 2 concerts. Half of the class learnt the violin. They looked very professional holding their violins correctly and they were even able to read the music. In our woodwind concert, we saw 3 different instruments being played; saxophone, flute and clarinet. When the saxophones played, the children were very surprised how loud they were! And our flutists demonstrated how you need to blow over the mouthpiece and not in to it. Ingrid said she felt very nervous performing in front of her friends, but she was also very happy to so show them what she had learnt. These performances also got shared to Seesaw for their parents to see, which we hope you enjoyed. And thank you for allowing them to practise at home.

This is a great opportunity for the children which is funded by 'Free for All' and allows them to learn a new skill.

A very well done to all our musicians.

*Mrs. Harrison reporting*



### Teamwork Makes The Dreamwork

North Roboteers competed in their first Vex IQ Challenge at St. Helena School on Wednesday . Twenty teams from seven schools, ranging from Year 4 to Year 8 , were striving for a place at the National competition.

Armed with their well designed robots, both teams represented North with confidence. Each team played in ten qualifying rounds collaborating with another team, combining scores, and finished in fifth and eleventh places. Then came the knockout round at the end and the Year 6 team managed to finish in joint second place. They were also awarded the Judges Award for the highest score in the autonomous category. I was very proud of both teams and am looking forward to the next competition in a months time.

*Mrs. Walker reporting*



### Sportshall Athletics Festival

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February I took a group of 19 year 5/6 children to the new Northern Gateway Sports Park. What an amazing facility that we were able to use. The children competed against 3 other schools in running, jumping and throwing activities. All of the group performed to the best of their ability and were a credit to North School. We ended up coming 2<sup>nd</sup> which is an incredible result. I am so proud of all of them firstly how they performed and secondly for the support that they gave each other. *Mrs Eves reporting*

### Important Message

I received an email from a local resident which concerned me. She has become increasingly worried about the safety of young children coming to school.

She has observed on numerous occasions our youngest pupils scooting ahead of their parents down the middle of side roads.

If a car or lorry - an increasing number coming and going from the riverside office conversion site - were to turn into these roads a tragic accident could occur.

I have not observed this for myself, but you will know as responsible parents if your children are on the pavement and not too far way from you to be under your control.

I spoke to the children about this in assembly, a message the teachers will reinforce - also reminding children that bikes and scooters should be walked in the school grounds at all times.

Also, please take care crossing North Station Road, One of our parent governors has reported dangerous driving to the appropriate organisation on several occasions now. It would appear for some drives a red light is not a sign they need to obey.

Thank you.

*This message was first sent out via Parentmail on February 23rd*

# NSA

**Friday 25th March 3.30 pm 'til 5.30pm**

Children's Art and Craft Stalls

Gift ideas for Mother's Day - Colchester Arts and Crafts Guild Stalls

Local Authors selling signed copies of their books

Family Cream Teas

GRAND DRAW

**Join the NSA on Tuesday 8th March at 2.15pm in school to help plan and run this wonderful event.**

**Look out for booking forms and raffle tickets**

### E SAFETY SCHOOL SURVEY FEBRUARY 2022

CLASS	1. Do you have your own mobile	a. If yes, do you use tik tok?	b. If yes, do you use insta-gram	2. Do you have your own ipad?	3. Do you game online?	a. If yes, do you play roblox?	b. If yes, do you play fortnite?
REC CW	0			23	0	3	
REC CR	1			16			
1NW	7	2	3	17	15	9	6
1W	10	10	4	17	15	15	11
2SB	10	5		19	21	21	
2J	4			21	19	16	8
3M	10	3	2	18	14	9	3
3P	1			22	18	12	0
4OM	18	11	6	20	24	19	12
4RH	13	9	4	18	19	14	12
5S	19	10	3	18	26	22	10
5NR	15	8		17	21	18	12
6A	27	11	2	23	21	17	10
6SC	24	12	1	25	25	21	10
	159	81	25	274	238	196	94

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st March	Dr. Bike!
Friday 25th March	NSA SPRING FAIR
Friday 1st April	Last day of spring term
Tuesday 19th April	First day of summer term
Friday 27th May	Last day of half term
Tuesday 7th June	Return to school
Thursday 21st July	Final Day of Summer Term
Mon 5th September	First day of New school year

### Staying Safe in a Virtual World

During E-Safety Week a simple survey was conducted on the children's use of IT. Above are the results. Take a look. What do you think? Are the results as you would expect across the age groups?

As a parent, are you unsure of how to manage your children's online activity? There is a lot of information on the school website. Take a look.

### 500 Word Story Competition

Good News - St Helena are holding their story writing competition this year. There are two age categories: Y2 - Y4 and Y5 - Year 7.

Stories can be typed or handwritten but must be the children's own work. Children should hand in their entries to Mr. Garnett. Make sure full name, year group and school are included.

Deadline: Monday 21st March.

Good Luck