

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

The Big Garden Adventure

On Wednesday 6th July 1W went on a grand adventure to the Big Garden in High Woods. In the morning we spent time exploring the beauty of the woods. We listened to Mr Setford read poems and stories about nature then we had to sit very quietly and listen to the sounds of the woods. We heard 5 different types of birds and were visited by a squirrel! Next we had to use our sense of touch to complete a blindfold challenge to identify a tree. Have you ever hugged a tree? They are all very different. It was with great excitement that we then wound our way through the woods to get to the Big Garden. When we got there we used charcoal to draw things that we could see in the garden. We made a gallery of our art work in one of the polytunnels. After lunch we did 4 different activities – preparing compost, planting pea seeds into handmade pots, planting beans and tomatoes in a bed and picking fruits from the orchard. We have taken our pea seeds back to school and we were allowed to take the fruit that we picked home - although we did eat quite a lot as we were picking them! We finished our day eating pancakes with freshly picked fruit, cooked by Mr Setford and volunteers in the garden. We had a brilliant day and would like to say thank you to Mr Setford and his volunteers as well as to the parents who supported us on our tria fabulous success. Thank you.

Miss Wicks reporting

OPEN EVENING FRIDAY 15th JULY

"I just wanted to say it was a really lovely evening. I really enjoyed it. [My child] showed me every inch of the school. Nice to see everyone together again. My favourite moment was the absolutely beautiful display of sunflower paintings on a table in one of the reception year Rooms. Really wonderful, inspiring paintings and a wonderful mass of yellow sunniness!" Hear Hear. This comment from a parent was typical -it was a wonderful evening—as these photos show.



The Best ~~Town~~ City Park in England

On Tuesday morning, Year 4 took a stroll to Castle Park to research what attractions and facilities were on offer to the public. This information was then used to create a persuasive leaflet to entice somebody to visit the park. On the day, Year 4 walked around the entire park and enjoyed exploring different areas including the calm sensory garden, relaxing fishpond, ancient castle and beautiful flower displays. They found that the park has many facilities including two cafes, plenty of benches and bins and ample toilets. After a lot of hard work writing down these ideas, the children spent some time in the playpark and it was an absolute joy to see them playing with their friends. If you want to see the children's leaflets then head to the Year 4 classrooms on Friday during Open Evening.

Mrs Olley reporting



Children in the LKS2 had an opportunity to participate in a maths contest this term. The **First Mathematics Challenge** has been created to give all pupils in the whole world aged between 7-9 the opportunity to engage in a Mathematical Challenge. The questions encourage children's logical thinking skills. Twenty children from LKS2 qualified from our school finals and spent 45 minutes crunching their mathematical problems. It took a lot of perseverance as all of the questions tested them to their limits. We are proud to announce that they were all rewarded with bronze and silver awards but one, Michelle-Christine, who was awarded a gold award. We are extremely proud of all the participants. Roll on next year.
Miss Moroz reporting



It was lovely to welcome Mary from Essex Libraries back to school on the 15th. She returned to the school for the first time since 2019 to launch the **Summer Reading Challenge**. And how much does it cost to join?.... Absolutely nothing!

THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER



Firstsite Holiday Fun

Summer Holiday 2022
Weekdays from
Mon 25 Jul - Fri 26 Aug 2022

Colchester

Activities take place at: Firstsite, Lewis Gardens, High St, Colchester, Essex CO1 1JH

Make Creative art activities
10:00am - 2:30pm

Move Fun sports activities
10:45am - 11:45am & 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Canteen
Freshly made hot meals for all the family
11:45am & 1:00pm

All activities are free for families that require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefits-based free school meals.

• Activities most suitable for 4-12 years, but all ages welcome.
• Caregivers are required to stay on site throughout the activities.
• Menus and list of activities available at www.firstsite.uk

Delivered in partnership with:

Year one have entered the **Colchester Garden Festival, Schools in Bloom** competition. We had to get all of our plants and decorations up North Hill and we would like to say a huge thank you to Richard from the *Together We Grow* project, who helped us get everything up the hill in wheelbarrows and his electric bike. Our garden is one of 15 that lie between Jumbo and The Mercury Theatre and is the culmination of 3 months of designing, painting, and making, as well as planting seeds and watering plants. The gardens have all been designed to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the children decided that we should have a throne and lots of sparkly jewels. Please visit the gardens and see if you can see our golden throne. Can you spot the Queen's golden welly boots too? If we win the competition, we will be awarded equipment for our garden as well as visits and support from Lee Connelly – the Skinny Jeans gardener, so please vote for us. Voting starts on Friday 22nd July and is done by scanning the QR code on the front of our garden.
Miss Wicks reporting

Through the summer holidays children can eat a meal at ASDA for just £1.00.

Dates for your Diary

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| Thursday 21st July | Final Day of Summer Term |
| Sunday 24th July | Tour de Tendring Cycle Ride |
| Mon 5th September | First day of New school year |
| Mon 5th September | Year 6 Osmington Bay |
| Friday 21st October | End of half term |
| Tuesday 1st November | Return to school |
| Tues 20th December | Last day of autumn term |

Firstsite offer FREE food, sport, music and art activities to families over the summer holidays on weekdays from Monday 25 July to Friday 26 August. Tickets are available to book on their website—<https://firstsite.uk/your-visit/learning-activities/children-families/holiday-fun/>
HOW AMAZING IS THAT!

WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED READING YOUR CHILD(REN)'S REPORT(S)

Please complete and return the child and parent reply slip.