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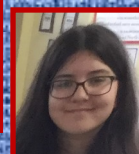
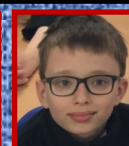
A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

We Celebrated our 125th anniversary on 12th November 2019. Visit www.northschoolcxxv.com

The Final Assembly of the School Year:

A celebration of achievement; a recognition of the many people in our community who have made a difference. A chance to say "thank you" and "goodbyes."

GOVERNORS' AWARDS



SPECIAL AWARD

Freya, Thomas, Kayla and Orlando are worthy winners of this special award. With the certificate, comes a £25 Red Lion Book voucher [with thanks] to the generosity of an anonymous friend of the school.



Banham Award

This award was introduced in 2021 by the family of former pupil, Zak Banham.

This year's winner is Reece (left) for showing determination and resilience during PE this year. Mrs. Eves writes, "Reece, you have been amazing with how you approached not only PE lessons but also the Weymouth trip and Hilly Fields not letting anything stand in your way of achieving your potential."

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Asiya, below, will be too old to graduate next year (this year's ceremony was cancelled) so she was presented with her awards in school, wearing gown and mortar.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Presented to Mya and Shanaya. They made the most of their Year 4 music opportunities and will have the chance to further their musical talents with free lessons and instrument hire next year.



Netball Team

Mrs. Eves had kept this a secret... Our netball team were the winners of the Colchester Large Schools Netball League. How brilliant is that. They loved their medals.



Penny Race

The grand total raised was £284.89. Thank you. And the class with the longest line of pennies was 3M.



Hilly Fields

Sponsorship has reached the stunning total of £2084.40. Wow! And there were two classes tied with the most number of sponsor returns. 2J and 2SB.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year; with so many ups and down's, every week has presented a different challenge!

It has been so lovely to have a sense of normality returning. The Spring Fair was amazing, such a good buzz throughout the school, and for some parents the first time they had been able to come into school for two years. Sports days were great occasions and thankfully not too hot. There was a fantastic atmosphere at the Summer Fete, and it was wonderful to see families enjoying themselves and being able to mix again with friends. The Year 6 Film Premiere was an excellent evening, and what a show. The film was inspired and the side show, of watching the Year 6 reactions as they appeared on screen, was also great fun.

Many other events have also been able to take place again this year, sponsored runs and the half marathon, along with sporting events with other schools. Our netball team won the league- fantastic. Music- with the school on TV for Children in Need and the choir taking part in the O2 Music Festival. The Robot club won through to the finals again in the VEX competition, and the Year 1 children are currently part of the Garden in Bloom competition- don't forget to log on and vote for our school. We had Jubilee celebrations, North's Got Talent and our school team came second in the Rotary Club Speakers competition, hosted by the mayor. Money has been raised for our charity, Free For All, and this has allowed funding for playtime equipment and trips out. We have also given to other charities such as the Food Bank and the Roundtable fight against polio. The Harvest Appeal this year saw children choose from 3 charities based on an idea from a family who donated £400 to get things going. This in turn was matched by another family, all very generous. It has certainly been a busy year.

The year has also been a tough one. Covid has not gone away, and staff absence was at a record high in the Spring term. We were able to keep the school open, but only just. I am sure you will agree with me in thanking Mr Garnett and all the staff, they have worked so very hard throughout the year to provide for our children. This hard work was showcased on Open Evening when again it was lovely to see so many families in school, excited children showing off their work and parents being able to meet new teachers for next year. The school looked lovely with a wonderful display of the many topics covered throughout the year, beautiful writing, art and DT. Despite all the challenges the children have said yes and done their best. Governors are very proud of all the achievement, and I am sure you are too.

We would like to wish you a relaxing break over the summer holidays and look forward to seeing you in September, when we will continue with the WOW walk to school challenge. For our year 6 children and families leaving the school we wish you every success for the future.

Jan Blackwell
Chair of Governors.

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.

- Advance booking is essential.
- Activities most suitable for 4 - 11 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



We said "goodbye" to Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Shuter, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Burr, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Sage and Mrs. Tubridy. They had a lovely send off with the children presenting gifts from staff and governors.



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!



North has just lost an awful lot of talent... **Year 6 had their final day at primary school.** They sang, they reminisced, they got their shirts signed, and they cried— as did the staff. They even found time to write thank you cards to the NSA for their leaving jollies—Sonny is pictured presenting the cards to members of the NSA committee. Dr. Suess's words were so appropriate—"Don't cry because it is over, smile because it has happened." But the final words must go to Ms. Palmer, who made a lovely farewell speech after giving 23 years of her career to North—here it is...

"When I first came to North I decided I would only stay for 2 years and then move on. I felt that to be a good teacher you needed experience in lots of different schools however then I met Miss Jacobs and Mrs. Skinner and many other talented and gifted teachers and LSA's and I realised I didn't need to move about to become a skilled teacher that I could learn and improve my craft in one place. Mr. G - took the reins and for the first time I knew I was working for a Head who had a clear vision for the school and I wanted to be part of that vision. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the privilege of serving you all. My time at North has been an amazing and enjoyable journey but like all journeys I have come to the end of mine. I have been honoured to work alongside so many hard working gifted and dedicated teachers, LSA's and support staff. This truly is the place to be to May God bless you and your families today and in the future. Thank you."

