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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



Graham and Sue Roaring Success

On Monday 13th June all of the children in KS1 enjoyed a visit from Graham and Sue, dinosaur experts and real life palaeontologists. We got to see dinosaur replicas, real dinosaur fossils and tools used for fossil hunting. We got to find out how fossils are found and what they tell us as well as facts about a range of dinosaurs. We learnt things that we did not know before and also learnt that some of the information scientists have about dinosaurs changes as they find out more. For example scientists now think that most dinosaurs had feathers.

We also got to meet Mary Anning who told us all about her fossil discoveries in Lyme Regis and how she did not get recognition for her finds as she was a woman. We were pleased to hear that there is now a bronze statue of her in her home town to mark the contribution that she made to science.

We had an amazing time learning lots of new facts about dinosaurs and Graham and Sue were really impressed not only by the children's knowledge but also by their politeness and good manners.

Miss Jacobs reporting



"Our idea is very simple... Let's make a big difference just with our small change."

A local group called the 500 Club has given the school £500. The members of this group put a small amount of money each month into their pot and then decide to which worthy cause they should give £500. One of our parents nominated North for our inclusivity and unique *Free For All* charity. And they said yes! How great is that. SO the School Council now have the lovely job of deciding what to do with the money.

If you would like to find out more about the 500 Club and maybe join go to <https://www.palmerpartners.com/charity>

School Meal Price Increase

From September the price of a school meal will go up to £2.30.

Our catering management company put their prices up in April but the governors decided to not put up our prices this term, in recognition of the difficult times.

More and more families are eligible for free school meals - have you checked whether your changing circumstances entitle you to free school meals for your children.

And remember, families in the infants can apply even though the children get free meals anyway - register and the school gets a bigger budget. To check if you are eligible please see <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>. Online applications can be made for children in Year 3 and above. For children in Reception and Years 1 and 2, please speak to the office staff.

And the winner is...



Huge congratulations to Eli, the winner of the inter-school 500 word story writing competition organised by St. Helena. Eli's use of language is wonderfully descriptive. A worthy winner.

All our entrants will be receiving certificates shortly. Congratulations to them as well.

Jubilee Celebrations in KS1

What a busy week Key stage 1 had before half term! We have been designers and makers working on different challenges across the week. On Tuesday we tasted breads and fillings so that we could design and make our own sandwiches. On Wednesday we cooked with Mrs Eves. We made scones and cupcakes with a little help from some year 6 volunteers. On Thursday we made celebration hats, iced our cakes and made our sandwiches. Finally, we enjoyed a fabulous Jubilee picnic outside which finished with some magic tricks from Jesse.

What a great week.
Mrs. Spalding
reporting



Dates for your Diary

Wed 22nd June	Y5/6 Parents Meetings Relationships and Sex Education
Friday 24th June at 2.00pm	Y3/4 Sports Afternoon
Monday 27th June at 2.00pm	Y5/6 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 28th June at 2.00pm	Y1/2 Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 29th June at 9.15am	Reception Sports Morning
Friday July 1st	Hilly Fields Fun Run
Friday July 1st	Summer Fete
Monday 11th July	First Aid Day
Friday 15th July at 6.00pm	Open Evening
Thursday 21st July	Final Day of Summer Term
Mon 5th September	First day of New school year
Mon 5th September	Year 6 Osmington Bay

Thursday 16th June 2022 was Clean Air Day **EVERYDAY SHOULD BE CLEAN AIR DAY!**

A Message from Emily Harrup, a parent, who works for CBC.

The theme for this year's national Clean Air Day is **'Protecting children's health from air pollution'**

What can parents do if you cannot walk to school? As part of the CBC's CAREless Pollution campaign, we ask all drivers to switch off their engines while stationary, particularly when waiting outside schools. The air quality outside schools can be up to 30% worse than in surrounding areas. This is particularly worrying because air pollution is associated with asthma and other lung disease with young developing lungs especially at risk. It also affects brain development and children's working memories, risking an impact on their learning. Research has calculated that breathing in air pollution is the equivalent of a child smoking 1.5 cigarettes every day.

Children aren't just at risk from the air they breathe when they are outside, they are also exposed when sitting inside your vehicle. The air pollution inside a stationary car with the engine running can be up to seven times higher than the air pollution outside the car.

By working together as a school community to raise awareness of air pollution and the associated risks to our health, we can all play our part to improve the air that we all have to breathe and protect children's health. We hope you will show your support and kindly switch off your engine while you wait in any of our neighbouring roads.

Find out more at www.colchester.gov.uk/cleanair
#takecareofyourair #carelesspollution.

We are hoping that Emily will have a stall at the summer fete.

