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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

Harvest Assembly Supporting the Colchester Foodbank



Year 4 get ready to join the Christmas Parade

On Thursday and Friday the children in our year 4 classes showed their creative flair, having the opportunity to work with some visiting artists from Emergency Exit Arts to make festive lanterns. Children demonstrated fantastic learning characteristics as they collaborated, persevered, challenged themselves, showed good concentration, asked thoughtful questions and were responsible. We are all so impressed with the finished results, well done!

The children will also have the opportunity to participate in a parade in Colchester town centre on **Wednesday 16th November at 4pm** with their families as part of the festive celebrations. I am sure that their lanterns will look amazing when they are lit.

Miss Batchelor reporting

What a lovely way to end the half term! All the school filed into the junior hall and made their donations which were arranged into a magnificent display by our Y6 councillors. It was the reception children's first time in a school assembly and they sat, listened and sang their little hearts out. Thank you all for your generosity. Colin from the Foodbank, pictured, was amazed by how much there was. He only just squeezed it all in his van! At the end of the assembly we all said goodbye to Mrs. Eves. She was presented with some lovely gifts and made a wonderful, heartwarming speech (see below).

"I came to north in 2012, London Olympic year. The Y6 block had just been built as had 1NW and reception. North also had a brand new astro turf. It was exciting times for both the school and myself. In the last 10 years who knew my role would grow to such an extent.

I have loved my time here watching you all grow and achieved things you never thought you would. That's what teaching is all about. A privilege seeing and helping you all develop. Yes there are tricky parts along the way but life is like that. I have made many friends and will miss everyone here at North, but like the Y6, you know when it's time to spread your wings and take on a new challenge.

I hope I have inspired some of you to be healthy and active and that you will continue to enjoy PE.

Fly high, chase your dreams and you will achieve great things."



North Roboteers

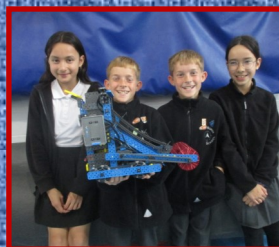
Freddie's quote: "We did very well, but our robot didn't!"

Last Friday I took the robot team to Finborough School near Stowmarket to compete in their first regional competition. They were competing against 13 other teams from secondary schools and although we came joint fourteenth everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Vex IQ game this year is much more challenging, so the children had to think about and use lots of different mechanisms. They had spent a lot of time perfecting the robot and left no time to practice running it. After their first run on Friday they decided it was too big for the field!

During the journey back to school Jessica said "We didn't make the top ten but we got lots of ideas and inspiration from all the other robots and had lots of fun." They are now looking forward to the next competition at St. Helena with a revised version of their robot.

Mrs Walker reporting



Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling

On Thursday 20th October I was privileged to take a group of children Ten Pin Bowling as one of my last events. It was a lovely afternoon which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We walked through Castle Park and then played a game of bowling. The children lifted the bowling balls onto the ramp by themselves and then pushed and watch the skittles fall. The look of delight on their faces was priceless. A lasting memory for me. All of the children were awarded a medal and certificate for their excellent skills. They were a credit to the school.

Mrs. Eves reporting



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"Another example of how North goes that extra mile." So said a parent of a Year 9 pupil after 34 of that year group went bowling on the 20th, thanks to the NSA. This group should have had a leavers' treat in 2020 but Covid got in the way! It was lovely to see them, and their parents, again.

A special thank you to Mrs. Pettit for organising the event.

The Disco was a great success. It was a fabulous evening - the children loved it. The parents who stayed loved it. The parents who got 75 minutes off loved it...The Landlord of the Victoria Inn loved it - he should give us 10% of his takings.

The entry by donations worked well.

What a great start to the NSA year.

Next up The NSA Christmas Bazaar. Preparations are well under way. There are so many ways parents can help. Firstly, with the raffle. The £1 a ticket worked well—saving paper and printing costs— with people buying one ticket rather than five. The tickets will be sent home soon. We hope to match the number and quality of prizes on offer with the summer fete raffle...

THERE WILL BE THE CASH PRIZE OF £100. Do you have a business, work for a business or know somebody who does, who would donate a prize?

If so, please, please, please ask and let the NSA know.

Then we can publicise the company. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st November	Return to school
Sunday 6th November	Choir sing at St. Mary's Art Centre
Tues 15th November	OPEN AFTERNOON –Y1-6
Wed 16th November	Year 4 lantern procession
Thurs 24th November	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 25th November	Non-Uniform Day in aid of Christmas Bazaar
Thurs 1st December	Prospective Parents Evening
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Bazaar
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Tues 20th December	Last day of autumn term
Thurs 5th January 2023	First day of Spring Term
Friday 10th February	Last day of half term
Monday 20th February	Return to school