

# 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)

"Every year I look forward to the Easter bonnet parade and assembly, such vibrancy, colour, imagination and effort! I really appreciate being able to be a part of something so joyful." Claire Mold, parent governor. And joyful it was, made super special following such a demanding end to the term. The assembly began with a celebration for all that we have achieved and giving thanks to each other for the contributions— children and adults—to all the many successes. All the children paraded on the catwalk. Fabulous!

It was lovely to welcome the Nursery children into the assembly as well. The NSA had donated little eggs for everybody and larger hats for 'best in class'.

Governors Awards were presented. A 'friend of the school' very generously donated two Easter eggs per class to be presented to the children who had said "yes!" and had done their best through the term. Yes, definitely joyful.



### GOVERNORS' AWARDS SPRING 2023



### EASTER PARADE WINNERS



SAY, "YES!" AND DO YOUR BEST





### ARCHIE PROJECT EASTER PARTY

Easter came a little early for year 3 and the residents of Alderwood Care home last week. The children were delighted to meet with their friends again. There were lots of egg-citing crafts, including painting eggs, making Easter bunnies and chicks, decorating paper eggs and even a biscuit or two. The children were excellent at talking to the residents and came up with lots of questions and stories to help them feel comfortable. The children will be visiting the Care Home again in May during 'Dementia Awareness' week and will be learning more about Dementia and how we can help people with the disease. This is part of our continuing involvement in the Archie Project.

**Mrs. Olley reporting**



### Dates for your Diary

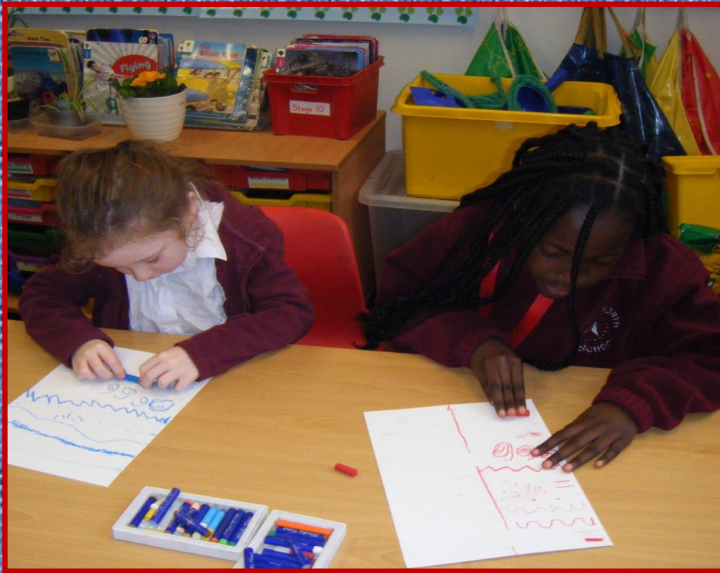
Monday 17th April	First day of summer term
Monday 1st May	School closed— May Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	School closed— King's Coronation
Tuesday 9th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 26th May	End of half term
Tuesday 6th June	Return to school
Friday 7th July	NSA Summer Fete
Friday 21st July	Final day of school year
Monday 4th September	Y6 Osmington Bay trip
Wed 6th September	First day of school year

### 75th Colchester Music Festival at The Girls High

Mrs. Heaton, ably supported by Mrs. Walker, have been hard at it teaching the choir all the songs for this year's music festival. For the first time it was held in the Girls High. The usual venue—Charter Hall - is far too expensive to hire. Who would have thought it right to charge the schools £4000 for a community event! Anyway, the children sang beautifully and it was a lovely way to spend a Saturday afternoon. The songs featured hits from across the past 8 decades. Well done, choir.







On Friday 17th March KS1 children came in ready for a day of exciting art activities. We used the story of Beegu as inspiration for our **consortium art gallery** artwork which is in aid of **Refugee Action**. Year 1 children used monochrome colours to create a spiral planet out of paper plates and paint. The aliens were created by folding paper containing paint to then produce a symmetrical body. This was lots of fun and the excitement in what the alien bodies would look like was palpable. The Year 2 children were given the challenge of creating an alien to display in an alien portrait gallery. To start with they explored how to create different effects using pastels and used these techniques to create their own aliens. **Miss Wicks reporting**

The rest of the school have their own activities inspired by this project. We are hoping that a selection of the work, along with work from the other 16 consortium schools, will be exhibited at Firstsite in the summer. Our children's work will be 'premiered' at North first.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Year 1 had a visit from Lee Connelly - **The Skinny Jeans Gardener**. Lee came to help us plan our garden for the Colchester Garden Festivals Competition. The theme this year is recycling and wildlife. We learned all about the insects and animals that we want to visit our gardens, including bees and butterflies. We thought about how we can use recycled objects, such as plastic bottles and boxes, to make things such as bug hotels and plant pots for our garden. Then we worked in teams to come up with garden design ideas.

Our next step is to bring all the designs together into a final plan and start growing all the plants we need to make our garden. We will be planting our garden outside the Mercury Theatre in July. Watch this space for information about how to vote.

**Miss Wicks reporting**

Last year, our entry was amazing. It will be great to see what KS1 create this summer.







LKS2 spent a very wet day at Layer Marney on the 28th. It was a great way to end their history project: *Stone Age to Iron Age*. This is a period of history beginning around 450,000BC and ending with the Roman Invasion in 43AD (see below!)

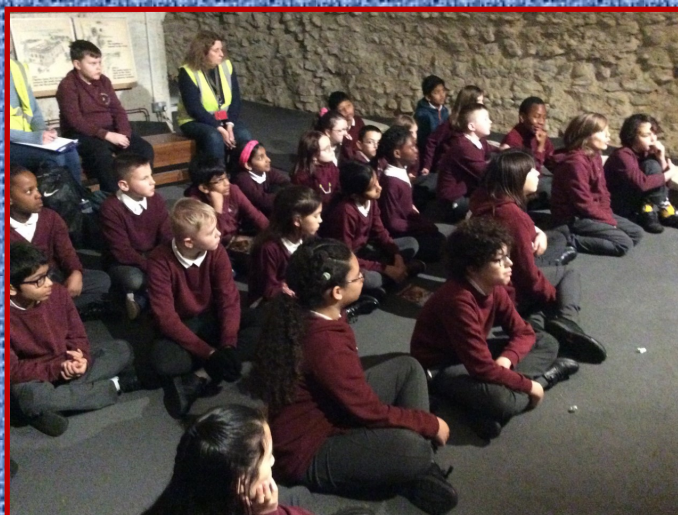
4B told the school all about the visit in assembly on the 29th. The children shared their knowledge of daily life and of what they did on their trip. It was very hands on. They were hunter-gatherers, they made clay pots and they even made fire. They were even archaeologists. It sounds like an amazing day. The Ofsted inspector was very impressed too!

All of the children in upper key stage 2 have participated in a Roman Walk around Colchester. The walks were led by historian Claire Parker (former parent and governor of the school). Her expert knowledge meant that all of the children and adults extended their learning about The Romans and the time they spent in Colchester. Throughout the walk, the children were able to observe and question evidence such as The Roman Wall, The Guard Room at Balmerne Gate, Roman Houses and the remain of a Roman Theatre. Class 5S had the opportunity to investigate the latest Roman find in Colchester – evidence of a mosaic floor in Lion Walk. Many thanks to Claire for giving up her time to help us with our history topic. We are so lucky to have all of this historical evidence on our doorstep.

**Mrs. Skinner reporting**



All of UKS2 also visited the Castle. Here is Mrs Nicholls report of her class's experience. Although the day started wet and cold, it did not dampen our spirits. It was a fun packed day with a story tour down in the vaults, where the original foundations of the Roman temple were built; a hands-on activity to reconstruct a Celtic Roundhouse and a Roman Villa, where they showed great team work as well as throughout the day they had the chance to look at all the artefacts around the museum furthering their learning on the Romans. From the start, all the children were thoroughly engaged with their learning about our Roman topic. They demonstrated super listening as well as great answering and asking of questions. They were all great ambassadors of North!



**FREE FOR ALL** and the efforts of the NSA make these events and experiences possible. Free For All is **unique**, giving children opportunities to make links with our local community and the wider world around us.