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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 FESTIVAL 2023

Whilst Storm Babet rained down on us—literally— the whole school gathered for Harvest. And what a special occasion it was. The Reception children attended their first ever assembly. They sat beautifully...and stood and sang joyfully, with the other infants, a song called, *In the Autumn*.

Year 1 also recited and signed a poem entitled, *I See Leaves*.

The juniors sang a rousing and heartfelt rendition of *Thank Your Lucky Stars*.

Unfortunately, Save The Children were not able to send a representative to talk about the work of the charity (hopefully they will later in the term) but 12 Year 6s described what the charity does and why it needs to do it. Zenani offered this powerful insight: "Some children have such perilous and melancholy lives that they do not know what safety feels or looks like." Adam asked for all children to be treated with equality. Theo said that the charity works in 115 countries, including the UK. Yvie said, "If you have donated money, in some small way, you are helping."

There was a moment of quiet reflection at the end when the children considered these words,

We offer our hands, our minds and our hearts to help all those who seek to make the world a better place.

Today we take time to rejoice not just with the food we share but also the give and take of love and compassion that we experience each day.

The children sang the classic harvest school song, *Paintbox*, as they left the hall. A perfect way to end a special festival.



Save the Children

The last word should go to Save The Children:

Every child has a unique story. We help children rewrite theirs. *Save the Children* fights for children every single day so they can fulfil their unique potential. In the UK and around the world, we work hand in hand with communities, national and international charities to improve children's lives, campaign for change, and share our expertise. We do it because every child should get a fair chance at the future they deserve.



NSA NGM

North School Association are amazing. But they need more help. Come along to the annual general meeting on November 8th and find out how you can get more involved. You will not regret it. Being involved in the school's social events is so rewarding. Just come to school a bit earlier on your school run. It will start at 2.15pm.

Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 31st October | Return to school |
| Wednesday 8th November | NSA AGM 2.15pm |
| Tues 14th November | OPEN AFTERNOON |

CORRECTION

Wed 15th November Colchester Lantern Festival

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| Thurs 30th November | Prospective Parents 2024 Open Evening |
| Friday 1st December 6.00pm | Christmas Bazaar |
| Wed 6th December morning | RECEPTION Nativity |
| Friday 8th December morning | Y2 Christmas Play |
| Wed 13th December Morning and afternoon | Nursery Christmas singalong |
| Thurs 14th December Afternoon | Y1 Christmas singalong |
| Friday 15th December | Y3&Y4 Christmas singalong |
| Tues 19th December evening | Y5 and Y6 Christmas Evening |
| Wed 20th December | Last day of autumn term |
| Thursday 4th January 2024 | First day of spring term |
| Friday 16th February | Last day of half term |
| Monday 26th February | Return to school |
| Thursday 28th March | Last day of spring term |
| Tuesday 16th April | First day of summer term |
| Friday 24th May | Last day of half term |
| Tuesday 4th June | Return to school |
| Tuesday 23rd July | Final day of school year |



Four lucky year 2's had great fun at a **Boot Camp** on the 13th, with their peers from seven local schools. It was hosted by St. Michael's School, and activities such as these is one of the many benefits of belonging to the Colchester Schools' Consortium. Erin, Leo, Arthur and Rowan worked fantastically well as a team, refusing to let the rain dampen their spirit. They returned to school muddy and tired but pleased with their efforts. They were great ambassadors for North



In the afternoon it was the turn of the Year 6s, represented by Harry, Holliness, Adam and Amber. They also had a great time and were even luckier as it did not rain on them!

At the end they were exhausted and exhilarated. Just as they should feel.

Mrs. Blackwell reporting

10 lucky children represented the school in the **Tenpin Bowling Panathlon** event on the 19th. We had two teams from North in the competition, and we were competing against 8 other local schools.



Some of our group scored strikes and spares and all of the children played really well. Unfortunately, we didn't win the competition on this occasion but we did have a great time. All of the participants received a medal, in recognition of their efforts and team work and they were a credit to our school.

Mrs. Zoltan reporting