

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

Governor's Corner November 2023

Governors were delighted to find a very positive vibe in the school on the 14th, a very wet Tuesday afternoon, when families were invited to attend an open lesson with their children. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents in school and working hard on the various projects that had been set by the teachers, covering all areas of the curriculum.

The children were delighted to have some help with some tricky activities, and the adults were having a great time, in some cases back to their childhood, and enjoying the learning.

A big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make the afternoon such a success, and to those of you who were able to attend for joining in with such enthusiasm.

Mrs. Blackwell reporting



NSA NEWS
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 6.00PM

Friday 24th November is our traditional non-uniform day; in exchange for the children wearing their own clothes to school we ask that they make a donation to the NSA Christmas Bazaar. To ensure that we get an even spread of gifts, we ask that children donate from the list below.

Reception: Activity/colouring books for younger children, or children's stationery (pens, pencils, pencil cases, colouring supplies, etc.)

Year 1 & Year 3: SECRET SANTA: Gifts for Her (Gifts for Grown-ups)

Year 2 & Year 5: SECRET SANTA: Gifts for Him (Gifts for Grown-ups)

Year 4: Chocolates

Year 6: Activity/colouring books for older children, or children's stationery (pens, pencils, pencil cases, colouring supplies, etc.)

Also, we would like to ask **Nursery** children to donate baked goods for the tea/coffee room please. To bring on 30th or 1st Dec.

The NSA are always grateful for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 1st December.

Thank you
NSA Committee

PS PLEASE SELL AS MANY PRIZE DRAW TICKETS AS YOU CAN. AND SEE YOU ON THE 1ST



Year 4 Light up Colchester!

Wow, what an amazing magical sight it was on Wednesday 15th November as some of our year 4 pupils and their families proudly paraded UP(!) Colchester High Street as part of a huge community celebration of the Christmas lights being switched on in the city this year. It was lovely to see how excited they were to showcase all of their hard work in creating their lanterns with the artists from EEA at the end of last half term, they all looked truly amazing lit up for the parade. Faye said it was the best time she has had in Y4 so far. The children even walked right behind Santa Claus who was riding an elephant for the special event, a highlight for Harrison and Franklin Well done for all of your hard work and enthusiasm, Year 4! The final word must go to Sanchana who said, "I liked seeing all the confetti fall down like snowflakes and seeing all the lights" **Miss Batchelor reporting.**

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 30th November 6.00pm	Prospective Parents 2024 Open Evening
Friday 1st December 6.00pm	Christmas Bazaar
Wed 6th December 9.15am	RECEPTION Nativity
Friday 8th December 9.30am	Y2 Christmas Play
Wed 13th December 11.00am	Morning Nursery Christmas singalong
Wed 13th December 2.30pm	Afternoon Nursery Christmas singalong
Thurs 14th December 3.15pm	Y1 Christmas singalong
Friday 15th December 9.15am	Y3&Y4 Christmas singalong
Friday 15th December 2.00pm	Y3&Y4 Christmas singalong
Tues 19th December evening	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Evening 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



Many of us may remember the programme 'Blue Peter' during our childhood years. Many of us may have also wanted one of those famous Blue Peter badges! I have also been told some of you did manage to get one!

During the year, both KS1 and KS2 children will have the chance to get their hands on their very own Blue Peter badge. Blue Peter now offers many different badges. We will be trying to get the Blue Peter book badge.

Some of the junior classes have begun working on getting their book badges, which involves writing a book review and completing a piece of art work linked to that book.

In Year 4, the children have been reading 'Stitch Head' by Guy Bass, so they created their own Stitch Head, where they had the opportunity to practise their sewing skills. In 3WO, the children thoroughly enjoyed 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl so all drew their favourite part from the story. Year 6 also drew pictures, but chose a book that they knew well.

Parents with children in KS2 will receive a separate Parentmail explaining the project in more detail. KS1 are aiming to complete the project later in the year.

Mrs. Harrison reporting

