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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

The Mayor Pops into School



It was a great honour to welcome Colchester City Mayor, Lesley Scott-Boutell, to school on the 7th. She came with Jean Quinn, from Sustrans to announce the winner of the milepost design competition. Prizes were presented to one runner up from every class and there was one year group winner as well (pictured above). The children were thrilled to receive their prizes from the Mayor. She told everybody that she had enjoyed looking at all the entries and had found it really tough to make her decisions. Jean said that the designs were the best she had seen from all the schools she has visited. The overall winning design was made by Umaira. Art students from the Sixth Form will now transform the milepost by the weir, bringing Umaira's design to life. How amazing will that be!

The Mayor was kind enough to stay and answer questions from the children. Her answers revealed her love for Colchester and determination to make the city a more compassionate and inclusive community. She talked openly about the challenges she has faced being deaf and how she overcomes them. Zachary asked the first question, a great one: "what inspired you to become a mayor?" Pictured right are some of the other questioners - Micah ("What are the benefits of being a mayor?") Ebuni ("What do you do all day as mayor?") and Zlata ("Do you have another job as well as the Mayor?") The Mayor answered Zico's question ("What are your plans to make Colchester a better place?") in general terms. Then the Year 6s stayed behind for a private audience to hear the answers to their more specific, and very impressive questions about issues of concern to the children.

What are your plans for improving children's access to libraries? (Satyaki). When will the Castle Park bridge be fixed? (Aisha)



Sports Ambassadors 2024 –2025

Pictured below are the newly elected sports ambassadors from Year 2 - Year 6. They are as keen as mustard to make a difference to playtimes. Their first task is to write their own job description, outlining what they can do to make playtimes a more fun and active experience for all. Their second job will be to wear their special badges!



HARVEST CHILDREN'S APPEAL 2024

This year we are going to do something a little different for Harvest. We will support Invasion Colchester in helping MIND, St. Helena Hospice and the Colchester and Ipswich Hospitals. Our Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 25th October. On that day we would love it if children could come to school dressed as their favourite superheroes along with a donation to drop in our collection buckets rattled by our school councillors standing at the gates before and after school.

There will also be a special themed lunch day – menu details to follow. If you want to find out more about Invasion Colchester please visit,

<https://www.invasioncolchester.co.uk/about/>

HARVEST PARENTS' APPEAL 2024

Alongside our Harvest Festival Appeal in school, we at North are wishing to support a very worthwhile charity called, "The Next Chapter". They provide free and confidential services to support people who are currently experiencing or have previously experienced difficulties in their home environment. With their support they can reclaim their lives and choose the future they want. We would very much appreciate your support in being able to offer toiletries, hats, scarves and gloves, tins of food and its always nice to have biscuits as a treat. There will be a bucket/box for any items kindly donated at the NSA shed. We will continue this appeal until Christmas. If you would like to know more about Next Chapter click on this link

www.thenextchapter.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Friday 11th October	NSA Disco
Friday Oct 25th	Harvest Festival Final Day of Half Term
Tues November 5th	Return to school
Friday 8th November	NSA Bingo
Wed 20th November	Reception parents consultation evening
Wed 27th November	Parents Meeting - applications for September 2025
Friday 29th Nov	NSA Christmas Bazaar
Saturday Dec 7th	Special Event for parents and their friends
Fri Dec 20th	Last day of autumn term
Mon Jan 6th	First day of Spring Term
Fri Feb 14th	Final day of half term
Mon 24th Feb	Return to school
Fri April 4th	Final day of Spring Term
Tues April 22nd	First day of Summer Term
Fri May 23rd	Final day of half term
Tues June 3rd	Return to school
Tues July 22nd	Final day of school year

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Arrangements for the Disco

5.30 - 6.30pm Infants 6.45 - 8.00pm Juniors

Donations on entry

Entry via Infant courtyard Exit via junior door

Adults must accompany infants.

Parents room available

Snacks available from the kitchen servery

Cars can use the Victoria Chase entrance.

PLEASE TAKE CARE

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair has been packed up for another year. A big thank you to Mrs. Skinner and her merry band of helpers for running the fair. Overall the takings were £827.27. This is a win-win for us all: children get some lovely new books to read at home and the school's commission enables teachers to buy books for the children to read in class.

Christmas Dates for your Diary

RECEPTION NATIVITY	Wednesday 4th December 9.00am
YEAR 2 PLAY	Friday 6th December 9.30am
NURSERY MORNING SINGALONG	Wednesday 11th December 10.45am
NURSERY AFTERNOON SINGALONG	Wednesday 11th December 2.30pm
YEAR 1 SINGALONG	Thursday 12th December 2.30pm
YEAR 3&4 STAY & SING	Tuesday 17th December 9.00am
YEAR 5&6 EVENING	Wednesday 18th December 6.30pm