

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

Make a Difference

Be an MP

Be a School Councillor



Pam Cox, newly elected MP for Colchester, visited the school on the 13th and presented certificates in assembly. She then had a tour of the school. Pam was impressed (see below). She was also keen to hear about the challenges schools face. You may have read her posting on facebook: "I was really pleased to visit North Primary today and to wish pupils and staff well for this new autumn term. My thanks to headteacher, Alan Garnett, for welcoming me to the morning assembly and for taking me on a tour of the school and onsite nursery school (see photo). It was great, too, to learn more about the North School Association (PTA) and their inspiring 'Free for All' charity which enriches pupils' cultural experience."

Year 2–Year 6 classes were buzzing with excitement the week beginning the 16th as elections were held for the school council. It was a pleasure to watch the hustings in 6M. There were lots of candidates who all made excellent speeches. The following quotes give a flavour of those speeches. I am sure you will agree, the idea of duty and service to a community is flourishing at North.

"Being in Year 6 means we've had a lot of experience in this school, and I believe we know what changes we want to help make it an even better place for everyone." Giselle.

"I consider myself to be a responsible Year 6 and I would love to have the opportunity to help make our school community everything we want it to be. If you vote for me, I will make sure that you are heard by the council." Tilly

"I'd love to represent my class as a councillor and bring your amazing ideas to life." Ananya

"I think you should vote for me because I will make sure that nobody gets bullied and nobody feels bad about who they are. None of us are better than each other and none of us are more important in this class and we all have something amazing in us and we should know that." Tsephi

"I'll try with all my power to make the school a better place and make sure the school has a brilliant reputation." Noah

And the final word goes to Sana, who finished her speech with these words, *"Good luck to everyone running for school council."* Hear Hear.

The new school council will be announced on the 23rd.



First School Lunch

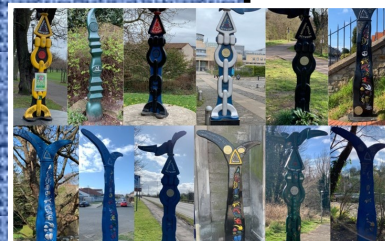
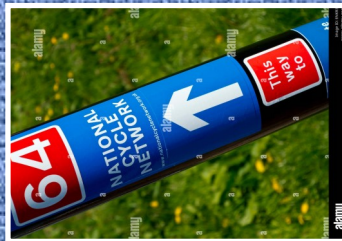
The reception children are settling in. They had their first school lunch on the 11th and now are staying full time. As you can imagine, it is quite a feat to get 60 children through a servery, sat at tables and eating their meals before going outside to play. Well done to them all and their amazing staff. (Don't they look so smart and grown up in their uniforms.)





Make a Difference— make a milepost colourful

We had another special visitor to the school on Monday 16th. Jean Quinn, pictured with Tami-lore, attended the assembly for Y2-Y6 to launch a competition. Jean is a volunteer with *Sustrans*, the organisation that promotes sustainable transport, hence Sustrans. It was a very interactive assembly which the children very much enjoyed. The children were invited to consider the most exciting ways to travel to school—rockets and hot air balloons were two of the suggestions! Coming back down to earth we then thought about the healthiest ways to get to school—for our own health and the health of the planet. Then Jean asked the children if they had ever noticed lampposts with blue signs which have numbers in red. She explained that they mark out the way for cycle routes across the country. Finally, she got on to the main point of the assembly: competition time! The children have been invited to complete a colour design for the milepost which is next to the [damaged] weir at the bottom of Castle Park. The Mayor is going to judge the entries and visit the school in October to present the prizes for each age group. The overall winner will have their design used to transform that milepost.



That work will be completed by sixth form art students.

The deadline for entries is September 30th.

Dates for your Diary

Friday Sept 27th	Individual Photos
Friday Oct 25th	Harvest Festival Final Day of Half Term
Tues Nov 5th	Return to school
Friday Nov 29th	NSA Christmas Bazaar
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

Christmas Dates for your Diary

RECEPTION NATIVITY	Wednesday 4th December 9.00am
YEAR 2 PLAY	Friday 6th December 9.00am
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