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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

On the 27th January Cllr Kemal Cufoglu attended a school council meeting. He had been invited after writing a lovely letter to Darcie (pictured with Aniela and Cllr Cufoglu) to congratulate her on her lobbying letter she had written last year to local politicians about repairing Middle Mill Weir. During the meeting Sana and Aniela made a speech asking for Cllr Cufoglu to support a school project - see below. As you will read, it is a great speech, and evidently very persuasive because Cllr Cufoglu has pledged to offer financial support through the next academic year. Good News indeed. Aniela offered a huge "Thank You" to Cllr Cufoglu on behalf of the whole school community.

The school councillors took the opportunity to interview the councillor. He was asked why he became a councillor. He said that a large percentage of the adult population in Colchester is under 40 yet most councillors are much older so he thought he should be that difference. After the meeting Aniela and Darcie gave him an extensive tour of the school.



Good News
Well Done School Council
[pictured: Sana(L), Cllr Cufoglu with Aniela, Chair (Top) and with Aniela and Darcie (R)]

Please Support our Community Fruit Basket: Aniela and Sana's Speech

Good afternoon, my name is Aniela and alongside me is my fellow school councillor, Sana. Today, we are talking about the community fruit basket. We will explain why this is a vital part of our school!

Upsettingly, some adults don't provide snacks for their children. Luckily, our fruit basket provides nutritious fruits that boost health benefits and energy levels, which helps students focus for sustained periods of time. Our community fruit basket is open to every individual in our school! We also have 4 excellent Fruit Monitors who always supply fruit for KS1. KS1 do not have to pay for their lunches, while KS2 have to pay.

One of the fabulous members of our school's association - Mrs Patrick - applied for the Tesco's Stronger Starts Grant to provide for our community fruit basket. In the end, we came 2nd in the blue token vote and won £1000 in September 2024. Our school spends £25 per week on 10 bags of fruit. That means we have 40 weeks to spend all of the £1000. Unfortunately, that means starting September 2025, people who can't manage to pay for food supplies will be focusing on how they have an empty stomach instead of focusing on their lessons.

To conclude, our community fruit basket is an essential and much loved part of our school.

Many students value what the community fruit basket represents: kindness, togetherness and wellbeing. We kindly request more funds for September 2025, for our community fruit basket to continue. Thank you for listening to our presentation!

Governors' Corner

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Y1-Y6 parents evening with your children, proud to share their hard work.

Thank you to everyone who chatted with me about the school, it is always good to hear your comments, most of which were very positive. A report will now be written and shared with the other governors, so your suggestions can be taken forward*.

I am sure you will all join with me in thanking our fantastic teaching staff and Mr Garnett who gave up their evening to enable this excellent event to happen.

Jan Blackwell
Chair of Governors

Don't forget, teachers are also available after school on Thursdays for consultations, by appointment.

The Governors remain busy on your behalf. During the first week in February they have been dropping into maths lessons to see the teaching and talk to the children about their learning. Look out for their report in the next edition of Governors' Corner.

*Governors always like to receive feedback from parents - we welcome your opinions and involvement. Do email.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th February 3.00pm	Pearl Design Fundraising Friday
Thursday 13th February	Last day of Half Term
Mon 24th Feb	Return to school
Friday 28th Feb	NSA Disco
Friday 21st March	NSA SPRING FAIR
Tues 1st April	Y3/4 Shows - details to follow
Fri April 4th	Final day of Spring Term EASTER PARADE
Tues April 22nd	First day of Summer Term
Fri May 23rd	Final day of half term
Tues June 3rd	Return to school
Friday 27th June	NSA SUMMER FETE
Tues July 22nd	Final day of school year

FUNDRAISING FRIDAYS

The first of our Fundraising Fridays Stalls will be open for business near the Pavilion at the end of the school day on Friday 7th February.

Saskia and Aisha-Monae are selling a variety of scrunchies, stickers and bookmarks all priced at under a pound in aid of St Helena Hospice.

This is a school council initiative. There will be stalls for other charities throughout the year. Adults can run a stall too. If parents would like to raise funds for a worthy cause - including FREE FOR ALL - then please email the school, marked for the attention of Noah - the school council press secretary and he will be in touch.

NORTH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

A tribute from a parent:

"What a special place (North) is. The Christmas Bazaar particularly stood out for me...watching the older children scream with glee when Mr. Garnett read out the raffle winners - it felt like one huge, safe loving family."

Well deserved praise for the NSA.

The NSA Committee continue to work behind the scenes, running wonderful events whilst raising funds for the school that support FREE FOR ALL.

For 13 years now school trips and music lessons have been free. On top of which, play equipment has been purchased and grounds improvements works completed thanks to the NSA. Most recently the Reception staff were thrilled to be informed that their request for 4 new trikes had been approved.

Thank you NSA.

Look out for details of these forthcoming events this term-

**DISCO, SPRING FAIR,
UNIFORM SALE,
EASTER BONNET PARADE.**

Nuts, Snacks and Sweet Treats

A Gentle Reminder

The school is a nut-free zone. This rule applies in the playground as well as in the dining hall, to children and adults. Parents, please do not consume nuts in the playground. Thank you.

If you provide your child with a snack or a packed lunch please leave out sweets and chocolates. Thank you.

For a few years now, we have asked that on birthdays parents do not send out sweets for the class.

Thank you for your co-operation.