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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

MAKING A DIFFERENCE - PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

The annual teaching awards window for applications is open. There are many categories covering many individual roles in a school. I have never nominated a colleague before because I feel it is wrong to single out one person when so many are deserving and when so much of what is done is about collaboration and teamwork. So I have nominated the entire school! Here is my submission. I thought you might find this interesting. I hope you agree.

Alan Garnett

I could submit nominations for any number of my colleagues – teachers, LSAs, office staff, MDAs, governors. I am surrounded by selfless brilliance. But I would rather submit a nomination for our school because what makes North such an incredible school is the strength of the teamwork, the mutual support and respect, and the dedication to the children and their families of North Primary School and Nursery staff.

North is the oldest state primary in Colchester. Governors collective service exceeds 100 years. Staff collective service is closer to 300. People stay at North to make a difference. And they do. Every single day.

We serve a diverse and ever growing community, expanding over the years to try to accommodate all our families, and where we cannot we work closely with our neighbouring schools for the good of all.

We are proud of the fact that every child benefits from the opportunity to go on school trips and learn musical instruments for free thanks to our charity, Free For All, which has been running now for 13 years. Free For All is our USP.

I have been the headteacher here for 24 amazing years. I would boast about our achievements, wouldn't I? So, don't take my word for it. This is what our parents say:

"I believe North Primary School in Colchester offers an exceptional environment for my daughter to thrive both academically and socially. The school's reputation for high-quality teaching, a nurturing atmosphere, and its commitment to holistic development perfectly align with our aspirations for her education."

"[My daughter] completed her education at North Primary School last year in 2024. She had a wonderful experience throughout her time at the school, from the beginning to her successful completion of Year 6. Her positive experiences and the strong foundation she received have greatly inspired us to choose North Primary for our younger daughter as well."

"Throughout ___'s education I have always been impressed in the extracurricular options available and the educational support provided which has helped my child develop. The fact most of these activities are funded by the school makes a huge difference especially in the early years of ___'s schooling where we weren't as financially healthy as we are today."

The final word must go to a pupil...

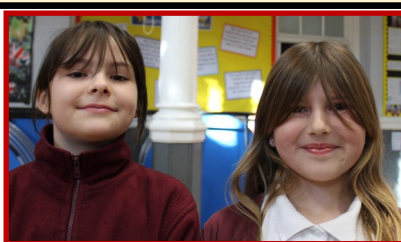
"On our uniform we have our school symbol, a compass. I always thought it meant if you were lost you could find your way to a safe place, North Primary."

SPECIAL BOOKMARKS FOR YEAR

Sir Bob Russell and Laura Davison were delighted to be the guests of honour in the certificate assembly on the 28th. And Year 1 were delighted as well because they all received a special bookmark.

Sir Bob and Laura had come along to present the Y1 children with book marks celebrating TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR. Sir Bob is on tour giving these bookmarks to all the Y1 children in Colchester schools. What a wonderful gesture.

He will return to school for The Spring Fair where the book-marks will be on sale for everybody.



BEST JEWELS



Well done and thank you to Scarlett and Georgie (pictured) raising money for FREE FOR ALL on the 28th February. It was the second of our Fundraising Fridays. This could catch on!

The next Fundraising stall will be run by Mollie and her family on Friday 7th March.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th March	Bedtime Story Pyjama Day
Week Beginning March 10th	NURSERY STAY & LEARNS
Friday 21st March	NSA SPRING FAIR
Thursday 27th March	Choir Performing at Charter Hall
Tues 1st April	9.15am Y4 Show
Tues 1st April	1.45pm Y3 Show
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
Monday Sept 1st	Y6 Residential to Dorset
Wed Sept 3rd	First day of new school year

THANKS NSA FOR A FABULOUS DISCO



A Poem by Kawan

Vegetables

relax veggie dudes
the answer is near
find a magical castle of vegetables
and the bacteria will clear!