

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

As I write to you today, the windows of my study are wide open and as I look out over our lawn it is a wonderful reminder of just how splendid the school site looks when the weather is on our side. We hope the good weather stays into next week as we host our second Open Morning of the academic year, which follows on from our busiest ever Open Morning last October with higher than ever numbers registered for the event. There has been plenty going on at School this week and my absolute highlights have come from being able to watch our choirs and orchestra performing at the Norfolk County Music Festival. This event is marking its centenary this year and it was wonderful to see our Year 2 Choir kicking off the session in style; I particularly enjoyed their 'backpack' song. The Prep Choir gave a polished and mature performance, making a lovely sound that really stood out in the session. I then had the pleasure of seeing our Prep Orchestra achieving a highly commended plus grading at an evening session at CNS, where their performance of 'Mash it up' (a Pachelbel's Canon inspired medley) was a joy to watch with the adjudicator giving particular praise to our cellists, flautists and oboist. It was also great to see our Year 7 and 8 pupils enjoying a trip to the theatre to watch Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake as part of our ETC enrichment programme. Many of these pupils will take to the stage themselves next week in the Upper Prep production of Matilda – something I cannot wait to watch. Next week we have our Year 6 pupils off on a Humanities trip to France and Belgium with Mr. Kendrick at the helm – I wish them all a safe journey and memorable trip.

On the sporting front, it was great to receive news over the weekend of our success at the East Anglian Schools Cross Country event. In the team events our Years 3 and 4 combined came 4th (awaiting confirmation), Years 5 and 6 combined became the East Anglian Champions and Years 7 and 8 came 2nd! Some individual highlights were Marcus winning the Year 5 boys' race, Joanie 3rd in Year 5 girls', Archie 2nd in Year 6 boys' and Frances finishing 2nd in the Year 3 and 4 race. This is a tremendous achievement and was the perfect precursor for enjoying the Years 3 and 4 House Cross Country races on Thursday, where all pupils gave their absolute best for their house – well done to all. We wish our Colts A Hockey team every success today in the Regional Finals at Stamford.

We have also enjoyed a number of assemblies this week that have focused on the importance of kindness, respect and making a difference. Pre Prep enjoyed a Paddington themed assembly from Mrs. Wilson with an exciting competition to take part in and Year 2 also had a talk from Dr Khan, Sara's mum, who explained the religion of Islam to the children, with the final message being that we are all different but we are all humans so we should show kindness and respect for each other.

Finally, a huge thank you to those who attended our Parent Consultation on Strategic Priorities on Monday. If you were unable to attend you can find the strategic priorities on the website - [Strategic Priorities](#) and we welcome consultation comments through the form available on the Portal.

I now need to jump in the car and dash off to The Nest to catch our Year 6 boys and girls who are taking part in our first independent schools football tournament – hopefully I will arrive in time to catch some goals.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

Mr. Nick Tiley-Nunn

