

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 6, 14TH FEBRUARY, 2025



Dear Parents

A busy half term draws to a close with the pupils brightening up the grey start to the day with their colourful outfits for our non-uniform Town Close Cares Day in support of our School Charity; Able2b. We were very lucky to be joined by Rachael Hutchinson, the co-founder of the charity, who joined us to talk about her fascinating journey from working as an orthopaedic surgeon to founding a charity. The powerful central message she communicated was that all of us, however ordinary we may feel, have the potential to make a real difference in the world by pursuing something that we are passionate about. This was very much in keeping with my message from assembly this morning, about 'doing what you love and loving what you do'. One of the great pleasures in my day-to-day role is seeing children genuinely loving the wide range of opportunities and spaces that they have available to them. This might take the form of an academic challenge such as the regional Science Quiz that our Year 6 teams have been tackling this week; or competing on the sporting front like our swimmers who took part in the IAPS Regional Qualifiers on Monday; or performing with confidence as our wonderful Junior Wind Band did in assembly this morning. It equally might be the smaller moments that our pupils love: playing in the Woodland Walk, curling up with a book in the library or taking part in their favourite co-curricular activity. Our Year 1 children certainly relished their visit from Mr. Greenwood, this week. He, very kindly, spoke to our Year 1 pupils about his expedition to Greenland: the challenges of such an adventure but, more so, the excitement and satisfaction of exploration and life-affirming experiences. Sentiments, I hope, our pupils will embrace in their own lives as more opportunities become available to them in the future.

I would like to thank all of those parents who joined us yesterday evening for our first parental consultation event (there is a letter about future events that you will receive today). It was great to share ideas and hear your thoughts on the potential future shape of the curriculum in Year 7 and 8. We will be sending out the presentation, accompanying notes and an opportunity for feedback after the half term break.

I hope that all the pupils have a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes,

Mr Nick Tiley-Nunn

