

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

I write today having just enjoyed joining Year 6 for part of their Science VR Workshop which has acted as an exciting precursor before STEM week officially begins on Monday and I am sure will bring with it lots to look forward to. It won't surprise you that it has been somewhat of another busy week at Town Close, with our celebrations for World Book Day (with some truly impressive book character costumes) being a real highlight – thank you to Bookbugs and Dragon Tales who joined us with their travelling Book Fair. I very much enjoyed our extra assembly and it was great to hear our Upper Prep pupils give us a rendition of 'revolting children' from their upcoming musical production of 'Matilda'. Year 1 and Year 2 very much enjoyed welcoming author and illustrator, Chloe Savage, who introduced them to her award-winning book, The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish. Chloe gave a drawing masterclass, inspiring them all to sketch their own underwater creations! Today, Karin Littlewood, visiting author, has joined Nursery and Reception to share her book Immi- a story of friendship across the world and how the simplest of gifts give the greatest joy.

It hasn't just been author visits this week though, with Dr. Pope-Gardner and Mr. Pope-Gardner visiting Nursery on Wednesday to talk to them about their careers as a barrister and doctor. The children were all fascinated by the barristers wig and different medical equipment. They were very engaged and enthusiastic; asking lots of questions! Thank you for joining us. We also had representatives from Bikeability join us this week with pupils in Years 4 and 5 brushing up on their cycling skills. Having joined a Year 4 group for part of their session on the Town Close bike, it was great to see how well the pupils listened to their instructor and how much they enjoyed their workshop out in the spring sunshine. We were pleased to display the 'Coat of Hopes' which joined us earlier in the week. Children took a moment to view the coat, try it on and think about their own hopes for the future of our world.

On Wednesday I had an opportunity to pedal down to our Astro to cheer on our Colts hockey teams. With a mixture of results on the day but with some excellent hockey on display, the thing I was most impressed with was the teamwork, something that was cited previously by the coaches of the Colts A and U9A and B teams, who all won their respective tournaments last Friday.

Finally, it was great to catch up with so many parents of children in Year 4 at our Parents' Evening yesterday and I look forward to seeing Year 8 parents for their Parents' Evening next week. I hope that those who are attending the PTA Cheese and Wine Evening today have a great evening and thank you to the PTA for arranging it.

I hope that you have a pleasant weekend with more than a hint of sunshine.

Mr. Nick Tiley-Nunn

