

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



WEEK 4, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

Dear Parents

Another busy week draws to a close and I cannot quite believe that we will find ourselves going into October next week. We started this week with a wonderful assembly from Mr. Walker about the power of languages to set us up for a European Day of Languages this Thursday. As part of this, we have been encouraging the pupils to greet each other and their teachers in different languages. It has been wonderful to see this in action and it has underlined what a vibrant and diverse school community we have at Town Close; please feel free to watch our 'Good Day' video that we have posted on social media and linked to this newsletter for a snapshot of languages from Europe and beyond that our school community speak. The love of languages at Town Close has been something (amongst many things) that I have really been impressed with since arriving and is just one of many elements of the school experience at Town Close that offers pupils real breadth, depth and enjoyment in their studies.

Sticking on the theme of words, a huge well done to all of our pupils for their efforts in learning a poem to perform to their class this week as part of us marking 30 years of National Poetry Day. I am very much looking forward to our evening of poetry and music next Thursday where we will hear our finalists perform their poems in the Read Hall alongside some sure to be wonderful musical items.

It has been great to see Pre Prep enjoying their swimming lessons this week and to have a lovely roast lunch with Reception where they were beyond eager to tell me everything that they had been up to. It was also fantastic to join other Reception parents for the Active Learning evening on Thursday evening – thank you to Mrs. Harries and her team.

One of my highlights was being able to find a gap in my diary to get out to watch some sport this week and I very much enjoyed seeing the Town Close spirit in full effect on both the Rugby and Hockey pitches. Speaking of Town Close spirit, I had the pleasure of going to watch our F24 Team race in the first event of the season at the Lotus test track in Hethel, last weekend, with our new team of Year 8 pupils putting on an incredible team performance to drive nearly 70 miles in the Town Close 'Phantom' kit car – placing 2nd against schools (mostly Senior Schools) from near and far. Congratulations to George, Christabel, Ethan, Edward, Hugo, Tilly, Ruby and Ava, and a huge thank you to Mr Buck and the team's fantastic band of supporters!

I also received the very pleasing news that Percy, Jacob and Beau represented the Town Close Ski Team who triumphed at the ESSKIA Qualifier at The Gosling Dry Ski Slope in Welwyn Garden City at the tail end of last week. Percy (Year 3), Jacob & Beau (Year 5) came first in the Boys Category for Year 6 and below, finishing two seconds ahead of their nearest rivals. Individually, Percy finished 2nd, Jacob 4th & Beau 11th out of 49 competitors. An amazing achievement for a young team. Their fantastic performance should be enough to ensure qualification for the English Schools Final due to take place at the Norfolk Snowsports Club in October. Well done, boys!

On the note of skiing, one of the things that I am looking forward to next week is a scoping out meeting to hopefully arrange a Town Close School Ski Trip for next academic year. Once I know further details I will be writing to parents to gauge interest in what I am sure will be a fantastic optional trip for the future.

I am sure that next week will be as busy as ever and I hope that the pupils have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

