

Dear Parents

I write to you today having just wrapped up a busy but brilliant <u>Open Morning</u>, where we had the highest number of families that we have ever had registered to attend. It gave me a great sense of pride to share our wonderful school with so many parents, all of whom were keen to find out more about what life is like at Town Close. Our pupil tour guides were exceptional; demonstrating real confidence and character as they showed our visitors around – well done and thank you to all of our tour guides. A question that I think is key for any parent to ask is 'will my child be happy here', and we enjoyed sharing a little video at Open Day about what life has been like for some of our newest starters since they joined Town Close: Watch here.

It was great to see this message of happiness and a sense of a successful first half term not just being reserved for our new starters, but also coming through strongly when speaking with parents at both the Pre Prep and Year 3 and 4 Parents' Evening events this week.

The rest of the week has been jam-packed with the usual smorgasbord of events with highlights including a fantastic assembly from our School charity for the year; Able2B. Rachael and Jon delivered an inspiring introduction to the Charity's work and their personal connections to it before getting everyone on their feet to enjoy an energetic sample of the exercises they teach to their members. We look forward to a fantastic year of collaboration and fundraising with them starting next Friday with a non-school uniform day. We also had a wonderfully entertaining and informative class assembly from 4R about the Celts and Romans – a huge thank you to Mrs. Reeves and 4R.

On a musical note, we hosted an orchestral workshop in our Read Hall on Tuesday which brought together musicians from Gresham's, Norwich School and our own Prep School Orchestra to the benefit and delight of all. A concert to showcase their day's work and progress was the perfect way to conclude a fantastic day of collaborative music. Huge thanks to our Head of Music, Mrs Koczur, for arranging and hosting the event as well as to all the supporting staff from all of the schools involved. It was also great to see Year 2 joining the Mini Explorers to show off their dance monkey skills by dancing with our visiting children – well done Year 2.

Next week, I am particularly looking forward to our author visit from Dominique Valente (having just completed reading her first book 'Starfell' myself) and to welcoming our Year 8 parents for their Parents' Evening.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

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