



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 7th October 2016

We celebrated National Poetry Day yesterday with a fantastic evening of music and poetry. Congratulations to all the pupils who recited poems, read their advice poems, ballads and odes and played musical instruments so beautifully. The Year 8 soloists' concert is next Tuesday at 4:15pm in the Read Hall and younger musicians and their parents are warmly invited to come along too and hopefully be inspired by the progress that can be made.



Pre Prep enjoyed a performance from the Year 2 dance group in their assembly which included a warm-up dance and their interpretation of Katy Perry's *Roar*. Bird family meetings talked about being polite and this morning Mrs Harries explained different ways people can shine, for example by smiling or outwardly showing good qualities.



On Monday, Mr Matcham visited to tell Prep children about the charity work he has undertaken in a Ugandan village. He talked about children's resilience and optimism, making the most of facilities and conditions very different from our own. Mr Matcham is a teacher and former housemaster at Haileybury, where a number of Town Close pupils have progressed including a former head girl, now studying at Oxford. This morning pupils heard Varun Naik's beautiful performance of *Falling* by Pam Wedgewood on the oboe prior to an assembly about William Wilberforce. Children learnt how he stood up against what he knew to be wrong and were challenged to do the same. 4ER delivered their assembly on Wednesday giving us a glimpse of how the Celts and Romans may have felt about each other.



Earlier in the week I was pictured with three magnificent meerkats as part of Reception's literacy theme. They have also been enthusiastically embracing Lego maths. The sweet scent of home-made perfume has filled Year 1 today as part of a senses morning. Year 2 children have been developing extended sentences using words to add interest and variation. Meanwhile, I saw Nursery children enjoying role-playing in our cosy yurt. We enjoyed welcoming Pre Prep parents to the various settling-in parent consultations and hope you found them useful.



Yesterday I spent an English lesson with Year 5 pupils, where they were learning persuasive argument techniques, in this case trying to convince us that learning at home was better than school! I came across Year 7 working on spellings and Year 3 improving their computing skills. Year 4 have spent the day on a trip to Hethersett! They have developed their mapping skills, looked at the services a village offers and seen the expansion of housing that is taking place. Members of our sailing club had a great time practising their capsizing skills last night and today, our U11 hockey team are competing at Orwell Park in the IAPS competition—we wish them good luck!



On Tuesday our Year 7 pupils are leading Year 2's in a range of exciting activities that they will experience when they join the Prep Department. We look forward to 4MR's assembly on Wednesday and to welcoming visitors for our Open Morning on Friday. Once again there are many sports fixtures to look forward to and Friday night also sees the PTA Quiz and Chips evening, which is now well and truly sold out!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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