



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

NORWICH'S FINEST PREP SCHOOL · FOR GIRLS & BOYS · 3-13 YEARS

Dear Parents

Friday 18th November 2016

This morning's Prep assembly taught children how the sewing machine works and how US inventor, Elias Howe, made the key breakthrough. We learnt the value of keeping challenges in perspective and taking a step back. This was related to termly exams



taking place for pupils in Years 4-8 next week.

There were also fantastic ensemble performances by the Junior Wind Band, playing tango and cha cha, and the Senior Flute Group delighting us with their arrangement of *Pink Panther*.



Reverend Patrick from Christ Church Eaton joined us for Pre Prep assembly on Tuesday and talked about rules, while bird family meetings focused on giving compliments. 3H entertained pupils in Years 2-4 with their assembly about

books on Wednesday, which also included this [fantastic film](#).



Last Friday's PTA Bonfire Party was a great success and we are extremely grateful to the PTA trustees and volunteers for their amazing work. We were blessed with perfect weather and the firework display was more impressive than ever – many thanks to the hundreds of Town Close families who supported this event. It was a great pleasure to see Year 3 parents on Monday evening and I hope the consultations with teachers were useful. This afternoon we look forward to welcoming grandparents of children in Years 3&4 and hope they enjoy seeing the School and visiting their grandchildren in the classrooms. We have some exciting craft activities for them to participate in if they wish!



Earlier this week I had the pleasure of seeing some of our youngest teams in action in hockey and rugby. Our U9 girls were showing encouraging potential in the match I watched, which turned out to be a thrilling 1

-1 draw. The U9 rugby match was the first I have seen since the introduction of new rules to simplify the game for younger players and the matches were extremely fast-moving and exciting as a result. Some of our senior pupils travelled all the way to Glebe House in Hunstanton and it was lovely to welcome teams from Riddlesworth too. Next week sees a swimming gala v Norwich School and we are looking forward to C, D & E team fixtures for our U11 hockey teams versus Norwich High School. There is also a Year 5/6 science team in action on



Thursday as we compete in the science quiz hosted by Langley Prep at Taverham Hall.

This week Nursery have been using toy vacuum cleaners and making tea and cakes in the role-play kitchen. Reception children have worked on developing their letter formation, while Year 1 used string printing for their fireworks pictures. Year 2 children have been developing their story planning skills, prior to writing them independently. Pre Prep children have been preparing for their respective Christmas productions, which take to the stage in only a few weeks' time. Meanwhile the Senior Orchestra was rehearsing for the Christmas ensembles concert and already sounding lovely. I enjoyed some French conversation about Francophone countries with Mr Walker's Year 7 group and talked about strategies for comparing fractions with Mr Lawry's Year 5 maths set.



I met the School Prefects for a delicious lunch yesterday to congratulate them and thank them for their contribution to the School. I also heard the fantastic news that Gemma Peters has been awarded the all-rounder scholarship to Millfield – congratulations



to her. She and a number of our other keen swimmers are in action in Leicester this weekend and I wish them all good luck.

With all good wishes

Nick Bevington

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Under 8 girls' hockey team.



3A making Stonehenge models and 3V designing a pop-up French flower.



BULLETIN BOARD

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Maths Challenge

Some Year 5 and 6 pupils attempted the Primary Maths Challenge this week organised by the Mathematical Association. They were given 25 challenging questions in total, the last 5 of these were particularly tricky.



Congratulations to the following children (the scores needed to gain the certificate are given in brackets).

Gold Certificate (19)

Benedict Dernie

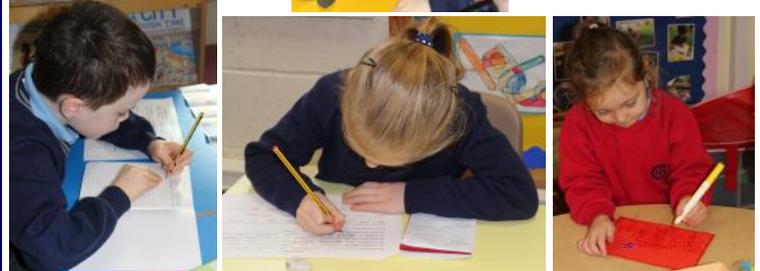
Silver Certificate (16 or 17)

Sean O'Malley
Thomas Yonaha-McCoy
Rosemary Stuart Sheppard
Jofie Philpott
Pallavi Shastri
Daniel Kenyon
Theo Demetriou
Max Vinall
Krishna Patel
Oscar Hing
Benedict Dernie

Bronze Certificate (14 or 15)

Harrison Cunningham
Henry Lawry
Max Nicholls
Ben Hastings
Ella Cunningham
Joe Rutterford
Lucas Hay
Eve Kelleway
Edward Cross
Samuel Hancock
Zara Hunter
Samuel Kassulke
Orson Chitty

This week in Pre Prep...



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES



Please note that all musical ensembles continue as normal during exam week. Please can parents email Mrs Koczur at skoczur@townclose.com if your child is unable to attend.

GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES



Intermediate House football has been moved back a week and will now take place on Friday 9th December at 'Goals' soccer centre.



Please note that there will be NO General Swim on the 24th November due to a swimming gala.

Pupil Behaviour Outside School

We often receive highly complimentary feedback about our pupils' behaviour outside School. However, sadly a member of the general public contacted us today to report that she had witnessed a group of younger children wearing Town Close uniform behaving very poorly at a local garden centre after School. This is a valuable reminder to us all to do all we can to ensure children's conduct outside school reflects well on themselves and Town Close. This is especially important when they are wearing Town Close uniform and thus representing the School.

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