



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 11th November 2016

I hope all of our children enjoyed the half term break and that it has been good to be back this week. Pupils from Reception upwards marked the national two-minute silence today and there were special remembrance assemblies in both the Pre Prep and Prep Departments led by Mrs Harries and Mr Kendrick respectively. Reception pupils also made their own poppies for the occasion, while Year 1 completed impressionist paintings of poppies.



Pre Prep pupils elected their top birds for the coming half term and I hosted the School Council for a special lunch to thank them for their hard work.



Bird family meetings discussed the new sandpit and how to use playtime facilities safely. Earlier in the week, Mr Hewitt led a wonderful Prep assembly highlighting how small acts of kindness make a big difference and Headmaster's assembly yesterday took children through the results of the US election and explained the mathematics behind how you can win with fewer votes than your opponent. We also heard a lovely flute performance by Miranda Robinson who played *Autumn* from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.



The cold dark evenings herald the arrival of Bonfire Night, and we are most looking forward to the PTA Bonfire Party this evening. I hope those lucky enough to have a ticket enjoy the occasion and display, with dry weather forecast! In preparation, I noted that Year 2 were learning the poem *Remember Remember the Fifth of November*.



The colder wet weather has not deterred Nursery from being out and about this week with lots of exploring of puddles and leaves. Pre Prep children have begun to work on Christmas productions as the festive season draws nearer and, with my position under the music rooms, I have started to hear Christmas music being rehearsed too. I also stumbled across the clarinet group rehearsing in the Love to Learn room and cannot wait for their assembly performance in a few weeks' time.



Elsewhere I saw Year 8 learning about gamma rays and the earth's magnetic field in science and discussing Joan of Arc in history. Mr Buck's Year 5 English set were absorbed in a group reading session when I saw them in the library while Year 3 learned more about Ancient Egyptians during their visit to Norwich Castle. Year 1 children have been working on algorithms while reception undertook world building with 'cvc' words. Year 2 pupils were busy brainstorming ideas for night time sounds ready for a piece of writing about an empty house. Mrs Harries awarded a number of Special Moments and I welcomed many pupils into my study to receive Headmaster's Commendations.

Next week we welcome Year 3 parents for Monday's parents' evening and look forward to 3H's class assembly on Wednesday. There are team photographs on Friday and lots of sports fixtures once again, hopefully with better weather than Wednesday's! We are also really looking forward to welcoming grandparents of pupils in Years 3 & 4 for Friday's grandparents' afternoon, for which a separate letter has been sent.



Finally, I hope that you like the new Town Close website which went live over half term. Please note that the old parents' area has been replaced by a 'Parent Information Centre', a link to which appears on the home page, and that you no longer need a password or username for this.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

*Nick Bevington*

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### PREP and PRE PREP

#### Year 3 Norwich Castle Trip



This week Year 3 enjoyed a visit to Norwich Castle where they learnt about the Ancient Egyptians by exploring Ancient Egyptian artefacts and designing and making Egyptian jewellery. They studied the daily life of the Ancient Egyptians and how bodies were mummified!

#### This week in Pre Prep...



#### GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES



Team photographs will be taken on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure that your child has their clean games kit in school on the appropriate day.



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November:** U11A and B rugby, U11ABCD hockey, U9A and B hockey, U10ABC rugby

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** U13A, U12A rugby, U13ABCD hockey, U9ABC rugby, U12B/U13 mixed rugby teams.

#### Congratulations!

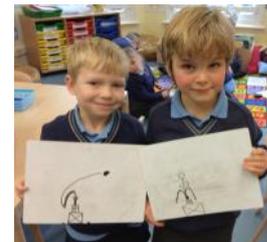


Annabel Coller, 11, travelled to Solihull during half term for the British Dressage Native Pony Dressage Championships, and was thrilled to come home as Champion in the part bred preliminary class. She was competing against adults on her pony Haybells Cinderella, a part bred Welsh. Very well done to her!



#### How a Norwich schoolgirl defied the odds to become an award-winning dancer

Please click [here](#) to see an article printed in the EDP during half term about Ezara Mai Downes (Year 8).



A Town Close family working at the N&N wonder if any other families might be interested in sharing a taxi or minibus from there to School. Please email [headsec@townclose.com](mailto:headsec@townclose.com) if you are interested in being put in touch.