



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 20th January 2017

The week started for Prep children with a fantastic assembly to mark Martin Luther King Day, led by Mrs Chitty. We heard extracts from his famous speech and talked about our own dreams. Mrs Harries talked to Pre Prep children about resolutions and gave examples of the excellent positive choices we can all make and aim to keep. Bird families looked at what makes everyone unique. Headmaster's assembly for Prep pupils started with a reminder of today's presidential inauguration and some of the famous quotes from previous years. The main part was about Buddhism, with pupils learning about the Buddha's enlightenment and having a quick go at one of the relaxation techniques practised by Buddhists today. We heard Sean O'Malley performing the theme from *Downton Abbey* played beautifully on our new grand piano kindly donated by the PTA.



Wednesday was a very busy day for Prep sports fixtures. I heard about some thrilling netball matches with fluctuating fortunes and was really pleased to hear accounts from the impressive number of different hockey teams who played. Our U13A's made a fine start to the season, playing superbly as a team and the Framlingham coach was kind enough to praise their performance as one of the most impressive he has seen at this level. I also saw Prep pupils developing their gymnastic skills in the sports hall with Mr Woods and pupils working on their front crawl technique in the pool with Miss Bryant.



I visited Reception's games lesson, where pupils were transporting penguin eggs using the penguin shuffle as part of a game linked to their polar topic. It turned out that they were a lot faster than me! Nursery children were making porridge when I visited, while Year 1 children were busy collaborating in groups to de-bug and then test their algorithms. Mr Stammers was kind enough to give Year 2



children a talk about being an architect and the children then worked in groups to design new houses for their lucky teachers. Year 7 children were finishing their clocks in DT, with some very eye-catching designs in evidence, before starting on the design phase for their fairground rides. I visited Year 8 children who explained what had been involved in their RS projects and saw Year 4 children using a variety of methods for multiplication. I really enjoyed meeting Year 5 candidates for the Town Close academic and music awards and was extremely impressed by the positive way in which children



expressed their thinking and talked about themselves.

Mrs Koczur and I visited Langley today for a hugely enjoyable House Music Competition. One of Mrs Koczur's fellow judges was former Town Close and Langley pupil Harrison Manley-Shaw, now a successful DJ and music producer who has already had 70 million streams on Spotify. Former Town Close pupil Eleanor Baxter, who recently returned for work experience in the music department, performed a flawless version of Michael Jackson's *Thriller*.



Next week, we are really looking forward to the Year 4 production of *What a Knight* with performances to parents on Thursday afternoon and Friday evening. There is also the first swimming gala of the term and Year 7 parents' evening on Tuesday and netball and hockey fixtures against a range of opponents.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

*Nick Bevington*

Nicholas Bevington





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### PREP and PRE PREP

#### *Adventure and Skills Academy*

Please note that there will be NO ASA on either Friday 27th January or Friday 3rd February due to the Year 4 Production and the PTA Movie Night.

#### iPads

We would be grateful if you could encourage your children to place their iPads on charge during the evenings. Thank you.

#### LIBRARY NEWS

#### New Library Assistants

The new Library Assistants for this term are Rose Blyth, Ava Gulliver-Jary, Olivia Massey, Olivia Tighe and Kaitlin Wolmarans. They can be seen standing beside some book recommendations that can be found hanging from branches around the School grounds!



#### A Selfie of your Shelfie!

Mrs Wootton is planning a new display board for the Library and needs your help. She would like photos of pupils standing in front of their bookshelves at home—a selfie of your shelfie! Photos can either be handed into her in the Library or emailed to [library@townclose.com](mailto:library@townclose.com).

#### Games Department Success

Congratulations to Maddy Reynolds (Under 13) and to James Cross and Freddie Royall (Under 12s) who have all gained a place in the Norfolk County Cricket Squads in their respective age groups.



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



The new Top Birds elected for the first half of the Spring Term.



Year 2 children busy designing new houses for their teachers during a visit from Mr Stammers (Nicholas's father) who shared his expertise and experience as an architect.



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