



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 27th January 2017

A highlight of the week has been Year 4's fantastic performances of *What a Knight*, a production which has transported audiences to Camelot, though not exactly as we might have imagined! For children so young to produce such an accomplished play is a great credit to their effort and enthusiasm and the skill of their teachers. I hope the sell-out audience tonight enjoys the show too!



I joined Pre Prep children on Tuesday for Mrs Harries' assembly where she talked to the children about happiness and kindness with the help of some *Mr Men* and shared a Bible story about

Jesus attending a party. Mr Buck led Prep pupils on Monday for an assembly about sustainability, ably assisted by Bobby Stuart Sheppard and Robert Mackintosh. Headmaster's assembly was about being healthy. Children are often aware of steps to promote physical health but this morning they learned ten ways that help keep the mind healthy too. We also listened to a lovely performance of Gurlitt's *The Rocking Horse* performed on the piano by Martha Goodwin.



This week I enjoyed watching the U11B hockey team play a thrilling fixture against Beeston and heard lots about all the other netball, hockey and swimming matches. We have just heard that our U11 team won today's regional hockey tournament at Gresham's, with the U13's runner-up. Congratulations to both teams who therefore qualify for the nationals.



Nursery and Year 1 pupils learned about New Year celebrations in China with Nursery also exploring the world map and Year 1 making

fans with Chinese characters for the year of the rooster. Reception children found how tall life size penguins are as part of their measuring topic and Year 2 looked at tessellating patterns found in mosques. They also produced some amazing structures in a DT challenge. A group of



Year 3 children have been writing and performing slam poetry, while Year 8 have been busy with their practice French orals. Year 7 pupils were practising using French verbs in the future tense with a game of 'jeu de la cocotte', a fortune telling game. It was a great pleasure to meet Year 7 parents on Tuesday to discuss children's progress and I hope that the conversations with teachers were useful.



Next week we look forward to meeting Year 4 parents on Monday evening. Year 8 children take practice papers for the Common Entrance assessments they will sit in the summer and Year 4 have a trip to a local synagogue on Friday. Friday is also the day for the PTA movie night. There are full details and a booking form on the PTA website. The Pre Prep film takes place immediately after school with delicious cinema food beforehand. The Prep film starts with food at 5:30pm. Prep pupils staying at After School Care may bring home clothes with them to change into before the evening starts. There is a coffee morning for Nursery parents next Wednesday to talk about forthcoming development work to enhance Pre Prep facilities, with a meeting for parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the following week.



I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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Winter Arts Festival Concert

Some members of the School's Orchestra attended a concert this afternoon, by The Oyster Duo, as part of the Norwich High School's Winter Arts Festival. They were treated to a range of musical pieces played on the piano and double bass. Anna Fedorova and Nicholas Schwartz introduced the different pieces of music and explained a little bit about both of them and their instruments.



GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Senior Boys' House hockey has been moved from Wednesday 8th March to Wednesday 8th February. Matches start at 2.15pm at the TCH Astro.



Half Term Cricket Camp

Mr France will be running a 3-day cricket camp over the half term holidays from the 15th to 17th February. Boys and girls from Years 2-8 are invited to attend. For more information please contact Ben France at Ben@benfrancecricket.co.uk or Tel: 07540 580384.



Our new website will be online from **Wednesday 1st February at 4pm**. Bookings can be made at activatenorwich.co.uk for the following weeks:

- Mon 17th July - Fri 21st July
- Mon 24th July - Fri 28th July
- Mon 31st July - Fri 4th August

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PTA MOVIE NIGHT Friday 3rd February



Booking now open!

The PTA movie night is only one week away. Please visit this link to book your tickets www.townclosepta.co.uk. If your child requires after school care before the movie, you will only be charged for the first hour by kind permission of Mr Bevington.

Getting ready for Chinese New Year in Pre Prep

