



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 24th February 2017



I hope your children enjoyed the half term break. We returned to STEM week (science, technology, engineering and maths), with an array of exciting assemblies, presentations and activities. Pupils from Year 1 upwards enjoyed a 'science versus magic' assembly, where seemingly miraculous tricks were replicated with equally amazing science. Mr Chapman made a lit candle 'disappear', for example, while Mrs Ruston explained and demonstrated how a lit piece of paper can remain completely intact. Reception children had a special assembly about growing beans, followed by some fascinating experiments, while Nursery children chose experiments to undertake in their role-play area. There were amazing 'Science Made Simple' shows covering everything from bubbles and theremins to whips that break the sound barrier. We also had a STEM quiz, maths challenges with collaboration across year groups and a wonderful science morning for Years 1-3 earlier today.



This morning's Prep assembly featured European Latin dance champion Luke Miller with Ezara Mai Downes from Year 8. The two recently won a ballroom and Latin world title in the pro-am 12-15 category in Paris. Today they performed six stunning dances and pupils also heard how Ezara has overcome juvenile dermatomyositis, an auto-immune illness, to pursue her passion. Daisy Clabburn performed *Romanze* beautifully on our PTA donated grand piano and we congratulated our mathematicians for their recent UK maths challenge successes.



We really enjoyed meeting Year 8 parents for Tuesday's parents' evening. Many enthused about the amazing progress their children have made in Years 7 & 8 and how much their children have grown in confidence as they reach the top of the School. The CE curriculum is a fantastic preparation for GCSE and our current Year 8s can be proud of the level they have achieved. This has been borne out by senior school entrance results arriving over the last few weeks. Collectively, our Year 8 pupils have received 22 Norwich School offers, 7 Norwich High School, 4 Culford, 3 Framlingham, 3 Oundle and 1 Uppingham, in some cases conditional on CE performance. We await results for scholarship applications to Langley and Culford but are delighted that so far 11 senior school awards have been offered to our Year 8 pupils. Congratulations also to the three Year 6 pupils offered awards by senior schools.



On Wednesday, six senior boys' hockey teams were in action and I was delighted to watch the four who played at our astro with some very quick passing and impressive teamwork on display. We have had fencers and netball players in action too as well as a large swim team for the IAPS regionals in Cambridge, who performed brilliantly. We will hear about qualifications soon.



Today Year 4 are visiting Sutton Hoo, an Anglo-Saxon burial site filled with outstanding artefacts, as part of their humanities studies. This week I have also enjoyed grammar with Year 6 Latin pupils, scholarship standard maths with Year 8 and coding with Year 4. I visited Pre Prep pupils at break who were playing lots of imaginative games in the tyres, sand pit, slide, trees and playground. It was also fascinating to hear the recollections of two of our Year 7 volunteer helpers, both of whom started in our Nursery. I was confronted by busy scientists when I visited the Nursery and also saw some beautifully written names.

Next week we look forward to World Book Day (please remember pupil costumes on Thursday), intermediate cross country, Willow Class assembly and the humanities trip meeting for Year 6 parents. Good luck also to our netball teams competing at Felsted and our hockey teams competing in the IAPS tournaments.

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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Mathematics Challenge

Eight mathematicians from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Langley Prep at Taverham Hall just before half term to take part in a Regional Maths Challenge. Congratulations to the following pupils for these excellent results:



Year 5: Ella Cunningham and Pallavi Shastri (Joint 3rd place) Teddy Bowyer and Samuel Kassulke (2nd Place)

Year 6: Daisy Clabburn and Rosemary Stuart-Sheppard Ben Hastings and Benedict Dernie (4th Place)

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Year 4 Soloists' Concert

Please note that the Year 4 Soloists' Concert will now take place on **Tuesday 28th March at 4.15pm** and **not** Tuesday 28th February, as previously advertised.

GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES



Please note that there is **NO Colts hockey practice** after school on Monday 27th February.



There **will be an after school football practice** on Monday 27th February at Goals for the Year 6 team playing in the East Regional Competition. Children will be ready for collection from Goals at 5.15pm.

Team Photographs

Team photographs are due to be taken during lunchtime on Friday 3rd March and Monday 6th March.

Friday 3rd March: Colts hockey A to G and U11 netball A to E teams

Monday 6th March: Senior hockey 1st to 6th, U13A - E netball, U9A - E hockey and U9A - D netball teams.

Please ensure your child has the correct games kit in school on the appropriate days.

Swimming Success in Dubai

Congratulations to Gemma Peters (Year 8) who enjoyed a successful gala in Dubai last week, competing against clubs from the Middle East and Hungary. She came away with 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals. Very well done, Gemma!



Data Collection Forms

If you haven't yet returned your data collection form can you please do so as soon as possible. If you need a duplicate form please email lstehr@townclose.com.

Year 8 Senior School Entrance Results

Most Year 8 entrance results are now in. The offers received so far (some conditional on CE) are as follows:

Culford

Benedict Fletcher
Benjamin Lettice
Joseph Roy (*Hockey Scholarship*)
Nikolas Skylogiannis

Framlingham

Elizabeth Davies
Rocco Iaccarino
Ben Vernon

Millfield

Gemma Peters (*All Round Scholarship*)

Norwich High

Molly Barker (*Sports Scholarship*)
Ezara-Mai Downes
Daisy Ford (*Sports Scholarship*)

Mizzy Heap

Jemima Miller

Gabriella Philpott

Maddy Reynolds (*Sports Scholarship*)

Norwich School

Lily Brown (*Academic Scholarship*)

Matthew Burton

Atiya Bussey

Zac Butcher

Jonathan Cheong

Samuel Dernie (*Head Master's Award*)

Daisy Ford (*Head Master's Award*)

Freddy Haddon

Mizzy Heap (*Head Master's Award*)

Benjamin Lettice

Robert Mackintosh

George McGuire

Jemima Miller

George Morris

Titus Nicholson

Frederick Paterson

Akshay Pissay

Arjuna Puvanachandra (*Academic and Music Scholarships*)

Taha Raja

Joseph Roy

Bobby Stuart-Sheppard

Boyana Tucker

Oundle

Charles Aldous

Henry Ingram

Lottie Smith

Uppingham

Rupert Spall

Congratulations to all these pupils and also to Olivia Massey, Olivia Tighe and Kaitlin Wolmarans who have won Head Master's Awards to Norwich Senior School.

E-safety News

Online Grooming

For parents with older children who are likely to have their own devices, you are advised to watch this [clip](#) regarding grooming. Please note that this is not suitable for children to watch.