



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 3rd March 2017

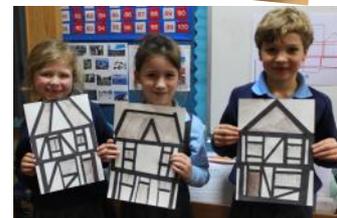
World Book Day resulted in an impressive array of characters gracing the School! I came as Agatha Christie's famous Belgian detective Hercule Poirot and met Mad Hatters, BFG's and even the Very Hungry Caterpillar! There were special assemblies where we learned more about many of the characters and Willow Class led a brilliant Pre Prep assembly about their favourite book characters with amazing confidence. Today's Headmaster's assembly looked at the main characters in *Winnie the Pooh*, exploring what we can learn from each of their strengths and differences. Children were shown quotes from the books that make them so meaningful to adults too. George Bowyer gave a breathtakingly beautiful performance of the theme from *Schindler's List* on the violin, while Hope Buxton and Felicity Gamble delighted us with flute duets of *Hot Cross Buns* and *Ticket Tasket*.



This morning we had very young visitors to the School for our Early Years Spring Activity Morning. The children had a lovely time with the activities led by our Reception teachers while Reception children had a special morning which included PE lessons with Mr Woods. The Year 5&6 cross country was sadly postponed due to wet weather affecting the front lawn. We will advise you of a new date as soon as this has been finalised. Our U13 and U11 netball and hockey teams have been competing in IAPS regionals with the boys' hockey first team enduring very cold and wet conditions at Bishop's Stortford on Monday. We have narrowly missed out on qualification for the first three so keep our fingers crossed that the U13 girls do well today at Felsted. There was U9 success to celebrate, though, with the B team winning gold medals at the Beeston Hall tournament and the A team winning silver!



Last night, we received exciting news that for the first time Town Close has been placed in the top five schools in the country in the U11 Satips general knowledge competition, placing us amongst some very famous national names. We have received more scholarship news in Year 8 with Ben Fletcher winning a sports scholarship to Langley and were also very pleased to hear that Titus Nicholson has received his offer from Ampleforth.



This week I spoke French with some of Mr Walker's Year 6 pupils, saw Year 7 pupils learning about equations for straight line graphs, visited Year 4 pupils undertaking coding in their computing lesson and saw Year 2 busy preparing their Tudor buildings for their Great Fire of London (which was then postponed until next week because of wet weather!). Year 3 children were creating wonderful descriptions of a mischievous sounding feline character from their reading book, while Reception were busy weighing vegetables. There was a food tasting session for Nursery children organised by Tesco's and lots of pancakes being flipped, weighed, raced and eaten on Shrove Tuesday. Many of our children have also participated in this week's Norfolk County Music Festival with some fine results. We will collate all of these in time for next week's bulletin.

On Monday morning please can all Prep pupils who did not bring in their donation in for World Book Day pass this to their form teachers and Prep pupils who still owe their donation for the Valentine's Bake Off bring this too. We look forward to the Travelling Book Company's visit, 3A and Larch Class assemblies, the Year 2 visit to Blickling Hall and lots of sports fixtures. Before that, there are footballers and cross country runners in action this weekend and a technical rehearsal for *Cats*. I will be getting into the musical mood with a visit to Culford this evening to see some of our former pupils taking to the stage in *We Will Rock You*.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

*Nick Bevington*



House Paper Aeroplane Competition



Pancake Maths!



Origami Club



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## BULLETIN BOARD

### PREP and PRE PREP

#### CATS Senior Production - 16th and 17th March at 7.00pm

Tickets for the Senior Musical Production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's CATS are now live and available on the Parent Information Centre of the School's Website. Please note that to ensure everybody has the chance to see the production, tickets are limited to four tickets per family per night.

#### GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

##### Under 9 Hockey Success



Our Under 9A and B teams enjoyed a very successful afternoon of hockey at the recent Beeston Hall tournament. The Under 9A team finished as runners-up in a strong group of

teams, including Beeston, Gresham's and Langley Prep. The Under 9B team won their tournament, remaining unbeaten throughout the afternoon and finishing ahead of Langley Prep by one goal difference! Very well done to them all.

##### Team photographs - Monday 6th March

This is a reminder that team photographs are being taken on Monday for all Year 7 and 8 hockey and netball teams. We also have photographs being taken of the U9ABCD hockey and netball teams (Year 4 children) and an Under 8A (Year 3 girls) netball team. Timings are shown on the sports noticeboard in the Dearnaley Building and in form rooms.



**Year 3 and 4** do not have games on Monday but the children involved in these teams will need to **remember to bring in their kit please.**

##### Under 11 Hockey Practice

Please note that there will be no more Under 11 boys' hockey practice on a Monday after school for the remainder of this term.



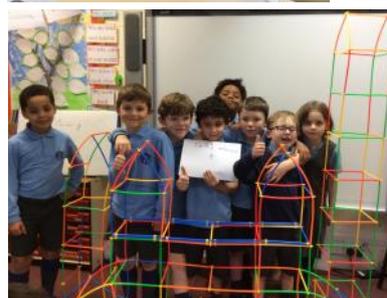
Our new website is now online and bookings can be made at [activatenorwich.co.uk](http://activatenorwich.co.uk) for the following Summer Activate weeks:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August

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



Year 2 building the London skyline during our weekly Kumba (imaginative play) session. Fantastic teamwork!



The School is applying for the Diabetes UK Good Diabetes Care in School Award, which celebrates and showcases schools that deliver good care and support to children with Type 1 diabetes. As part of the application, parents are asked to take part in a very brief online [survey](#), which we hope you can complete. Responses are used by Diabetes UK to assess if our nomination progresses.