



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 5th May 2017

I hope you all enjoyed the May Day bank holiday with your children. This morning everyone from Reception upwards gathered in the Read Hall for Headmaster's assembly where they learned about May Day traditions and saw a small play about one particular May Queen and her donkey, performed by Celeste Horsman, Poppy Waller and Esmé Woods. Our own May Pole is now up in the Nursery garden and Pre Prep pupils will have a chance to dance around it with Mrs Averill on Monday. This morning's musical performances were from Eloisa Ford and Sophie Bush playing a rousing version of Gershwin's *I Got Rhythm* on their flutes, while Orson Chitty sang Lin Marsh's *Something Spooky* beautifully. Pre Prep assembly earlier in the week included a lovely flute performance by Ella Snowling and the new 'Top Birds' were introduced, while 4MR entertained pupils in Years 2-4 brilliantly with their assembly about money and the new pound coin on Wednesday, which included a selection of currency themed music.



On Wednesday I heard some very exciting accounts from our Year 8 girls of the rounders matches played at the High School and was lucky enough to watch the Colts B and 1st XI playing cricket versus Framlingham at main field. I was extremely grateful to the very kind parents who shared their blankets with me on what was a surprisingly cold day, though the conditions did not stop both teams making impressive totals. Next week we look forward to many more swimming, rounders and cricket fixtures.



This week I joined 3V while they explored homophones, learned how to tell time with Beech Tree Class and listened to Year 1 pupils singing songs that involve different sounds and pitch in their music class. Mr Walker's Year 8 group wowed a native French speaking visitor with the oral presentations they are preparing and we also saw an excellent explanation about how to calculate angles by a pupil in Mr Lawry's Year 7 maths set. Year 5&6 soloists gave some memorable vocal and instrumental performances in Tuesday's concert and it was lovely to see the children's musical progress.

Former Town Close Headmaster, Mr Richard Gordon, visited yesterday and was impressed by the work he saw in the classes he visited, with the rehearsal for 4ER's assembly next week a highlight. We also heard about Year 7's visit to the Salvation Army Citadel with interesting accounts of what everyone had learnt about their work to help the homeless. Today I saw some of Year 5's fabulous artwork that will be in this summer's exhibition and congratulated Year 7 pupils who have received Headmaster's Commendations for their photorealism compositions.



Tonight we have our camping trip for Year 6 ASA members and I hope they have a lovely time. We also wish Olivier Vedrenne, Illir Gjoka, Menuka Jayakody, Gemma Peters and Lucy Hutchinson the best of luck as they compete in the IAPS National Swimming Competition in Crawley. Next week our Year 6 pupils take their KS2 English and maths assessments and we look forward to the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents' evening on Wednesday, alongside Nursery parent meetings earlier in the week. Thursday sees the Summer Ensembles Concert at 6.00pm in the Read Hall which is a highlight of the musical year for the many musicians involved. On Friday Year 8 pupils have a very exciting trip to London to visit the Globe and practise some Shakespearean dramatic techniques, while Year 2 are visiting Pensthorpe and Year 7 ASA members will be preparing for their camping trip.



I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Nick Benington

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Visit to Salvation Army Citadel

The Year 7 pupils visited the Salvation Army Citadel yesterday as part of the Religious Studies curriculum. The children now have to write up a project, which is submitted to their future Senior School as part of Common Entrance, on a local reli-



gious congregation. Part of their investigation is to see how the congregation participates within the local community and in November they will attend a Sunday meeting. Thank you to everyone at the Salvation Army Citadel who helped the children and answered their questions.

Year 6 Production – Change of Performance Time

Please note that the performance taking place on Thursday 22nd June will now start at 7.00pm rather than 4.30 pm, as previously advertised. Further details about the production and how to book tickets will be sent out later in the term.

'In Ear' Earphones

We would be grateful if all pupils in Years 6 to 8 could have an inexpensive pair of named in-ear headphones as part of their normal school equipment, which they should take to all their lessons.



Secondhand Uniform Shop

The Secondhand Uniform Shop is now selling brand new book bags, House ties, swimming hats and games socks (various sizes). They are open every Wednesday morning from 8.00am-9.00am so please do pop in!



Additional opening times for after half term, during the summer holidays and early next term are as follows:

Tuesday 4th July:	8.00am to 9.30am 12.30pm to 2.00pm 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 5th July:	8.00am to 11.00am
Wednesday 2nd August:	4.00pm to 5.30pm
Tuesday 5th September:	8.00am to 9.30am 12.00pm to 2.00pm 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Wednesday 6th September:	8.00am—10.00am 3.00pm—4.30pm
Thursday 7th September:	8.30am—10.30am 3.00pm—4.30pm
Friday 8th September:	8.30am—10.30am 3.00pm—4.30pm



There is still time to book your child into Activate and take advantage of the 25% early booking discount. Please visit activatenorwich.co.uk to make a booking for the following weeks:

Monday 17th July - Friday 21st July
Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July
Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August

**25% Discount Deadline:
Monday 15th May 2017**



VISIT US AT OUR MAY OPEN MORNING

FRIDAY MAY 19TH
STARTING AT 9.00AM

At Town Close School we offer an unrivalled education for children aged 3 to 13. Our May Open Morning gives you the chance to visit our unique facilities, meet staff and pupils and explore the well kept secret that is our 15 acre woodland site.

There's no other school like us in Norwich.

To book your place on our next Open Morning, or alternatively to arrange an independent visit, call 01603 599030 or email admissions@townclose.com

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