



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 12th May 2017

A highlight of the week was yesterday's fantastic Summer Ensembles Concert, with a terrific range of music performed by an impressive number of pupils. It was wonderful to see some of our junior pupils taking part for the first time and lovely to admire the level various Year 8 pupils have now reached as they prepare to graduate from Town Close at the end of the term.



This morning's Headmaster's assembly for Year 1-7 pupils, led by Mrs Harries, showcased two solo performances, with Ruben

Chauhan giving an accomplished performance of *Mission Impossible* on the piano, while Niamh Rushton entertained us with her performance of *Peruvian Dance* on the flute. Mrs Harries' theme was the power of words and how they can both harm and heal and she was very ably assisted by

Freya Blues and Josephine Juette. Bird families focused on the importance of tolerance on Monday while Prep pupils had an entertaining staff v pupils quiz about this summer's Activate programme, with the pupils narrowly winning! 4ER presented a fascinating assembly about Australia to Years 1-4 on Wednesday complete with inflight entertainment about Aboriginal tales and a guide to how to speak 'Australian'!



Year 6 ASA pupils had a wonderful camping trip last weekend and we managed to dry out the tents in time for Year 7 ASA members who are staying at Whitlingham Broad tonight. Our Year 8 children are away in London today to visit the Globe, participate in a drama workshop and see a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* in what should be a memorable trip. Year 2 children visited Pensthorpe nature reserve today and enjoyed its amazing array of wildlife.



Year 6 pupils have undertaken their KS2 SATS assessments this week and will receive their results in July. These assessments give a very useful guide to children's progress in the areas tested but should never be seen as an end in themselves. Next week our Year 8 pupils will be sitting their mental maths, French listening and French oral exams for Common Entrance and we wish them well too.



This week our younger pupils danced around the Maypole with Mrs Averill and I had great fun joining one group. It was also a pleasure to accompany our Year 3-6 swimmers to a gala at Langley Prep at Taverham Hall and to see at first hand some of the talent that was evident at last weekend's national championships, where all five Town Close competitors made their finals with four winning medals. These results mean that we are now ranked in the top 20 schools in the country in both boys' and girls' swimming. Elsewhere there were thrilling rounders and cricket fixtures including a very impressive century by Bobby Stuart-Sheppard in the 2nd XI match. I have also visited a number of interesting lessons including Year 8



writing a persuasive letter on behalf of Juliet with Mrs Chitty, Year 2 girls learning the key skills for rounders with Mrs Hale, Year 5 studying the beach defences in the Second World War with Mr Kendrick and another Year 5 group perfecting their multiplication with Mrs Wilcox.

Next week we look forward to lots of sports fixtures including athletics at UEA, the Year 7 soloists' concert in the Read Hall on Monday evening, Year 1's trip to Fairhaven and Open Morning on Friday. My thanks to all the pupils who have volunteered to guide visitors or present the School to them and, as ever, do encourage anyone you know who might like to visit to book a space with Mrs Ford at admissions@townclose.com.

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With all good wishes

Nick Bevington



3A racing their balloon powered dragsters



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Senior Orchestra and Wind Band

Senior Orchestra and Senior Wind Band will resume the week commencing the 12th June, after the examination period.

During Mrs Koczur's absence, for a knee operation, all musical instrumental lesson enquiries should be sent to Miss Skinner at lskinner@townclose.com.

GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Team Photographs

Team photographs will be taken during lunchtime next week:

Tuesday 16th May: U13 ABC, U9 AB Rounders, U9 AB Cricket, Senior Cross Country Squad, Senior Athletic Team, Senior Swim Squad

Friday 19th May: 1st, 2nd, 3rd XIs, Colts ABC Cricket, U11 ABCD Rounders, Junior Cross Country Squad, Junior Swim Squad

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



Senior House Cricket – Change of Date

The first round of senior house cricket will now take place on Monday 22nd May at 2.15pm at Main Field due to a change in exam arrangements for Year 7 on the original date of Monday 5th June.



Course available for boys and girls of all abilities aged 4-13 years

DATES	TIME	PRICE
Tuesday 30th May - Wednesday 31st May	10:00am - 3:00pm	£35 per day

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**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 599 030 or email admissions@townclose.com

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This week in Pre Prep...



Last chance to book your child into this summer's 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**

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