



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 6th October 2017

Last night Prep children recited and performed poems, including some of their own protest poems, odes and ballads, during our evening of poetry and music. It was lovely to hear children's creativity and to see such confident performances. We were also treated to polished musical interludes, including contributions from all our music scholars in Years 6-8. Our musicians have had a busy week. On Tuesday an orchestra of over 90 instrumentalists from Norwich School, Norwich High School, Gresham's and Town Close came together under Mrs Koczur's direction to practise then perform four ambitious works. There were some lovely moments of beautiful sound as everything came together.



This week's Pre Prep assembly involved the story of Mrs Armitage and her bicycle. The children joined in and came up with some imaginative ideas as to how roller skates might be improved. It was lovely to see Reception children getting used to school assemblies and all of Pre Prep joined their Prep peers on Thursday for a whole school singing practice. Bird Family meetings covered the importance of listening and not making rash judgements while Revd. Patrick Richmond visited Prep pupils on Monday to talk about friendship. Headmaster's Assembly for Prep pupils will be on Monday due to today's Open Morning. We welcomed lots of visitors, from tiny babies to grandparents, and they were universal in their praise for the pupil guides and those who took part in the pupil presentation. Our guests visited lots of lessons and I hope your children enjoyed sharing their learning with them.



This week, I visited a fascinating Year 7 PSHE lesson discussing politics, where it was interesting to hear what children understood about left and right wing ideas. Year 2's RS lessons focused on whether we are taking good care of our planet, with children categorising a variety of human activities in relation



to this question. Year 1 have been busy exploring senses and Reception children were looking at various crops and produce as part of their harvest topic. They have made a beautiful lavender lady who will be on display tomorrow at Norfolk HarFest held at Norwich Cathedral. Nursery children were reading *The Little Red Hen* before talking about being a helpful friend. I saw Year 6 children competing in hockey fixtures against Beeston and a number of our girls have been away in Ipswich today for the IAPS regional championships, coming 6th out of 20 schools.



On Monday, our Year 7 pupils did a fantastic job leading their Year 2 counterparts in French, DT, drama, art and Adventure Skills Academy. Our younger children enjoyed having them as teachers and discovered some of the things they will be doing in the Prep

Department when they are older. Tuesday morning saw Mr Hughes' e-safety talk to Year 5 parents, which was well supported and gave really good advice as to how to guide children through the pressures of modern online life. We will publish the slides he used in due course.



Next week sees the Year 8 soloists' concert at 4.15pm on Tuesday in the

Read Hall (parents and younger children who love music are warmly invited too), 3A's assembly on Wednesday morning, Pre Prep settling in parents' evenings, Year 6 parents' evening and the PTA quiz, which sold out in just 24 hours! Looking further ahead, we are hosting a senior schools information evening on Thursday 19th October at 6.00pm where former Town Close pupils will present information about the various senior schools they now attend. All parents and older Prep pupils are warmly invited.



I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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School Uniform

Year 3 and 4 Hoodie

The children in Year 3 and 4 are now able to buy and wear the School hoodie. This is an optional item of clothing that up until now has only been for children in Years 5 to 8. They can wear these as an extra layer in some games lessons or during lunch breaks. School Blazer will start stocking this item, in the relevant smaller sizes, from February 2018. We are always interested to hear how you find the service provided by School Blazer, so do please either speak to a member of the PTA in the uniform shop or contact me directly, Mr Stuart Coulthart, via dephead@townclose.com.

Naming Clothing

Could we also remind all parents to please ensure that every item of your children's clothing is clearly named to ensure that we can return lost and misplaced items, found around the School, as quickly as possible. Many thanks for your time.

Music Department

Year 8 Soloists' Concert

You are warmly invited to attend the Year 8 Soloists' Concert, which takes place in the Read Hall on Tuesday 10th October from 4.15pm to 5.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Under 9 Rugby

The Under 9 ABC rugby matches on Tuesday 10th October against Norwich Lower School will now be played at Main Field, starting at 3.15pm. The return matches, the following Tuesday 17th October, will take place at Lower Close, with an expected start time of 4.15pm (to be confirmed).



Ex Pupil News

Uppingham School have just informed us that two of our ex-pupils, George Garson and Gus Stephens, have been appointed as Praepostors (prefects) for this academic year.



YMT Maddermarket Production
Both Charlie Windle (Y8) and Orson Chitty (Y6) will be taking part in the YMT production of *The Battle of Boats* from the 1st to 4th November. If you are looking for something to do over the half-term holiday they would love to have some familiar faces in the Maddermarket audience.

Scarecrow Competition

The Reception children have made a scarecrow this week to enter into the Norfolk Scarecrow Competition which is part of Norfolk HarFest, taking place at Norwich Cathedral this Saturday 7th October. The theme of the competition is Norfolk harvest and their scarecrow represents Norfolk lavender. Please do go along and see how they get on in the competition. More details of HarFest can be found by clicking [here](#).



Year 2 Activity Morning



Polar Challenge

Steve Avery, father of Finley in Year 1, will be taking part in the Polar Bear Challenge at the Polar Circle Marathon on the 28th and 29th October. Following an assembly presentation by this year's School Charity, Special Olympics Norfolk, Finley went home and encouraged his father to raise money for the charity. If you would like to sponsor Mr Avery, with all proceeds going to the School's Charity, then please click [here](#). Further details can also be found on the attached poster.



Dear PTA and Parents

I would like to thank you all for the beautiful flower arrangement, John Lewis gift voucher, cards and messages that I received at my retirement tea on Tuesday - I have been overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness.

I have had a wonderful 17 years at Town Close and have some very special memories of you all, and your terrific children, which I will treasure forever. With very best wishes and lots of love. Janine Stackwood xxx

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