



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 5th October 2018

I have just heard the exciting news that our F24 electric go-kart racing team has come 5th out of 51 entrants in the international final, held today at Rockingham. Even to get to the final in our first year of competition was an amazing achievement and this result is a testimony to the children's teamwork and the dedication of Mr Buck and our other volunteers helping them to develop the car. I am sure our Club will be working hard on further improvements over the winter and learning some very valuable engineering in the process.



I emerged from 'Rocket Rod's' planetarium a few moments ago, having enjoyed a journey through space with Year 2 children. In the coming weeks, there are a number of other STEM focused activities to look forward to.

Pre Prep science week starts on Thursday and a range of other trips, challenges and experiences are planned in other year groups. There will be a chance for parents to share the joy of mathematics during Tuesday's maths evening, when we will explore some of the children's learning with you. This may be good preparation for parents with PTA Quiz tickets, which this year includes a maths round!



This week we had our first whole school hymn practice and Headmaster's assembly of the year, for pupils in Years 1 and above, with Reception due to join next time. Everyone practised *He's got the Whole World...* together yesterday ready for today. We were treated to two lovely musical performances: Eve Kelleway played *Chanson du Matin* on her cello, while Hannah Possener and Maddy Harries played the saxophone duet *St Anthony's Chorale*. The assembly, superbly performed by Nikita Gunnesh, Amelie Hockley, Henry Duval and Thomas Yonaha-McCoy, was about the importance of writing hand-written letters.



Bird families discussed differences and all children were visited by the Principal and Deputy Principal of the Wherry School to explain how children with autism learn differently and the ways in which the money we raise this year for this valuable new school will be spent.



Last night saw a spectacular range of poetry and music at the Evening of Music and Poetry. It was lovely to hear children's recitals and compositions, conveying everything from sinister head teachers to beautiful feathers. Older children shared protest poems, while others explored tragedy through ballads, all accompanied by some of our leading musicians. I had had a sneak preview of a few poems as children collected Headmaster's Commendations. I noticed one teacher, upon hearing a particularly animated performance as she approached my door, with no idea what was going on, deciding perhaps to find me another time!



This week I saw some of Year 1's exciting work on Mondrian abstract art, a theme that was even carried through to their Lego constructions. Nursery children were enjoying the woodland adventure playground, Reception making a film, Year 8 mastering percentage calculations without a calculator and Year 6 using an app to create animations describing California in geography. We welcomed Year 8 parents for consultations with teachers on Monday and enjoyed a spectacular orchestral workshop with three other schools on Tuesday. It is amazing what you can produce with 100 musicians in 2 hours! There were more thrilling sports fixtures with detailed news carried as ever on the @sportstownclose Twitter feed.



Next week, in addition to the PTA Quiz and the Maths Evening, Year 7's are leading Year 2's in a carousel of lessons and activities to introduce some of the learning they can look forward to as they get older; Year 4 are visiting author Jessica Townsend and, separately, undertaking geography fieldwork in Hethersett; a group of Year 5&6 musicians are off to Oundle; there are



Pre Prep 'settling-in' meetings and an array of sports fixtures. Lastly we have our Open Morning on Friday, which may well be of interest to friends potentially thinking about Town Close. Visitors can book online or contact admissions@townclose.com.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable weekend.



Nick Bevington



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PREP and PRE PREP

iPad Updates – Years 6-8

Our IT Department would like to push an IOS update along with a lot of app updates to the pupils' iPads over the weekend. Could you therefore please ensure that your child's iPad is **plugged in and online overnight on both Friday 5th and Saturday 6th October** to ensure their iPad is updated.



Ties, Shoe Laces and Fitbits

Could Prep parents please help ensure Prep children can tie their own shoelaces and ties. Please also note that although fitbits may be worn, these may not have smartphone, messaging or browsing capabilities. All other jewellery and wristbands may not be worn, apart from a watch and salto band.

Individual and Class Photographs

A reminder that in order to receive your individual and class photograph order postage free, via the School, your order needs to be placed by Wednesday 10th October 2018.

Please visit www.bentleypics.com for individual photographs and [click](#) here for class photos. Orders can also be placed directly with Bentley on 0844 2570057.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES



Please note that there is no Senior Orchestra on Tuesday 9th October.

GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES



Please note that there is no Under 11 Hockey Club next Monday 8th October as the U11 squad will be competing in the IAPS Mini-Hockey Tournament at Framlingham.

Former Pupil News

Congratulations to Tom Osborn, who left Town Close in 2013 having won the Year 8 History Prize, and is now heading off to Selwyn College, Cambridge University to read History. Here pictured receiving a gift from Head of History, Mr Kendrick, during last week's Year 8 walking history tour of Norwich.



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The right start feeds a bright future.



October Open Morning
FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER, STARTING AT 9.00AM

Mr Nicholas Bevington, Headmaster of Town Close School, is delighted to invite you, your family and friends to our October Open Morning on Friday 12th October, starting at 9.00am.



Books for Schools Campaign

Town Close has registered for the Books for Schools Campaign. From the 1st October until the 8th December, tokens will be printed in the Eastern Daily Press, Norwich Evening News, Great Yarmouth Mercury, The Lowestoft Journal, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Dereham Times, Fakenham & Wells Times and the North Norfolk News.

For every 1,000 tokens collected, our School will win £100 worth of free books - it's that easy! So please ask relatives, friends and neighbours for their tokens and help us collect as many as possible.

Thank you for your support - Mrs Wootton, Librarian

Are you receiving our daily updates?

In addition to our weekly communications, a reminder that we have a number of social media channels available for you to access that offer a regular insight into the fantastic range of activities and experiences your children are enjoying at School. Please follow us on Twitter or Facebook to ensure that you receive the daily updates and photographs:

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