



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 25th January 2019

Year 4's vibrant performance of their musical comedy *Rock Bottom* has been a definite highlight of the week. Last night's show was performed with energy and humour and represented a monumental achievement for children so young. It was great to see everyone participating and so many discovering talent in themselves. We look forward to tonight's final performance, which I gather is now sold out.



Pre Prep assembly this week was about hands and included the story of the artist Albrecht Dürer and his famous painting *Betende Hände* (praying hands), which your children should now be able to tell you. Bird families spoke about talent and the joy of celebrating other people's talents as well as appreciating our own. Mr Coulthart's tutor group led Prep assembly, sharing some of the things they love the most, while Headmaster's assembly was about gratitude, told through the story of a dog and a soldier in the Second World War. We enjoyed two very accomplished musical performances with Rosemary Stuart-Sheppard performing a piece by Handel on her flute and Teddy Bowyer playing *Waltz in A* on the piano.



Year 5 pupils had a fantastic art workshop this week thanks to professional artist Fred Ingrams, who also brought in some of his most recent work. The results children achieved under his guidance were impressive and it was inspiring for all to meet someone for whom art is a career. It was a pleasure to see Little Acorns children swimming, with lots of improvement noticeable since my last visit. I was also able to see fine progress with writing firstly in Year 1, where one of the children shared an amazing piece of work with me. A visit to Year 2 immediately afterwards, revealed use of varied structures and techniques, with one child sharing a piece of prose that many an adult might be proud of. I visited Year 8 as they practised role-plays in French and Year 4 as they put the finishing touches to their play.



We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Reeves and Mrs Webb after Summer half term following each of their maternity leaves, though Miss Basey and Miss Stewart-Pond will continue to teach 3SP and 4B until the end of the Summer term. Mrs Beasley is due to start her maternity leave at the end of this term, with Mrs Tanya Martin, an experienced English teacher who has previously taught at Town Close, covering her English teaching next term and Miss Basey remaining at Town Close next year to cover Mrs Beasley's new classes from September.



As some may already know, our Chair of Governors since 2012, David Bolton, retires from the Governing Body this summer, having given distinguished service since 2003. In addition to running a successful farm business consultancy, he has also been on the board of Cinema City and a frequent rowing umpire. From October, he becomes Master of the Worshipful Company of Farmers in London, spearheading their important work inspiring excellence in agriculture. The Governors are delighted to confirm that Mrs Sarah Anthony, whose four children were educated at Town Close between 2001 and 2014, has been elected to replace him from the next academic year. Mrs Anthony joined the Governing Body in 2016 and has since been a regular presence around the School. Her professional career was in the conference, exhibition and marketing industry and she now undertakes considerable voluntary work, for example with the Norfolk Reading Project.



I wish everyone a very enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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Head Lice

We have had a case of head lice reported to us in the Prep Department this week. Please could we ask parents to check their children's hair on a regular basis? The School doctor suggests that guidance about prevention and treatment can be found on the following websites:

www.nits.net
www.patient.co.uk

We are very grateful to parents who do check and notify us when head lice are found.

Library Books

The Pre Prep library timetable is as follows:

Monday – Oak
Tuesday – Lime, Maple & Willow
Wednesday - Beech & Cherry
Thursday – Silver Birch & Rowan
Friday – Chestnut



Please remember children are only allowed one book out at a time. Thank you

Year 4's Production of Rock Bottom!



This week in Pre Prep...



The Great Fire of London

Year 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London and on a recent trip to London Amélie Fenn (Cherry) visited the monument that stands to remember the Great Fire and took some pictures to share with her class.



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