



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 8th February 2019

We have greatly enjoyed storytelling week. Author, John Harris, captivated our Prep pupils today with his tall tales and Years 1-4 were treated to a wonderful adaptation of *Oliver Twist* by the Arty-Fact Theatre on Monday. There have been numerous joint reading sessions too with Year 3 pupils sharing



books with Reception and Year 6 with Year 2. Year 3&4 also enjoyed a storytelling assembly on Wednesday, while in Pre Prep assembly Mrs Harries recounted the story of the Fox and the Stork. This also tied in very well with today's visit by the Happy Puzzle Company who have been engaging Pre Prep children with games and activities to develop thinking and problem-solving skills.



This morning, we enjoyed our half-termly whole school assembly for pupils from Reception to Year 8. Four pupil volunteers and Mr Hewitt competed to guess the price of a range of everyday items.



We then discovered that you cannot put a price on many things of true value like acts of kindness and good deeds. We also heard Amalie Finch giving a transporting performance of *Georgie* on her clarinet, whilst Ava Gulliver-Jary sang *I Dreamed a Dream* from *Les Misérables* with great feeling. Both also performed at Tuesday's music coffee morning for Pre Prep parents, where a number of senior musicians showcased musical opportunities at Town Close.



It has been a busy week on the sports front, with a large number of cross-country runners competing at Norwich Lower School this afternoon and our U13 boys' hockey team competing at the IAPS regionals. I have just heard that they have qualified for the Nationals – congratulations to them! Earlier in the week, I enjoyed watching a very accomplished performance by our U13A netball team and a spirited effort from our U13B boys' hockey.



Elsewhere this week, Year 7 were separating ethanol from water in science and Reception creating pigs to mark the Lunar New Year, celebrated in China and other parts of Asia (新年快樂). Reception were also writing their numbers from 1-10 in Mandarin (一 yī, 二 èr, 三 sān, 四 sì, 五 wǔ, 六 liù, 七 qī, 八 bā, 九 jiǔ, 十 shí), while Little Acorns saw Chinese food being cooked in a wok.



Year 2 were adding adverbs and adjectives to their versions of *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, while Year 1 learnt about London landmarks. I visited Year 8 using Python (a coding language) to write pattern-generating programs and visited a Year 7 French group practising modal verbs in questions. 4R's science lesson on states of matter involved chocolate, I noted, while Year 3 were busy writing postcards in their English class.



Prep pupils received their A2L grades this week and these are also available on the new parent portal, login details for which were sent to you earlier. Rest assured that registering and logging in seems straightforward. This is also where Year 5-8 interim reports will be published at the end of next week. I hope that everyone finds this new platform useful and that it will help keep everything you need for school, as a parent, in one convenient place.



Next week we look forward to Senior House Cross Country, a senior swimming gala, author Alex Milway's visit to Years 3&4, Year 8's visit to author Holly Bourne, Year 4 parents' evening, the Year 4 soloists' concert (to which all parents are very welcome) and numerous netball and hockey fixtures. A full calendar is available online and on the new portal.

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Nick Bevington





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GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

House Cross Country Senior Races

A reminder that the senior races are taking place on Monday 11th February at the following times:

- Under 12 (Y7) Girls at 2.20pm
- Under 12 (Y7) Boys at 2.40pm
- Under 13 (Y8) Girls at 3.00pm
- Under 13 (Y8) Boys at 3.20pm

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Year 4 Soloists' Concert

The Year 4 Soloists' Concert is taking place on Wednesday 13th February starting at 4.15 pm in the Read Hall. Please do come along!



Email Scam Alert

The Independent Schools Council has made us aware of a 'scam' where people are impersonating targeted areas of a School, such as admissions. They are seeking to send emails, purporting to be from admissions, using a very similar email address and writing in a similar tone. Please do be careful and be aware of this when receiving emails, which may look as though they are coming from admissions@townclose.com, keeping a particular eye out for attachments and any message offering discounts, asking for payment through a link or giving updated payment details (which we will never send by email). Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.



Sim Fly Club

The children had a great first visit to the Sim Fly facilities last night. The owner John Hoyte (explained that his interest in aviation began after receiving a book as a prize at Town Close. We all learnt the basics of flying, taking off from Norwich Airport, circling the City for around 40 minutes (we paused the simulator to view Town Close as we flew over - see attached photo where Town Close is located at the tail of the plane) and landed back at Norwich Airport. We plan to learn more advanced techniques next week.



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Spring Activity Morning

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH, 9.30AM - 11.00AM

Mr Nicholas Bevington, Headmaster of Town Close School, is delighted to invite you and your family to our Early Years Spring Activity Morning

Our Spring Activity Morning gives you the chance to get a glimpse of the outstanding education we offer and experience life at the School. Come and explore our newly renovated Pre Prep building and enjoy fun-filled spring activities based on music, science, storytelling, art and crafts.

To book a place please contact

Mrs Keri Ford, Marketing and Admissions Manager
on 01603 599030 or email admissions@townclose.com

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.
Parking will be available on our Newmarket Road playground from 9.15am.

This week in Pre Prep...



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