



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 22nd March 2019

Year 7&8's musical production *Beauty and the Beast* has been a real highlight of the week. Children from Year 1 upwards were brilliantly entertained at the matinee performances. Mrs Harries' Pre Prep assembly had familiarised children with the story, explaining the valuable lessons it teaches us, with the children then amazed by how professional their older peers were. It has been great to see the dedication and enjoyment of the cast, superbly directed by Mrs Koczur and Mrs Beasley, and the impressive singing and acting ability so many are developing.



There was also great acting on display in 3A's assembly about seeing things from others' perspective. Children retold well-known tales alongside amusing imagined conversations between adults holding different opinions. On Monday, Mr Lawry's tutor group delivered an assembly about how to listen, a skill rarely focused on enough in education. With the spring equinox coming this week, Mr Coulthart led Headmaster's assembly about safety in the sun, reminding children that the strength of the sun depends on its height in the sky, not the temperature, a particularly important message for the spring months. Moya Mahumane also treated us to a beautiful performance of Elton John's *Your Song*.



Town Close has enjoyed notable sporting success this week. In Monday's cross-country at Langley, all six teams finished in the top 3, with the U13 girls winning their event and Lola-Rose Morford, Evie Hood and Daniel Kenyon all winning their individual races. The U11 netball team marked the end of the season by winning all their matches in the All England Netball Tournament at Easton. Our U13A boys' hockey team competed valiantly in the IAPS national hockey tournament at Millfield, progressing to the knockouts and finishing an impressive 7th. The U11 team, competing at Rugby, narrowly missed progressing through the group stages and then won the plate competition with some brilliant performances.



This week Year 4 children enjoyed an educational visit to our local Synagogue, while selected Year 5 and 6 mathematicians competed enthusiastically in the Maths Challenge, held at Norwich Lower School, with our top Year 5 pair coming



4th out of 40 and our top Year 6 pair finishing 7th. We have also received some brilliant SATIPS general knowledge results, with more details next week, and this morning we celebrated fine results in the Vocab Express Global Challenge, with highlights overleaf. Reception and Year 6 have both been studying clouds, with Year 6 mastering the different types and terminology first! Reception children have also focused on seasons in their maths. Year 1 have been busy comparing transport in India and here in the UK. I was impressed by children's grammatical knowledge in a couple of visits to Latin and Mr Hewitt explained how one of his pupils had achieved the seemingly impossible score of 25 out of 24 in their test.



Last week we interviewed candidates to succeed Mr Parker. From 42 initial applicants, Mr Woods came out of the process on top and we are delighted that he will therefore take up the post of Deputy Head (Pastoral) from September. In other staff news, Mrs Pritchard has decided to retire as Pre Prep Deputy Head from 31st March, following personal and family illness. We wish her every happiness in her retirement. Mrs Laing, will continue as Acting Pre Prep Deputy Head, prior to permanent arrangements being finalised. Some of you may also be aware that Mrs Ford, who for many of us was our welcoming first contact with Town Close, leaves at the end of this term, after seven highly successful years as Admissions and Marketing manager. We are pleased that Mrs Amy Jones, currently Recruitment and Marketing Manager (Faculty of Social Sciences) at UEA, joins us from the start of next term to take over this position and wish Mrs Ford well for new challenges ahead.

Next week, Year 6 pupils have their exciting humanities trip to France, and we look forward to Silver Birch and 3S class assemblies, The Reception Easter Performance and Pre Prep parents' evenings.

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Nick Benington





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Vocab Express Global Challenge

Pupils from Years 6 to 8 have been participating in the Vocab Express Global Challenge and have accessed 13 of the 14 languages on offer (strangely, no one attempted Ancient Greek!).

A few highlights: We were fifth overall in Latin, with Sam Kasulke as the top scorer. We were also fifth in Arabic and Shawgi Yousif was fifth overall, competing against students from the international school of Riyadh! We were third overall in Urdu, thanks mainly to Awaab Raja who was second overall, competing nobly against students from the British School of Karachi! We were second overall in Russian and second overall in Mandarin, with Teddy Bowyer being the undisputed world leader by some margin!

For the three main languages we competed in the Piccolo division for schools with fewer than 150 registered pupils. We did very respectably in Spanish and French, and were third overall in German, thanks almost entirely to Eve Kelleway, who was our overall top scorer. In the overall reckoning, taking in all languages, we were third in the Piccolo division. Our top three of Eve, Celeste Horsman & Sam all scored over 10,000 points.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Senior Orchestra and Senior Wind Band

Following the conclusion of the senior production, Senior Orchestra and Senior Wind Band will resume again next week.



GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Team Photographs

Under 13 hockey and netball team photos are being taken next Monday and any pupil in Year 3 or 4 who has played for an Under 8 or 9 team will also have their team photographs taken. Not a normal games day for these children, so please remember kit!



House Cross Country Intermediate Races

A reminder that the junior races are taking place on Thursday 28th March as follows:

- Under 8 (Y3) Girls at 2.20pm
- Under 8 (Y3) Boys at 2.40pm
- Under 9 (Y4) Girls at 3.00pm
- Under 9 (Y4) Boys at 3.20pm

Netball Youth Camps are back!

Any of our netball players may be interested to know that The England Netball Youth Camp are offering Easter courses on Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th April 2019 at Norwich School, Norwich from 10am to 3pm. They are running two camps, one for 9 to 11 years and one for 11 to 14 years old.



Please click [here](#) for further information on how to book.



PTA Pre-Prep Easter Activity Morning Saturday 30th March 10am-12.30pm

Join us in the Pre-Prep hall for an extravaganza of crafts, games, an Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny! To book

tickets please go to www.townclosepta.co.uk. Bookings close **this Monday 25th March**.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the event or would be able to bake buns or cakes for the cake stall please email ptachair@townclose.com.

This week in Pre Prep...



LEGO Vouchers

Please remember that Town Close are collecting the LEGO voucher that can be found in regional newspapers. Please ask your family and friends to help too!

You can then put them in the collection box in the library!

Thank you for your help.



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