



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 15th February 2019

This last week of the half term saw a number of Valentine themed activities. Little Acorns created chalk hearts on the playground and many of our Pre Prep children have created lovely crafts, cards and messages. Mrs Harries shared a story about love in Pre Prep assembly, with Mrs Brown then following this up with an assembly about love as a noun and verb.



Head Boy, Krishna, organised a group of Year 8 pupils to deliver Headmaster's assembly on the subject of love. They shared famous passages from St Paul and looked at the positive things we can all do to show love in its broader sense. We also heard the classic Beatles track *All You Need is Love*, to which they had referred. There were two impressive vocal performances, with Milo singing *The Crocodile* and Sophie singing *Off to See the Wizard*, both with great confidence. We also congratulated medal winners from last week's cross-country competition at Norwich Lower School and the IAPS Regional Hockey Championships, where our U13A team came third and qualified for the national competition.



We have enjoyed beautiful early spring weather this week. There was enough of a breeze for the Year 2 "Great Fire of London" to spread across the playground as pupils finished this fascinating topic with their own recreation. Conditions were also ideal for the Senior Cross Country on Monday, with impressive effort from a number of Year 7 & 8 pupils whose determination to compete for their house was plain to see. I enjoyed scoring for the swimming gala on Monday, with a number of hard-fought races and strong swims. There were also lots of enjoyable hockey and netball fixtures, once again.



Visiting author, Alex Milway, captivated Year 3 & 4 pupils on Tuesday with his animated talk about his new book *Hotel Flamingo*. Year 8 pupils, meanwhile, greatly appreciated meeting author Holly Bourne at the High School, and hearing her talk about conquering negative thoughts.



Mr Coulthart thoroughly enjoyed the Year 4 soloists' concert, which included performances from children at all stages of their musical journeys. Children gain so much from the challenge and thrill of musical performance and it was lovely to see them sharing their progress. It was also a pleasure



to meet Year 4 parents on Tuesday evening and I hope that the consultations with children's teachers all proved useful. Meanwhile, interim reports for Year 5-8 pupils have been published on the School's new parent portal today. The 'Reports PDF' button shows you the full report in our usual format, while the 'Reports' button gives a text version of just the teachers' comments about your child, which is easier to read on small devices. Details of how to log-in to the portal were sent home last week, with a reminder overleaf.

The second half of term sees a number of highlights including the Senior Production, Year 6 humanities trip to France, Chloë Inkpen's visit to Pre Prep, the Reception Easter Production, the PTA Easter Activity Morning for Pre Prep pupils and World Book Day on 7th March when all pupils will be invited to dress as a book character of their choice.



I wish all of our children a very enjoyable half term break.

With best wishes

Nick Bevington

