



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 1st March 2019

Most of our Year 8 pupils received entrance assessment results from their chosen senior schools over half term. So far we have heard that 19 have been offered places to Norwich School, 12 to Norwich High School, 4 to Culford, 4 to Gresham's, 3 to Langley, 2 to Framlingham College and 1 to Royal Hospital School. Two pupils have received conditional offers to Oundle and Stowe respectively. In Headmaster's assembly, we congratulated all these children for the hard work that went into gaining these places. We also applauded the Year 8 children who between them have been offered an amazing 31 scholarships and awards to senior schools, listed overleaf.



Next Thursday we are looking forward to World Book Day, when all pupils and staff have been invited to dress up as a character from literature, with more details in a separate letter. Mrs Harries shared one of her favourite stories in Pre Prep Assembly, exploring some of the emotions in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Bird Families, meanwhile, elected new Top Birds for the half term, while Prep Houses competed in an exciting geography quiz. Mr Hewitt led Monday's assembly about appreciation, while today's Headmaster's assembly showed children examples of fake news, advice as to how to be cynical about information shared online and crucial safety messages. We talked about

this week's widely shared hoax story about 'Momo', which was then inaccurately reported in some papers. Emily also gave a lovely performance of *Pink Panther* by Mancini, on her violin.



This morning we enjoyed welcoming very young visitors to our Spring Activity Morning. They had lots of fun playing in the Reception classes, participating in music and listening to a story. Reception, meanwhile, had an exciting morning of special activities and games. On Wednesday, I spent a sunny afternoon watching our 1st VII and U10 hockey teams playing great hockey against quality opponents and also saw a huge range of other sports coaching taking place for Year 5-8 pupils. Earlier in the week, I took some visitors around the woodland walk, where we met lots of children playing during their lunch break, and we visited a range of interesting classes, such as Year 5 children exploring poetry in English.



Year 2 had a lovely visit to the Bridewell Museum earlier in the week, where they found out about a number of famous personalities from Norfolk, while Year 1 enjoyed an Indian dance workshop as part of their studies of the Subcontinent. A group of U11 girls competed in the IAPS Netball regionals yesterday, playing with great spirit and determination, with U13 girls competing today, also at Felsted. A team of U11 boys, meanwhile, are competing in the East Region hockey finals at Bishop's Stortford today (we have just heard that they reached the final and were runners-up) and on Sunday a team of cross-country runners are travelling to Woodbridge for the competition there, which is well known for its steep hill.



Next week, in addition to World Book Day and the Travelling Book Company Book sale in the library, we look forward to World Maths Day when the Prep Sumdog Challenge starts and a number of lessons across the School will be specially themed. Rowan Tree class is performing an assembly to parents and pupils on Tuesday afternoon and there are various sports fixtures,

including the IAPS swimming regionals for Years 5-7 at Culford.

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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