



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 8th March 2019

A definite highlight of the week was yesterday's celebration of World Book Day across the School. Mr Chuter's tutor group plus Year 8 volunteers whetted Prep pupils' appetites on Monday morning with a book-themed assembly and Mrs Chitty then led a memorable special assembly for Prep pupils yesterday, entertainingly playing Miss Trunchbull, the fictional headmistress of Crunchem Hall Primary School in Roald Dahl's *Matilda*, throughout. There were terrific readings and performances from children, a memorable speech by Mr Kendrick about *Great Expectations* and music from *The Secret Garden* performed by Daisy.



I visited all the Pre Prep classes to see the huge array of colourful characters portrayed by our younger children and Mrs Alexandre, dressed as Julia Donaldson's witch from *Room on the Broom*, led a special assembly where children thought about their character and showed off their costumes. She read passages from well-known storybooks and the children guessed the titles with great success. Rowan Tree class performed a fantastic assembly to pupils and their families on Tuesday afternoon about the joy of books and sharing stories and all week we have had the Travelling Book Company in the library helping us spend our book tokens.



Wednesday was World Maths Day, which we marked with a range of special activities for various classes, including Little Acorns counting to ten in five different languages and the SumDog challenge starting for Prep pupils. This morning's Headmaster's assembly combined the themes of these two special days in an assembly about Pi, both the ratio and the book character, and how each represent a search for truth. We also enjoyed Katerina's lively performance of Gabriel-Marie's *La Cinquantaine* on her violin, while Sruthi gave an accomplished performance of Burgmüller's *Arabesque* on the piano. Reverend Patrick led Pre Prep assembly on Shrove Tuesday, teaching children about Lent. His theme about determination and resilience was followed up in Bird Family Meetings.



Last weekend our large cross country team did Town Close proud, finishing third overall in the Woodbridge East Anglian Cross Country Championships. Evie Hood won her race by a huge margin and Daniel Kenyon came second in his. This week, we have enjoyed lots more sports fixtures including swimming at Culford and a very unusual 1-0 netball victory in one of our junior matches. A small group of Year 8's, who have not sat entrance exams this term, completed mock CE papers and we



heard from Gresham's that Head Boy, Krishna Patel, was offered a Headmaster's Award in addition to a Hockey Award we announced last week. This afternoon, we have welcomed students and staff from UTC Norwich to learn more from Mr Buck about our Year 8 F24 electric car racing programme.

This week I enjoyed visiting a number of lessons with a guest. We participated in a Year 6 music lesson, singing 1980's riffs in parts, and sung a song in French with Mr Walker and Year 4. We also toured the newly extended woodland walk, thanks to a donation from the PTA, and saw lots of pupils enjoying the equipment and playing the hiding and chasing game 'manhunt'.



Next week, we look forward to welcoming many visitors, including the short-listed candidates to become our new Deputy Head (Pastoral) upon Mr Parker's retirement at the end of this year. Among other appointments, each will be interviewed by our School Council. We also look forward to Cherry Tree Class' assembly on Tuesday, The Year 2 Choir and Single Reads' performances at the Norwich County Music Festival, Year 3's trip to Norwich Castle, Chloe Inkpen's visit to Pre Prep, the Year 8 CE subjects parents' evening and Prep Attitude to Learning Grades going home.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

*Nick Bevington*







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#### GAMES DEPARTMENT NOTICES

##### Girls' Cricket Practice

From next week, instead of netball practice, there will now be a Girls' Cricket Practice for Years 5-8 every Monday after school from 4.00pm-5.15pm in the Sports Hall. We look forward to seeing your daughter there.



##### Hockey Notices

Please note that there will be no extended hockey practice for the boys on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.



Junior House Hockey has been moved to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2.15pm, due to our qualification for the IAPS national hockey finals.

##### Parent Badges

For the purposes of security, please can you ensure that you wear your parent badge whenever you are on the School grounds. If you have mislaid this then please contact either the Prep or Pre Prep Office who will be able to provide you with a new one.

##### SALTO Bands

Please ensure that your child has their SALTO wrist band in school. This important device allows the children the independence to access different buildings on our site. If your child has lost theirs please can you order them a new one via the School's website.



The booking system for Activate 2019 is now open! Bookings can be made at [activatenorwich.co.uk](http://activatenorwich.co.uk) and the dates are as follows:

- w/c: Monday 22nd July
- w/c: Monday 29th July
- w/c: Monday 5th August

Please book before the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to take advantage of the 25% discount.



##### Legacy

Milo Clabburn (6L) is a member of the dance group Legacy who will be performing a Spring Showcase at the Walter Roy Theatre at the Hewett Academy on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 4.00pm. If you would like to purchase tickets please click [here](#).



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