



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 10th May 2019



We had our half-termly whole school assembly this morning focusing on differences and things in common. Six children from Year 1 to Year 8 confidently read descriptions of six very different plants, which had flowers in common. We discussed how the six readers themselves all have things in common as well as differences to appreciate. Bird Family and House sticker totals were announced and awards were given, including for nine fine pieces of work to go on the Pre Prep "Wonderwall".



Henry performed James Ray's *Sundown* fluently on his clarinet while Henry gave a beautifully mellow performance of *The Skyboat Song* on the saxophone. We were also very privileged to be lent one of Norwich City's Championship winners' medals, awarded last weekend. Mr Fisher and Milan showed the medal to the School and explained how Norwich's teamwork and perseverance had led to this fantastic achievement.



Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous morning of forensic science on Tuesday, discovering lots about fingerprints and DNA, while Year 3 had an informative session on Wednesday thanks to the Eye Heroes workshop. Wednesday's rain sadly put pay to our cricket fixtures but Year 2 were undeterred for their trip to Pensthorpe Nature Park, where they had a lovely time exploring native wildlife. I had lunch with a group yesterday who explained that they had seen their Bird Family bird as well as red squirrels for the first time. It was also lovely to visit Year 1 during their



wet break and to introduce them to a boy from South Africa on Skype who will be joining them in Year 2 in September. Children from Little Acorns seemed equally enthusiastic to meet his younger sister and showed her their princess paintings, completed under Mrs Bloom's guidance.



This week, I have spent eight lessons with different classes, learning a great deal in the process. Mr Kendrick's Year 5 group were designing WW2 coastal defences, Mr Lawry's Year 8 maths group were using their knowledge of regular polygons to deduce angles in shapes created within them and Mr Chapman's Year 6 science group were making cells from a battery using orange juice or salt water, experimenting to find the best metals and liquid to use. I had conversations in basic Spanish with Year 7 pupils and enjoyed French with Year 7 & 8 this afternoon. I also joined 4B dramatising a tale using commands, questions, exclamations and statements and used historical sources with 3H to find out more about Tutankhamun.



Year 5 ASA members are looking forward to tonight's camping trip, which we hope will be dry and not too cold! Next week our Year 6 children undertake the national KS2 SATS assessments and Year 8 pupils have their CE French orals. We wish them all well. There are also athletics and cricket fixtures, class assemblies for Willow Tree Class, Lime Tree Class and 4B, Year 3's soloists' concert on Wednesday night and the Holt Hall trip meeting for Year 7 pupils and parents on Tuesday.



Please do encourage any prospective Town Close families you may know to come to next Friday's Open Morning. Appointments can be booked through Mrs Jones, our Admissions and Marketing manager, at admissions@townclose.com. A group of Year 3 and Year 7 children will be acting as guides while a separate group have been working with Miss Basey to prepare a presentation about life at Town Close.

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With kind regards

Nicholas Bevington

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