



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 17th May 2019



This week has seen three fantastic class assemblies. 4B gave an entertaining overview of the Vikings, teaching us about their beliefs and culture and that we should not believe all the myths we may have heard about them. Willow Tree Class celebrated Norwich City's fine Championship winning season and taught us about the Club and the City of Norwich. Inspired by their topic of growing, Lime Tree Class taught us about delicious vegetables, complete with song, dance and a dramatization of a story they have been studying.



The Year 3 concert provided impressively accomplished music from these emerging performers, while the group who presented life at Town Close in today's Open Morning, did a fantastic job, communicating in a natural and engaging style.

We also had compliments from today's visitors about the Year 3 & 7 guides who shared their knowledge so enthusiastically. Open Morning meant no Headmaster's assembly but Prep pupils enjoyed Mrs Chitty's fabulous assembly encouraging us to gaze up at the clouds and imagine, while Pre Prep children learnt a little about the story of Jesus when Rev Patrick visited.



A number of Year 4 & 5 children achieved great results at the UEA athletics, following the success of older pupils at Langley last week. A number of existing records have been broken, alongside new records set in events where apparatus has changed. I saw pupils competing hard in the U13B and U11B boys' cricket on a beautifully sunny Wednesday afternoon, while, earlier in the week, an opposition U9 coach commented on how impressed they had been to see the quality of sports coaching going on in the regular games lessons taking place.



Pre Prep children have seen our "butterflyarium" coming to life just in time for our caterpillars, which have started to pupate. The children helped put flowers inside and the dome has been covered in netting. Reception learned about the important part flowers play in the ecosystem, Year 1 plotted the growth of their beans, while Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Edgar's tortoises, which led to the creation of some fantastic fact sheets and labelled diagrams.



This week I coded instructions to create spirals in JavaScript with Year 6, joined 3A summarising research on lions in English, spent time with Year 7 mathematicians studying probability and took a Socrative assessment in geography with Year 8 who were preparing for their exam. This app marks and gives immediate feedback, which was helpful in refreshing my GCSE geography knowledge from thirty years ago! I spent a lovely lesson creating rhythms and singing with 3SP and saw a Year 1 swimming group, where one of the children managed to swim a whole length of the school pool underwater!



Elsewhere, Year 6 have been busy taking their SAT's and Year 8 have done their CE French orals (I love one pupil's phrase: "*Je suis assez petit, mais je suis très fort!*"). Tonight our Year 7 ASA members look forward to their camping trip at Whitlingham Broad. Year 4-6 pupils have school exams next week, as per the timetables already sent home. I hope that the revision sessions at school plus a sensible amount of preparation at home will see them achieving their best. We also look forward to lots more sports fixtures.



Lastly, a reminder that half term starts next Thursday, meaning that children will be off school on Friday 24th May while staff have their training day.

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend

With best wishes

Nick Bevington

