



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 14th June 2019

Year 8 pupils have enjoyed a fabulous week of adventure in the Lake District (superb photos are on @townclosetrips Twitter). For once it was not quite as wet there as here but the children have still battened down the hatches for rainy nights in tents, squeezed through caves and seen a stunning waterfall from behind the curtain of water. We are really pleased with this group's Common Entrance results, which they are receiving this afternoon!



Here at school, Prep children had a visit from Rev Patrick, who talked about the Big Bang and creation, eliciting some fascinating questions from the pupils. Today's Headmaster's assembly focused on difference, with the poem *Zak the Zigzagged Zebra* by Liz Carter performed by Oscar, Evie and Otto. We congratulated children for many fine achievements and heard two lovely musical performances: Rahul performing Walter Carroll's *Shadows* and Sruthi playing June Armstrong's *Dusty Blues*, both on the piano. On Monday, we also enjoyed hearing Mihir playing *Aerobics* on the violin.



Pre Prep children had an exciting partial reveal of this year's painting for the National Gallery's *Take One Picture* project, which children will be participating in next week. Bird Family meetings, meanwhile, looked at the idea of our strengths and our talents. Reception children enjoyed an exciting day out on Wednesday at Bressingham Steam Museum, where they saw the sheer scale of the locomotives and enjoyed a ride on a narrow gauge railway. I visited Miss Knightly's class when they were doing some writing about the Great Train Robbery and saw Henry's fantastic model of the diesel locomotive involved. Another group were busy working on posters explaining the journey letters take, including by train.



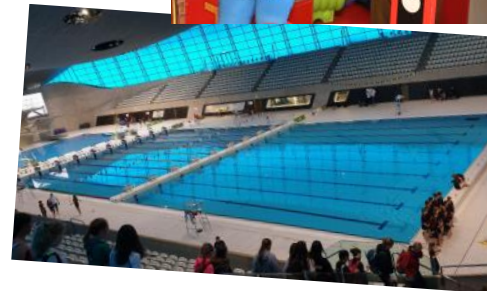
While Reception were away on Wednesday, I joined Little Acorns exploring Reception classes ready for their move in September. We did lots of important pattern work and I showed some of the children a magic trick Mr Chapman taught me. Little Acorns also had a lovely trip to *Twinkle Town* yesterday or today, behaving beautifully. Elsewhere, I spent two lessons in the art room researching Deborah Shapiro with Year 5 and creating



portraits with Year 6. I also joined a Year 5 PawsB mindfulness lesson, where we learnt about how our brain functions and how to manage our fight or flight response when it is not needed. Year 3, meanwhile enjoyed their eye heroes workshop.



Last weekend, I was lucky enough to join our F24 racing team at Lotus. We had a great day, coming a very creditable third in the first 90 minute race, against regional and national schools, with our battery just fading at the end. A frantic lunchtime gearing change saw us lower the ratio by one sprog, which, combined with our aero package, allowed us to stay strong the whole way and win the second race, overtaking a dying rival car in the final lap! Elsewhere, the cricket tournaments fell foul of the weather but our swimmers did fantastically at Stratford, with the highlight a national bronze medal won by Menuka Jayakody.



Next week sees chess versus Lakenham Primary, Year 8's trip to the Globe, a swimming gala versus Norwich School, 4R's assembly, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports days, a 'scratch off' computing competition at UEA and a multitude of cricket fixtures, which we hope will not be rained off! Lastly, we look forward to Year 6's performance of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (all parents are very welcome – free tickets via the booking system) and the PTA's Barn Dance next Saturday. Do book tickets on the PTA site for what should be a great night!

I wish everybody a good weekend.

With my best wishes

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