



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 13th September 2019

It has been lovely to welcome our Little Acorns this week as they start their first year at Town Close. This afternoon the children visited my study and had a very good time exploring and playing with the toys. I also showed them the grandfather clock, where I think a mouse might live! It was also great to welcome back Year 7 and 8 children after their residential trips. The new Year 8 House Captains and their friends have begun decorating the house boards and our senior children have been undertaking their first leadership duties. Meanwhile Pre Prep Bird Families elected their first "Top Birds" of the year, while Prep classes are electing their School Council representatives this week or next week, using the alternative vote system to ensure those elected command broad support.



Headmaster's assembly for Prep pupils this morning was about encouragement, demonstrated with the aid of Jenga blocks. Daniel performed *The Great Escape* rousingly for us on his trombone and there were numerous awards and achievements to celebrate. Pre Prep celebration assembly happened today, while yesterday Mrs Harries talked about bravery, sharing some of the fears we can have and the benefits of overcoming them. Meanwhile, Bird Family meetings talked about the qualities we look for in the School, while Mr Coulthart's tutor group led an assembly for Prep pupils about positive characteristics.



It was lovely to welcome Prep parents to the front lawn for afternoon tea on Tuesday and I hope it proved a useful opportunity to chat to other parents and liaise informally with staff, as well as to savour delicious food, thanks to our catering team. Our children have been enjoying the garden too, with lots of games and exploration going on at lunch breaks in warm autumn sunshine. We enjoyed welcoming Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents to the information evenings, which I hope also provided a great opportunity to meet other parents and teachers as well as arming you with all the information you need for the year ahead.



This week Reception pupils were playing Funky Fingers to develop their finger muscles, ready for accurate letter formation, as well as drawing lots of zigs, zags and curly lines. Year 2 were developing their listening skills and Year 1 drawing self-portraits. We had a first, very enjoyable, friendly hockey tournament of the season for some U11 girls and I enjoyed going to the Astro on



Monday to see extra training taking place after school, ready for the new season. It was good to see so many making an effort to look smart for individual and form photos yesterday. We will see the results in due course!

Year 8 pupils enjoyed their history trip to Norwich Cathedral today with expert guide, Mr Kendrick! Last Sunday, Year 8 F24 club members went to their first race at Bedford. We have already qualified for the finals but were developing new drivers, practising with our new throttle and refining our pit-stop technique. We came second in the first race and third in the second, particularly impressive considering we did two extra pit-stops for practice.



Next week we are looking forward to our Massed Orchestra Workshop with Gresham's, Norwich School and Norwich High School (the concert at the end is 4.30pm on Tuesday in the Read Hall). Our sports fixtures start in earnest, Year 6 are visiting Walsingham on an RS trip and there is a Common Entrance information evening for Year 7 parents. A personalised calendar for your child can be synched to your phone via the parent portal.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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