



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 20th September 2019

The puppy chosen to become our new school dog to work within the Learning Support Department was unveiled to children today. She is an Australian Labradoodle (not to be confused with the English Labradoodle) and displays a lovely calm temperament. She will spend two weeks with Mrs Rymarz and her family this October before receiving the professional training necessary to work at School, which should be completed by December. At lunchtime, pupils and staff cast their first three choices for her name, from a shortlist of six, before the result was determined using the alternative vote system. We are delighted to announce that she has now been officially named: **Bella!**



Headmaster's assembly for Prep pupils this morning started with Teddy Bowyer performing *Take Five* on the piano with great panache before he joined Krishna, Ella and Awaab to tell children a story about two children falling out and the happiness they both gained from then forgiving one another. Pre Prep assembly also focused on friendship and caring for one another as per our Town Close Way.



A highlight of the week was the fantastic orchestral workshop, led by Mrs Koczur, with children from Town Close, Norwich School and Norwich High combining to form an enormous orchestra, which rehearsed and then performed four ambitious pieces in two hours. We enjoyed rock, Hungarian music, a much loved classical piece and a *Hans Zimmer* score released only two weeks ago, receiving its Town Close premiere! On Wednesday, I went to the Astro to watch our U13 girls' teams in action against Norwich School, with the matches played in a lovely spirit and a great performance by the first team. Year 6 had a busy day at Walsingham studying different Christian denominations, concentrating impressively as they visited the different places of worship.



Due to a technical fault with the dosing system, our pool has sadly been out of action this week. The replacement part we needed has now arrived and we are hoping that all will be back to normal next week, especially as our Little Acorns are looking forward to going into the pool for the first time.



Little Acorns have been working on bread and were busy earlier kneading bread (home-made play-dough) while singing *5 Bread Rolls in a Baker's Shop!* Year 4 and Year 7 and 8 have been undertaking auditions for *Porridge* and *Wendy and Peter Pan* respectively and we look forward to both these productions next term. I spent a little time with some Year 2 pupils yesterday, who were all enjoying reading books after school, and we had a very interesting conversation sparked by a disgusting recipes volume!



I also joined a few Year 3 pupils as we watched F24 team training on the big playground, focusing on racing lines.

Next week, we look forward to 3A assembly, which all 3A parents are warmly invited to come and see at 8.35am on Wednesday morning. We will serve delicious tea, coffee and pastries afterwards to enjoy with your children. Year 2 children are visiting Norton's Dairy as they begin their *Healthy, Happy Me* topic. We welcome Nursery parents for a coffee morning on Tuesday at drop-off, there are further sports fixtures and Year 3&4 parent meetings with class teachers. A full calendar is on the Portal as ever.



Finally, please can we remind everyone cycling to school (which we love) to walk bikes whilst on the school site itself. Can we also ask that those providing older children with mobiles to use to and from school (which we discourage) to reinforce to their children that these may only be used to contact parents and must otherwise be out of sight. All children who bring personal devices to school are required to hand them into the front office during the school day.

We wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With all good wishes

Nick Bevington

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