



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 21st June 2019

Year 6's sparkling production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was a definite highlight of the week. The children performed with tremendous confidence and the back-stage crew was amazingly efficient with the myriad scene changes. It was great to see such a large audience yesterday, including a number of Pre Prep children. You can still book a place for tonight's 7.00pm performance on the parent booking system to enjoy this classic tale.



Prep pupils had a very interesting and useful assembly about emotions with Mrs Joliffe and her tutor group on Monday, while today's Headmaster's Assembly focused on how being outside in the garden can help relaxation and well-being. We talked about how lucky we are that our school garden is such a wonderful place to relax and play. We also enjoyed two lovely flute performances: Florence performed *Autumn* from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* while Grace played *Peruvian*



*Dance*. Rev Patrick returned to Pre Prep to lead their assembly while Bird Family meetings were on the theme of keeping safe.



Pre Prep pupils have been undertaking lots of interesting work inspired by George Bellow's painting *Men of the Docks*. I saw Year 1 skyscraper pictures with windows representing arrays and hence time table sentences, while Year 2 were writing imagined dialogues. I spent story time with Reception

who were thinking about how teams might be divided fairly and how many football boots a team of ten spiders might need! Year 3 were working on making informal language more formal and developing their use of frontal adverbials and subordinate clauses. I took a guest from Royal Hospital School with me to see their investigative maths work and we visited 4V as they prepared for their forthcoming assembly. 4R performed theirs this week, an overview of their very exciting recent residential trip to Horstead, which made the Year 3's look forward to next year!



We celebrated lots of individual and team achievements this week, including success in the UEA coding competition, the victory shield being given for last Friday's Colts cricket tournament, Year 8's F24 trophy being awarded and news from the IAPS swimming championships. Our chess players also performed very well in their fixture with Lakenham Primary School. Next week we will share news from the UKMT



maths challenge, where Town Close pupils excelled this year. Year 8 had a fabulous day in London's Globe theatre seeing *The Comedy of Errors*. Tuesday saw a successful swimming gala versus Norwich Lower School, with the depth of Town Close talent very evident.

The Pre Prep sports days all escaped the rain and it was lovely to see our young pupils competing with such fine spirit. Also impressive was the way in which Year 7&8 pupils helped to organise and run each event, giving valuable leadership experience. The sun looks set to shine tomorrow, ready for the PTA Barn Dance in the school marquee now on the front lawn, which we are very excited about. The PTA has released a few extra tickets if you are tempted by the weather to make a last-minute decision to come.



Monday is Bring a Bear to School Day where all children are encouraged to bring in their favourite soft toy in exchange for a suggested donation of £1 towards the School charity, Friends of the Wherry School. We have the Year 6 science fair in the sports hall, the Year 7 soloists' concert and exciting trips for Year 5 and 7. Please remember that there is no school on Wednesday because of the Norfolk Show. We will be there and you are all very welcome to come and enjoy hospitality in the Town Close marquee!

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With my best wishes

Nick Bevington

