



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 28th June 2019

It was lovely to see so many past, present and prospective Town Close families at the Royal Norfolk Show this week. We are glad so many of you enjoyed our haven of activities, refreshments and relaxation amidst the bustle outside. Our Year 8 pupils did a lovely job looking after younger visitors and it was great to see the go-pro footage of break time at Town Close on display, alongside a beautiful painting created in our Art Department.

Monday's very enjoyable Year 6 Science Fair was pitched to a high standard. Children were able to visit other groups to discuss their work and findings. We were really impressed by the level of investigative science and the unique ideas the children had come up with, including examining melting points of chocolate with varying levels of cocoa, measuring calories in food, investigating how light and mineral levels affect daisy growth, and even a little rocket science! There were also high standards on display for the Year 7 soloists' concert with the breadth of musical talent and ambition a delight to see.

Monday saw teddy bears roaming the School, including large ones brought to life by older pupils, to the delight of Pre Prep children. Mr Hall delivered Prep assembly about the increasing number of choices we make as we get older, while Pre Prep children enjoyed a celebration assembly where we saw this week's Wonder Wall work, associated with the painting *Men of the Docks*. Headmaster's assembly included Katy playing *The Summer of '59*, by Ramskill beautifully on the flute, while Alexander treated us to Diabelli's *Lesson in C* played on the piano. The theme was trust, explained through the story of Samson and Delilah, told in verse. We also gave many awards, including certificates for our Year 7&8 mathematicians who did so well in the UKMT maths challenge.

There have been exciting trips this week, with Year 7 having a fascinating trip to Overstrand, where longshore drift could be seen by placing pinecones in the water. Year 5 had a fascinating visit to the Ancient House Museum learning about Maharajah Duleep Singh, and have today been in Duxford as part of their WW2 studies in history. 3H were studying Aztecs in history, when I visited earlier, and explained the importance of artefacts and evidence. Year 8 enjoyed a blissful free swim for their last ever swim lesson at Town Close, while another Year 3 group was busy using iPad games to learn French colours. Year 2's turtles were being finished very carefully while some Nursery children were busy making pizzas. We have also enjoyed keenly contested junior house cricket matches.

Next week sees Year 3's rock circus day, the Year 5 induction meeting for Year 4, Year 1 and Year 2's concerts, a trip to the John Innes Centre for a Year 7 group, the Prep Summer Ensembles Concert (6.00pm Tuesday), 4V's assembly, Reception and Nursery information evenings, the Year 6 soloists' concert and further house cricket. We also look forward to Friday's Prep sports days with the Year 3&4 event in the morning and Year 5-8's sports day in the afternoon. My apologies that I will sadly not be there this year as I will be attending the funeral for my grandmother, who died peacefully, aged 98, over half term. Mr Parker will be leading the presentations at the end of each event, which will be his final Prep Sports Days before retirement. I hope lots of you will come and that everyone enjoys the occasion.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

With best wishes

Nicholas Bevington

