



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 4th October 2019

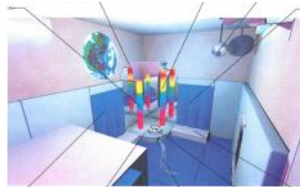
This morning we enjoyed our twice-termly whole school assembly, the first one our new Reception classes have attended. Year 2 led us in a Harvest Festival and showed us a number of different words you can make from HARVEST, all important

in thinking about where our food comes from and being thankful for it. We felt proud to hear such young readers speaking so confidently through our PA system in front of nearly 500 people. We enjoyed fabulous music, with Sourish playing *West Coast Rolling* by Ned Dhorajiwala on the drums and Sushant performing *Wilson's Wilde* (anon) on the guitar.



Last night we enjoyed impressive performances too at our evening of music and poetry, to celebrate National Poetry Day. Mrs Chitty showed us the map of registered events around the country and ours was the only one anywhere near Norwich! We loved the musical performances and poetry recitals and were particularly impressed with the Year 7&8 protest poems, ballads, odes and James Carter inspired poems, covering all manner of issues from Hindu and Muslim relations in the subcontinent to questioning gender identity. Young people's political views can easily be dismissed as naïve, yet our older pupils showed real wisdom in looking at important issues through fresh eyes.

I accompanied the newly elected School Council, Mr Coulthart and Ms Vontzalidou on a visit to the Wherry School earlier this week to see how the money we raised last year has been spent. Our children really enjoyed meeting some of their pupils and finding out just what a difference a specialist school like this can make. Our hosts showed us a sensory room like the one our funding is going to enable. This year we are supporting Break as our School Charity and the current School Council will then select next year's charity in June.



On Wednesday I went to see some keenly competed rugby fixtures against Langley, played in an excellent spirit, and we have had another week full of enjoyable matches. We welcomed Year 8 parents to consultations with teachers on Tuesday and really look forward to the settling-in meetings with Pre Prep parents next Thursday. There has been lots of terrific learning as ever, with Year 1 using an 'alien landing' as a focus for writing initial reports to Ms McCloy and looking at evidence to try to find 'Beegu!' My Year 5 French set were learning daily routine phrases with the help of a live rhythm guitar backing, and I visited Reception who were alternating between teacher focused learning tasks and great collaborative play with blocks, marbles and vehicles. Year 3 children look as though they are having a fabulous Neolithic trip at Gressenhall, judging by the photos that have been sent through, as they study the Stone Age.



Next week we look forward to the start of STEM fortnight with lots of exciting activities planned across the School – more about this next Friday! Year 4 are visiting Hethersett for their geography village studies, there is a swimming gala versus the High School in addition to all the other sports fixtures, 3SP are performing their assembly to Years 2-4 and 3SP parents and there is a Lego Blockbus activity for Years 1-4 on Thursday. We look forward to the [PTA Quiz and Curry](#) on Friday night when teams of parents will once again be competing alongside two staff teams.



Next Friday is also the first of two Open Mornings for this academic year. Year 4&8 volunteers will be guiding visitors, while another group is preparing a presentation about life at Town Close. If you know any prospective Town Close families, do encourage them to book a place by contacting Amy Jones, our Admissions and Marketing Manager, at admissions@townclose.com.



I wish everyone a very enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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