



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 13th October 2019



It was lovely to welcome so many visitors for today's Open Morning. Our Year 4&8 volunteers did a fine job guiding guests and were universally praised by visiting families. Meanwhile, another group from Year 2-8 prepared an informative presentation about life at Town Close, impressing with their confidence and authenticity. We use the same philosophy of pupil-led presentations for our biennial Senior Schools Information Evening, which is next Thursday 17th October at 6.00pm, aimed particularly at older pupils and their parents to show some of the options available once our children leave Year 8. Town Close alumni now studying at a range of senior schools will give presentations about why they love their new school and will then be available for consultation afterwards. All parents, along with older pupils, are welcome.



This week has been full of exciting STEM activities! Reception children extracted colour from Skittles and learnt about chromatography with felt tip pens and coffee filters. Year 1 had a range of activities, including designing a space ship and exploring their senses. Prep children have enjoyed Ozobot sessions, programming mini robots to spin, jump and even go into turbo mode! Year 1-4 children had sessions with Blockbus where they worked in teams to create bridge structures with Lego blocks, while Year 7 enjoyed an energetic maths quiz in the sports hall, working in teams. Mr Chapman delivered a magic of science assembly to Reception and Year 1, which amazed them. The second STEM week continues on Monday with NRich, magic of science sessions for Prep classes, maths quizzes, Year 5 forensic science and the F24 team's trip to Silverstone on Thursday for the international finals!



Elsewhere this week, Reverend Patrick visited Pre Prep to deliver an assembly on the Big Bang and creation and 3SP delivered a very informative and entertaining assembly about the Stone Age to Years 2-4. Prep assembly was led by Mrs Rymarz, who deepened our understanding of dyslexia. We were shown some of the obstacles dyslexia can throw up and some of the advantages often associated with it, with misconceptions also challenged! Our Learning Support Department is looking forward to the arrival of Bella, our School Dog, who is growing fast. We received her latest picture this week as you can see above to the left!



Year 2 had a visit from Algy Garrod, a local farmer, who brought in some amazing produce and explained how harvest is the culmination of a year's work. Children tried some delicious tomatoes that had just been picked! Meanwhile, Year 1 met Mr McNamara, an orthopaedic surgeon and father of Isla and Tessa, who gave a wonderful talk about bones. Year 4 had a successful visit to Hethersett as part of their geography studies, complete with congestion caused by roadworks! I saw a Year 8 maths set competing against Mr Hall to solve countdown conundrums first and enjoyed watching Year 5&6 boys competing in rugby fixtures again, with noticeable progress in their teamwork.



Tuesday saw a very successful swimming gala against the High School, with a spirited team performance. The evening may also be remembered for Miss Bryant's accidental stumble into the pool, which seemed to inspire even more photos than the races! We were pleased to see Pre Prep parents for teacher consultations as children settle into their new classes. We also look forward to seeing lots of parents this evening for the PTA quiz, where teams will battle for the coveted first prize and vie to avoid the wooden spoon!



Alongside the STEM activities, senior schools information evening and F24 finals, next week we also look forward to lots of sports fixtures, two hockey tournaments, a swimming gala and grandparents' afternoon for Pre Prep children next Friday. The full calendar is on the portal as ever.

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Nick Bevington

