



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Friday 8th November 2019



Mr Kendrick led our traditional remembrance assembly movingly this morning. He explained how remembrance unites people from all backgrounds and focused on the Second World War, in particular. He explained how our pupils have actively remembered ancestors on recent humanities trips to Normandy and we also learnt about Mrs Prutton's Uncle who died in the First World War on this date. Mr Kendrick invited children to send him photos of their local memorials and explained how a group of our children would be present at the Eaton Memorial on Monday morning. We finished with a beautiful Arabic prayer, read by Awaab, which he then translated for us.



Pre Prep children, meanwhile, made some beautiful poppies and respected the two-minute silence.

They also voted for their new Top Birds for this half term and had an assembly about Bonfire Night and safety with fireworks. There were various pieces of work completed in class on this theme, with lovely vibrant descriptions and pictures created by Year 2, breadsticks turned into fireworks made by our Little Acorns and stories about the Gunpowder Plot. We are really looking forward to this evening's PTA Fireworks party at Tacolneston Hall and look forward to seeing those of you who have booked tickets there.



Prep children started the week with an assembly about honesty, led by Mihir, Anna and Edward and the first group of Year 8 prefects was announced. Our Year 8 children elected to the School Council are meanwhile gearing up for next week's vote for their new Chair, with the hustings and the election next Friday. We will also be guiding our children through the forthcoming General Election later in the term.



The Year 8 soloists' concert was a definite highlight of the week, with some highly accomplished performances from our senior musicians. It was fantastic to see their growing confidence and enjoyment of performing. We have played a huge array of sports fixtures once again and I enjoyed talking tactics with some of our hockey players before their matches against Gresham's. It was also very enjoyable to meet Year 5 parents for consultations last night, which I hope were helpful.



In lessons, Year 2 were looking at food packaging to locate where in the world different produce we consume has come from, while Year 1 were ordering larger numbers and creating their own Rangoli or Mhendi in celebration of Diwali. Pre Prep children have started preparations for forthcoming Christmas performances, while our choirs and musicians have been turning their attention to the Carol Service and Christmas Ensembles Showcase.



Next week Year 3 & 4 are looking forward to the visit of author, Sophy Henn, while Tuesday morning sees an opportunity for Year 2 parents to explore the next stage of their children's education in the Prep Department, guided by Year 8 children. Tuesday evening sees the Year 3 soloists' concert. Next week, there are also key person meetings in Nursery, a Lake District trip meeting for Year 8 parents, a swimming gala against Culford alongside myriad rugby and hockey fixtures, the Year 2 Big School Swim and Year 3's Victorian Day.



I wish everyone a good weekend and look forward to seeing many of you tonight!

With best wishes

Nick Bevington

