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Dear Parents

Friday 31st January 2020

This morning, we celebrated new Wonder Wall work and a range of other personal, academic and pastoral achievements in Pre Prep assembly, following Mrs Harries' assembly yesterday about the people who care for us and what we can do to care for others. We also talked about our worries and fears and how to manage them in Bird Family Meetings. Little Acorns, meanwhile, joined young guests and their parents to watch the Puppet Theatre's delightful production of *Thumbelina*, this morning, which captivated everyone. Afterwards, the children were able to meet the puppets and chat to the actor Gemma.



Prep pupils started the week with Mr Hewitt leading an assembly about dealing with life's pressures and treasuring moments of calm, while this morning's Headmaster's assembly in the sports hall focused on making mistakes and how to improve through practice, with the game *Simon Says* used as an illustration. Our Single Reeds group played *You Raise Me Up* beautifully.



Bella and I had a busy week giving out Headmaster's Commendations and welcoming other visitors who wanted to say hello. She comes to me from 12.45pm to 1.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and all Prep pupils are welcome to pop in and say hello to her at this time. She enjoyed a very nice cuddle with some of her favourite Year 7's! Children were congratulated for some fantastic work in history, excellent work on Mother Teresa from their RS lessons and successful work in geography, amongst many other examples.



It was lovely to see a little of this week's netball fixtures on a cold Wednesday afternoon and I was most impressed with the teamwork on display from those groups I watched. We seem to have very good depth of talent at the moment and a number of accurate goal shooters. In addition to hockey and netball, next week also sees a swimming gala against Langley Prep and a cross-country team competing at Norwich Junior School. A reminder that all results can now be accessed via the Sports Results button on the portal.



There have been lots of interesting lessons to see this week. Mrs Chitty looked to have her Year 6 set captivated with some mysterious chanting with a Shakespearian theme, while Year 1 were engrossed in their work about castles, following last week's visit. A group of Year 8 geographers were hard at work with Mr Smith this lunchtime refining their geography projects. Mr Kendrick was teaching Year 5 about WW2 evacuation, while Mr Hall treated his history group to a brief topic about 20th century music before they return to medieval times!

Next week is story-telling week, with a number of special activities planned in lessons as well as a visit for Years 3-7 from John Harris, author and story-teller, who is one of our favourite regular guests thanks to his ability to have an audience hanging on his every word. A group of Year 6 children, who have put themselves forward to take part in

Romeo and Juliet later in the year, are visiting The Leys School for a Shakespeare workshop on Tuesday, while Year 4 are visiting our local synagogue on Wednesday as part of their RS studies. Finally, Attitude to Learning grades go home for Prep Pupils next week, prior to interim reports for children in Years 5-8 being published at half term.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

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