



# TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 13th March 2020

We have had a busy and productive week at school, enjoying the spring sunshine and our usual variety of learning activities, though mindful of the anxiety and uncertainty caused by the global coronavirus pandemic. This morning's prep assembly was about dealing with worry and Mr Woods led a special session later in the morning for all Year 3-8 children to educate them further about the virus, talk about our feelings and emphasise the importance of thoughtfulness at this challenging time. We have been reinforcing hygiene messages consistently throughout the School.



Children also enjoyed Teddy's piano version of Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody* while Thomas shared his version of Deep Purple's *Smoke on the Water*. Pre Prep children discussed exaggeration and boasting in Bird Family meetings, while Rev'd Patrick led assembly to explain how we are all unique. 3SP, meanwhile, presented an entertaining assembly about the joy of reading stories, following on from World Book Day.



Mrs Koczur shared the joy of music with Prep pupils on Monday, including the benefits of learning music for brain development, and we were treated to a preview of the Senior Choir's pieces for the Norfolk Music Festival. They were awarded *Highly Commended Plus* for their superb performance while the Senior Orchestra and Senior Windband were *Highly Commended* and *Commended Plus* respectively. Our Year 2 Choir, meanwhile, had been working hard to perfect their performance and did brilliantly on Wednesday morning, with their performance being awarded *Highly Commended*. Well done also to the various Town Close soloists who took part in the Festival.



Elsewhere this week, Year 7&8 children were busy rehearsing for their performance of *Wendy and Peter Pan*, which takes to the stage next Thursday and Friday evenings. Year 6-8 children had a very informative session highlighting important e-safety messages from *Gripping Yarns*, while Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their Judaism workshop. We enjoyed netball and hockey fixtures against Culford, Gresham's



and Norwich School, with our Under 9's winning the Norwich School Tournament this afternoon, and welcomed Miss Warner, our new swimming teacher, who takes over from Miss Bryant next term. Senior pupils have also been competing in the Vocab Express Global Challenge. At lunch break, I saw some pupils hard at work on Italian in the library and we were second in the world overall at that point!



Reception children were having a lovely time doing their yoga when I visited this morning and it was also a delight to spend some time in Reception classes earlier in the week to see some of the children's emerging writing. Little Acorns have spent lots of time playing outside and were fascinated to discover a large bumblebee, which some of the children spent ages observing. I saw various time questions that Year 2 children have been tackling in maths and a lovely poster one boy had created for his show and tell. Year 4 pupils were explaining the story of Moses in RS, while Year 1 have been doing some colourful descriptions of dragons.

Next week, we look forward not only to the Senior Production but also to various Prep cross country races, more House hockey and netball, 3A's class assembly, the Norwich School Maths Challenge for selected Year 5&6 children, Reception's trip to Strangers' Hall and the culmination of the Vocab Express Global Challenge.

Finally this week, a reminder that if your child needs to take any medication at school, including cough sweets, please report with this to the relevant front desk, including prescription (where applicable) and instructions. No child should have these items with them during the day.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With my best wishes

*Nick Bevington*

