



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents

Friday 24th April 2020



Summer term may not have started in the usual way but we have certainly been blessed by fantastic sunny weather, making it feel more like June! We are extremely thankful that lockdown is taking place when the days are long and the weather fair. The small number of keyworker children at school have been playing happily in the woods and gardens during break times, showered by spring blossom, and we have seen lots of pictures from home of glorious outdoor exercise and play, such as this beautiful photo of a country cycle ride down tracks bathed in dappled sunlight during senior games afternoon.



Our teachers worked unbelievably hard over the holidays to prepare for delivering live lessons and we have been touched by the response of children and parents. We have loved seeing our children again after the holidays and teaching and interacting with them, unable though we are to be physically in the same place. Children themselves have really appreciated seeing their friends and classmates online and being guided through tasks by their teachers, something that we appreciate would not be possible without your support too, especially in helping younger pupils access their lessons and learning. We are most grateful to Mrs Evans who compiled this heart-warming [montage](#) of WhatsApp and text comments and photos from Year 4.



In both lessons and extra-curricular activities, our children have been extremely industrious. Monday saw science demonstrations, online PE, binocular-making, a range of crafts, pirate stories, games and puzzles. We saw some inspiring examples of space exploration, painting, symmetrical butterflies, creative writing and animal encounters on Tuesday. News reached us on Wednesday of baking, Lego symmetry, numerous science experiments (such as this floating experiment to the right), water posters, and violin practice. Yesterday, children enjoyed geography lessons and designed shoes in DT as well as undertaking a range of practical activities, crochet, boat-building and slime-making to name a few. As you will see from the various photos and stories we have been sharing, a great many pupils have been making the most out of this time at home. Do have a look on our Facebook, Instagram or Twitter feeds to see a glimpse of some of today's activities.



Our usual Friday assemblies in Pre Prep and Prep were recorded in School on Thursday so that children at home could watch today. Prep pupils learnt about the mental and physical benefits of dance as well as its cultural importance in different cultures, while Pre Prep children discovered more about rainbows, as well as how images of rainbows have symbolised support for those undertaking vital roles during the current crisis.



Last Friday, a number of children took part in the National Youth Orchestra's Ode to Joy-a-thon for key workers, with Isolde sending us a lovely video. Also taking part were brothers James and Oliver, Elizabeth and siblings Edward and Harriet, who dedicated their participation to the memory of their Great Aunt. We also received a lovely acrostic poem written by Freddie for Captain Moore and have been inundated with brilliant den competition entries. Results are in the Bulletin overleaf along with details of our next lockdown competition. We are also thinking about how we can continue to raise money for this Year's School Charity, Break, with details of ways to support them overleaf too.



After a busy week, I hope that you and your children have a restful weekend and that they will enjoy their learning again next week.

With my best wishes

Nick Bevington