



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Headmaster's
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Week 4

Dear Parents

Friday 25th September 2020

Our brief boys' cricket season came to an end today, which seemed like very good timing in a week where we seemed to start in summer and finish in autumn! The senior House matches were played on Wednesday, complete with a traditionally English downpour just as they were finishing, and the intermediate competition took place yesterday. At a time when sports fixtures against other schools are still not possible, it was wonderful to see our older boys enjoying these contests and having the chance for some cricket this summer. Henry Muskett, Milo Clabburn, Miles Rudling and William Waters were named individual House players of the tournament and Upton won both competitions. Elsewhere, our traditional Prep Department House quizzes have continued remotely with Ranworth winning this week's Norfolk Broads and House Colours quiz. We have also seen fine entries in the House shields competition (results next week) and the new Year 8 House Captains addressed their houses earlier in the week via [YouTube](#).



Pre Prep children enjoyed the story *Dogs don't do Ballet* in assembly this week and thought about what they may like to do when they grow up. Mrs Harries explained that with determination, perseverance, practice and effort, we can achieve great things. Bird family meetings focused on how to have a happy and safe playtime. Mr Woods led Monday's Prep assembly about the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission, while this morning's Headmaster's assembly looked at the computers they used, the development since and the theory behind quantum computing as a possible future breakthrough. We also enjoyed Suvir's performance of *Dusty Blues* on the piano.



Our Little Acorns made the most of the sunshine earlier in the week and have also been learning about bears, counting them and singing about them in music. The staff also made a lot of playdough (ours is made from scratch rather than bought) for making and rolling shapes, prior to a shape hunt. Year 1 were looking around the grounds for words to complete their sentences as well as studying maths outside, while Reception were concentrating on the number 4 and Year 2 advancing their data-handling knowledge. Year 2 also used adverbs for the soup recipes and had great fun making their soup too. Many of our younger children had their first swimming session of the year before some are allocated to new groups in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, the Pre Prep wonder Wall is now looking magnificent with the first pieces of work all in place.



Further up the School, Year 5 have been working on their fan-powered cars and two Year 7 pupils who have recently started German explained to an Austrian visitor what they have learnt so far. He spoke four languages in total and was able to meet a native speaking pupil to converse with in each! Last Friday evening was the first week of ASA for older children and it was great to see Year 7 children making mushroom risotto cooked using a Trangia, while Year 5 groups had a lovely time with their den-building task around our grounds. Another group of Year 5 pupils organised a craft stall, which raised £161.40 for our School Charity, Break. Year



7&8 pupils have been auditioning for parts in this year's musical (*Joseph*, pending performing rights permission), while Year 4 are beginning work on their comical production *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*. Congratulations also to newly elected class representatives for the School Council.



The Year 7 curriculum information presentations are now complete and available via the School Portal, with a letter also on the Portal explaining how it works. We enjoyed meeting Year 3 & 4 parents via Zoom last night and hope these discussions were useful. The Year 8 evening is on Tuesday, with extended meetings with tutors and the availability to drop into my meeting room as well. Login details will be sent that morning.



I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes