



Dear Parents

Friday 14th May 2021

It has been mental health awareness week and we have combined this with a theme of connecting with nature, with Mrs Guymer producing a beautiful display in the library and Mr Coulthart sharing a Prep assembly about making the most of our natural surroundings. Mrs Chitty and Mrs Beasley's tutor groups shared lovely collages made from natural objects and this morning's Headmaster's assembly covered the health benefits of sunshine and outdoor summer activity alongside important sun safety messages, including aimed at adults as well as children from the Met Office. Nursery children were busy drawing in the sunshine this week and Mrs Harries' Pre Prep assembly about sun safety featured [Davina McCall's video](#) from the Amber Soleil campaign. We are keen for all children to understand the strength of the sun at this time of year (irrespective of temperature) and the importance of sun cream, hats, sunglasses and covering up, especially between 11.00am and 3.00pm and when children are outside for prolonged periods, such as during cricket matches.



Bird Families worked further on growth mindset and Friday celebrations included the usual token and sticker total winners, medals and music certificates. We were also delighted to congratulate 5 Town Close pupils whose book reviews have been chosen for display by Waterstones in Norwich (do go and see them!). We enjoyed two wonderful Year 1 assemblies this week. On Monday [Maple class](#) shared a fascinating range of facts about Japan, performed the Japanese folktale *The Two Frogs* and sang beautifully. Yesterday [Willow Tree](#) class performed their assembly, showing us the Japanese words they have been learning, reciting some haikus and performing the traditional tale of *The Rabbit who Crossed the Sea*. Yesterday also saw the Year 4 soloists' concert with an impressively large number of children taking to the stage to share the music they have been learning. Aurelia gave a fine reprise of her performance of *Hedwig's Theme* on the piano in Headmaster's Assembly.



This week Little Acorns have been drawing African animals and had a lovely music lesson with Miss Skinner. The caterpillars Reception have been nurturing have started becoming beautiful butterflies, who prefer purple flowers it turns out, and this afternoon these have been released into our butterfly enclosure in the outdoor classroom. I visited Year 2 during their handwriting lesson and have also seen their stunning koi fish art. Prep pupils were enjoying various outdoor activities this week including Year 3 having a comprehension about *Iron Man* on the front lawn and Year 5&6 practising their cricket skills at Fairfield. As I write, Year 8 pupils are doing a survey of the biodiversity of the front lawn in science (concluding there are 66,672 weeds), while earlier I saw Year 1 pupils making scientific predictions in an experiment with raisins and lemonade. 4W have made some impressive Viking shields, I joined Year 6 studying Ramadan in form time, Year 7 were studying slavery in history and I spent time with a Year 5 class developing story writing skills. Mrs Sims' Spanish Club learnt about *Cinco de Mayo* celebrations and made their own mini *piñata* or *sombrero*. Meanwhile, Bella has been attending more lessons and Year 3 children made some lovely posters to help us care for her.



We enjoyed seeing parents at this week's Pre Prep parents' evenings as well as for the Year 5 Horstead meeting and I hope both were useful. Tomorrow sees Year 7 ASA members' trip to Whitlingham, which we hope they enjoy, while next week we have Year 7 language orals, further Year 6 puberty talks for children, a multitude of sports fixtures and Attitude to Learning grades for Prep children. We also see an update of our Covid measures in light of changing circumstances and the latest guidance, which are summarised in the bulletin.



I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes



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