

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

All good schools remain relevant in the fast moving world of the 21st Century by continuing to learn and taking that courageous leap to do something new. Slight fear and trepidation may accompany this, but by pushing ourselves to try new things and to never stop learning, we will provide great role models for the children.

It is therefore very pleasing to see so many "firsts" happen across the School this week, with no end of children experiencing or trying something new.

The Nursery children had their first swimming lesson, the boys in Year 5, 6 and 7 played a competitive rugby match for the first time in two years and for some, the first time ever, while the Year 8's have presented for the first time to the Year 7's as they canvas votes for the role of House Captain.

Mrs James dressed up as Town Mouse for the first time for Year 4 as they embark on a new topic of fables in English, while many children in Year 6 experienced the delights of Walsingham for the first time on their TPR trip.

Elsewhere the girls in Year 7 and 8 experienced first-hand the expertise of Andy Halliday in a Hockey masterclass, the school had its first ever Year 1 – 4 assembly and children in year 5 – 7 attended their first ASA activity.

I have had the privilege over the last two days of listening to and talking with Baroness Morrissey, James Shone, Diana Osagie and Dr Kathy Weston on a variety of topics associated with education at the IAPS Heads conference.

While they all provided wonderful insight into the minds, worries, concerns and challenges facing our children, especially given the last 18 months, they all agreed that we need to continue to provide a landscape within our schools that places an environment around our children which allows for new experiences to occur without undue fear, so that learning in its truest form can happen. I think it is safe to say this happens daily at Town Close.

I hope you all have a great weekend and perhaps get the opportunity to try something new for the first time.

With very best wishes

