

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

With half-term upon us, it is remarkable to look back on all that has been achieved over the course of the last 7 weeks, from national events such as the passing of Queen Elizabeth II to a myriad of day and residential trips across all the age groups, as well as a full schedule of sporting, dramatic and musical events.

However, it is the academic engagement of the children in class and with their wider learning that has been the hallmark of the first half of term. While last week brought to a culmination all the hard work that had been happening within the English department with the Poetry evening, this week saw the STEM subjects take centre stage during STEM week.

The children have experienced forensic research (including taking fingerprints), inspirational science with Dr Ken, Lego challenges, house and year group quizzes, assemblies and even science told through stories by the Little Story Telling Company. It brought about a real buzz within the school, with children chatting in the playground about all the different ways STEM subjects can be used in real-life.

Pre Prep was filled with colour today as the children came in to school representing different decades from the 20th Century. It was great to see the enthusiasm they brought, (thank you parents for engaging so well with this theme), as well as Winnie the Pooh, the Blues Brothers, Michael Jackson, ABBA and what seemed like a large number of the cast from Fame.

Today we say goodbye to Tina Rice, one of our Prep Secretaries, who retires after 12 years at the school. We wish her all the very best for the future and the time that she is hoping to spend with her ever growing family.

We also say goodbye to Bella our school dog, who has been with us for the last three years. Since Mrs Rymarz left (Bella's owner), Bella has found settling in at school hard, so we have taken the difficult decision to finish her formal involvement with the school, but hope to see her from time to time. We will be actively looking for her replacement over the coming weeks, as we are keen to continue with a school dog.

Whatever half term brings for you and your family, I hope you enjoy the break and look forward to seeing everyone again for the start of the second half of term. A copy of CloseUp has gone home with each child today, which we hope you enjoy reading.

With best wishes

