

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

It feels like only yesterday that we were welcoming the children back after the New Year and yet we find ourselves already at half-term. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed having a 'normal' first half of the Spring term, which has brought with it the return of all those events that shape each week in an exciting and new way.

This week was no different as we celebrated storytelling week with a raft of activities and events happening all around the school. Pre Prep were visited by local author and illustrator Kate Read, who read stories and created craft ideas with the children, while the Prep Department had a visit from Shane Ibbs, a traditional storyteller. Poppy from Bookbugs and Dragon Tales, a bookshop in the city centre, also worked with different year groups, while the languages department read stories in Spanish and German.

We also celebrated Children's Mental Health Week in conjunction with Place2Be, with the theme all about connecting and communicating with each other when we feel a bit down. Pre Prep showed their ability to connect irrespective of how they look by having a 'Dress to Express' day. Elsewhere we have had a wonderful informal concert for Year 5 children, seen parents join the cast of the Lion King to make masks for the senior production and invited grandparents to join their grandchildren for part of storytelling week.

The School was also visited by Environmental Health to check on our kitchens and I am delighted to report that we were recognised for the fine work that happens within our catering department by receiving a 5 star rating.

Finally, we say a fond farewell to Lizzie Malcolm, who has been 4Ws teacher, following the return after half-term of Sophie Wilson from her maternity leave. We will be sad to see her leave but wish her all the very best for the future.

Wherever half-term takes you, I hope you all find the time for some much needed rest and recuperation.

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