

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

The start of March and the meteorological beginning of Spring also coincided with a very busy week here at Town Close. The opportunity to learn beyond the classroom is fundamental to the educational experience that the children get, so it was hugely exciting to hear about the trip that Reception went on to the Theatre Royal to see 'The tiger who came to tea'. Equally as enthralling was the morning Year 5 spent at Norwich Cathedral seeing the exhibition by Norfolk artist Debra Shipley, as well as the School Council visit to Banham Zoo, our School charity for the year, to find out more about the crayfish conservation work they were doing.

Life in school has been just as busy, with our first 'Poetry by Heart' event, which saw 9 Year 7 pupils recite poems of their choice in front of their peers and guest judge Dr Elizabeth Lewis Williams. Well done to Tessa, Florence and Grace who have made it through to the next phase of the national competition. Elsewhere, former pupils currently in Year 9 at their senior schools came back and offered advice to our current Year 7's about the transition to Year 8, as well as the step on to senior schools at Year 9.

However, the highlight of the week was World Book Day and seeing the variety of costumes on offer across the whole school. While there were too many outfits to list, it is fair to say that the imagination of the children (and staff) was on full display, with some truly outstanding outfits. In addition, Mrs Guymer produced a wonderful book café in the library while Mr Coulthart captured the minds of the children in the Prep department with his rendition of The book with no pictures.

There has been much to celebrate on the sporting front as well with our swimmers performing impressively at the IAPS regional qualifiers, and while the results are yet to be announced, we are hopeful of some of our swimmers making it to the nationals later this year at the aquatic centre in London.

The final word must go to our Under 12 netballers who were crowned county champions following their success in the County Cup earlier this week. Well done indeed and due reward for the hard work that has gone in on the netball courts.

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