

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

With the evenings lengthening, the children have been getting the opportunity to use the outside space in a greater way, which has been a real fillip for academic learning, the co-curricular programme and the general wellbeing of the children.

Watching PE lessons happening outside on the Front Lawn, as well as the children being able to use this space during their free-time, has been a joy to see, and provided a real buzz around the school.

While on the subject of outdoor space, we were delighted to be awarded a grant from the Royal Society to run a project entitled 'Wild Pond', looking at ways to increase the biodiversity of our School pond. In celebration of this award, the Reception children joined our STEM partner Teresa Penfield with an initial pond-dipping this morning.

Over the course of last weekend, our Year 6 ASA (Adventure Skills Academy) members thoroughly enjoyed an overnight camp at Hautbois which included a number of activities, with the canoeing one of the favourites. This weekend sees the turn of the Year 7 ASA members and I look forward to hearing all about their camping trip after the bank holiday weekend.

On Monday, our F24 team were at Mallory Park in Leicestershire, competing in the 11-16 category of kit car. I am delighted to say that they emerged as winners of the day, in one 90 minute race finishing 36 laps, some 4 laps more than their nearest competitor. It was wonderful to be able to award them their medals and trophy this morning in our assembly.

During the course of the week we saw our first set of cricket fixtures against Framlingham College, with a total of 12 teams in action across the girls and boys. For such early season fixtures, it was great to see some high quality bowling, batting and fielding happening across all the teams and age groups.

Elsewhere we had our School photographers in taking class photos as well as a visit from Chapelfield Nursery, who came and played in the woods and on the Pre Prep adventure play equipment.

It was lovely to see many of you at the Tea and Cake event on Monday afternoon, thank you very much for supporting this initiative. I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday morning.

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