

WEEK 3, MAY 5TH, 2023

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

This last week has seen the children across the School as busy as ever, although the overriding theme has been the build up to the Coronation of King Charles III tomorrow.

At the top end of the Prep Department, there has been a recognisable focus in class towards the upcoming exams for Year 5 to 7, as well as with Year 8 and their Common Entrance exams straight after the half term break. Throughout the lesson observations I have been doing, it has been a delight to see the engagement, respect, energy, focus and love of learning that the children have for the breadth of subjects on offer.

Last weekend saw the second of our three ASA camping trips, this time for Year 7, who enjoyed their time at X Adventure in Horsford. The bank holiday weekend also saw our ski team in action on the Ipswich dry ski slope, with our Under 10 and Under 12 teams competing against some 300 other competitors. While both teams performed very well indeed, the final word goes to the Under 10 team who were crowned champions in the ERSA Schools Championship.

Pre Prep had a visit from Mrs Burridge, who spoke to the children about how to look after chick eggs, even leaving us with an incubator so that we can monitor and watch the hatching of the eggs over the coming fortnight.

Year 1 enjoyed their visit to Namaste Village, a local Indian restaurant, for a cultural visit that ties in with their topic this term of India, while Year 4 visited a local synagogue, which correlated with their learning in RS.

The middle of the week saw some fantastic cricket matches for both the boys and girls, before the end of the week brought with it a distinct focus towards tomorrow's events in London.

We wish Mrs Phillipa James all the best as she begins her maternity leave and look forward to welcoming Mrs Underhill on Tuesday.

This morning Mr Kendrick led a fabulous assembly for the Whole School, explaining everything that will be happening tomorrow for the Coronation. It was great to look out during the assembly on a sea of red, white and blue, with the children also enjoying the chance to dress up as Kings and Queens. Lunchtime saw a menu devised around King Charles' favourite dishes of chicken pie, quiche and plum crumble, while there was also a crown making competition, quizzes and crafts.

There is no doubt that the children thoroughly enjoyed today and I hope that the weather does not spoil any plans you have made for the bank holiday weekend.

With best wishes

