

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2, JANUARY 19TH, 2024



Dear Parents

The last week has seen the temperature remain around freezing throughout the day, even bringing with it some flurries of snow, which while cold for us all in the mornings, has at least brought with it clear skies that has enabled us to be outside in the school grounds.

The cold snap has been of timely significance for Pre Prep, as they embark on their topic for this half of term of water, with the morning frosts providing great interest. On Monday they were treated to a huge surprise when we were visited by John Bolton, an Ice Sculptor.

The children from Nursery to Year 2 were utterly enthralled and engrossed by John, watching as he carved an intricate fish sculpture through the use of a myriad of tools, including a chainsaw. It has taken pride of place in the Pre Prep outdoor classroom and I am delighted to say, it has lasted the full week.

While the weather has been a real bonus for Pre Prep, it has sadly led to the cancellation of matches for both netball and hockey, although we are hugely optimistic that next week will see the first matches of the season.

One aspect of school life that has been unaffected is the clubs and activities programme, which has been up and running for over a week now. Seeing the children enjoying cookery club, ASA, gymnastics amongst others is a real joy, as this wider experience is so important for them to develop and nurture wider passions and interests beyond the classroom.

This morning saw us hold a whole school assembly, with the children from Nursery to Year 8 coming together in the Read Hall to learn all about Robert Burns and the role he played within the romantic movement of poetry. We also spoke about the events that take place within Burn's night, which will be taking place next Thursday.

As the weather turns milder over the weekend, I hope you all enjoy whatever plans you have.

With best wishes

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