

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 3, JANUARY 25TH, 2024



Dear Parents

This last week has been especially busy for pupils in Year 8, with many of them sitting various exams and assessments for their senior schools. While a significant number of entrance exams happened earlier this term, the last seven days saw a large number of interviews and team building exercises take place. In addition, many of those sitting for sport, music, drama and art scholarships attended their potential senior schools for assessments within their fields of specialism. I look forward in due course to sharing with you the successes of the pupils.

Over the course of the academic year, we have been keen to increase our outreach into the local community wherever possible. The school charity for this year of Friend in Deed has been a pivotal part of this, but we have also been running other events which have been hugely successful.

This week saw the second event within our Mini Explorers programme, a course created to provide children of pre Nursery age, along with their parents, the chance to experience a wide variety of opportunities using the facilities of the school. This week was the exploration of music, which followed on from the science event they had last week.

Also this week was the excellent talk given to staff, parents and members of the local community about the menopause, with the intention to burst some myths and provide valuable information on the subject. I am delighted that it was so well supported and look forward to hosting other informative events in due course.

This week Reception thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Sea Life Centre in Great Yarmouth, which tied in with their topic for this term of water. Of particular note was their 'hands on' interactive session which Reception comprehensively engaged with.

Following the cold snap that coincided with the start of term, it was great to get both the hockey and netball seasons fully underway, with the pupils enjoying the chance to have competitive fixtures again. Well done to the numerous children involved across all age groups.

Equally well done to our cross country runners who performed very well indeed in challenging conditions over at Wymondham, with special mention going to Tessa and Riccardo, who qualified to represent Norfolk as a result of their placings within their respective races.

With best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable weekend

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