

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



WEEK 9, MARCH 14TH, 2024

Dear Parents

British Science Week provides an opportune point in our calendar to celebrate STEM within School. A fascinating area of our curriculum and wider extra-curricular offering, STEM learning or Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, gives our pupils essential core skills for the future as well as challenges them to question, to innovate, to work together and to experiment. This week, we have welcomed a host of inspiring guests to visit our pupils from across the age groups, each one presenting their topic in an engaging manner and providing plentiful opportunities for enthusiastic audience participation.

Dr Ken encapsulated the magic of STEM in his 'It's All done with Mirrors' workshop with Years 5, 6, 7 and 8. Through his clever use of 'magic tricks', he incorporated the scientific and engineering concepts of sound, light and forces whilst adeptly demonstrating that magic is science and science is magic. Mandy from The Little Storytelling Company combined the power of storytelling with science, introducing an inexperienced sorcerer's apprentice to our Pre Prep children and a World War II veteran to our Prep children as she introduced acids and alkalis, magnets and the colour spectrum to Pre Prep and DNA research to Prep. On Wednesday, EdTech challenged our Year 2 and 3 pupils to a range of coding investigations that tested their programming and teamwork skills, with their success demonstrated by a Read Hall full of talking and dancing robots, much to the delight of their programmers. The week was capped off with a whole school visit from comedian Ben Langley who brought his one man Norwich Science Week show 'To the Moon and Back' into School, putting the fun and laughter into space exploration and historical feats of STEM, a visit aptly timed to coincide with this year's Red Nose Day.

Alongside all things STEM, the breadth and depth of experience in School has played out this week in the outstanding appearances from our talented musicians and choirs at the Norfolk County Music Festival; Bikeability training for Years 4 and 5; Year 1's trip to Pensthorpe; Junior Cross Country; a plethora of matches across the age groups; and a Year 1 workshop with artists Claire Coles and Gemma Smith.

Next week, we wish our Year 6 pupils well as they venture off on their Humanities Trip to France and Belgium and we look forward to the Senior Production performances of 'The Grimm Tales' on Thursday and Friday and the Orchestra's appearance at the Norfolk County Music Festival.

I wish everyone a very happy and relaxing weekend.

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