

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1, APRIL 19TH, 2024



Dear Parents

I trust you all enjoyed the holiday and the chance to spend some time together as a family. In conversation with the children, it is clear that they had a wonderful break and while the hunting of Easter eggs was definitely a theme, there was also a wide number of activities that they also got up to. It certainly made for a wonderful buzz on Monday morning when the children reconnected with friends.

It was also delightful to hear about the activities that the children have been doing as part of the 'Moving Hearts and Minds' fundraiser that every child is involved with. As I am sure you will all remember, we are looking to raise £10,000 by getting every member of the community to work alongside their class to travel a total distance of 270km by whatever means possible, while getting sponsored to do so. If we can reach the target of every child being sponsored for at least £25, we will be able to reach our target and make a huge difference to our school charity Friend in Deed.

As seems to be the tradition, the rhythm of school life took no time to get back up and running on Monday, with events lined up right from the start of term. Tuesday saw the visit of A.M.Howell, an award winning author, who spoke to Years 4 – 6 about her gripping maritime adventure books, Peril on the Atlantic and The Royal Jewel Plot. We were delighted to be able to invite children from Norwich High School for Girls GDST and from Edith Cavell School, helping to create a wonderful atmosphere in the Read Hall. Our thanks to Ann-Marie, Waterstones Norwich and Usborne Publishing for making this event happen.

Later that evening, nearly 50 members of Year 7 and 8 went to the Theatre Royal to watch Matthew Bourne's ballet, Edward Scissorhands, a performance that they thoroughly enjoyed.

On Wednesday, to launch Pre Prep's new topic of 'Exploring Africa', they welcomed a visit from ZooLab. Stuart from ZooLab talked about his experience living in Africa and the children learnt all about African animals and their habitats. The undoubted highlight of the day was being introduced to and being able to hold, a variety of reptiles and mini beasts, including a tarantula, gecko, large cockroach and a snake called Buttercup.

This afternoon we waved goodbye to our Year 6 ASA (Adventure Skills Academy) members, as they headed off for their weekend of activities at Hautbois Activity Centre, including an overnight stay tonight. It will be a wonderful way for them to put in to practice all the skills that they have learnt over the course of the last two terms.

I look forward to seeing those of you who can make tea and cake on the lawn next Thursday from 3.45pm. Hopefully the weather will hold out for a glorious afternoon.

Whatever you may be doing this weekend, I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing time.

With best wishes

