

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2, APRIL 26TH, 2024



Dear Parents

Education in its widest sense embraces the opportunity to experience and try new things, something that we work hard to provide for the children at Town Close throughout the course of each week, term and academic year. This last week has been no exception, with the children across the school creating some wonderful memories from the experiences they have had.

Last weekend saw the first of our three ASA camping trips take place, with Year 6 putting into practice all those skills they have learnt over the last two terms in their ASA sessions, while also seeing what level of proficiency they had with paddle boarding, climbing and canoeing. We wish Year 7 all the best as they head out on their camping trip this weekend, and look forward to hearing all about their time at XAdventure Centre in Horsford.

The beginning of the week saw the Eco Council leading an assembly on Earth Day and this year's theme of 'Planet vs Plastic'. The Council spoke about the revolutionary way in which charities were tackling this issue around the world, while also highlighting the steps the school were taking to reduce single use plastics.

Pre Prep and Year 3 and 4 are studying the topic of Africa this term and it was the turn of our Year 3 and 4 children to experience the magic of Anna Mudeka. Anna led a captivating assembly performing songs in Swahili, Zulu, Xhosa and Shona, before providing a series of workshops exploring how call and response is used in storytelling. Separately, Nursery went on a hunt around the woodland walk for monkeys and had the chance to bake banana bread.

Year 5 were treated to a fun and informative day of workshops from Mr Singh, who joined us from the Sikh Education Service.

Year 2 had a visit to Shotesham Park Farm, which allowed them to bring together all their learning on conservation, sustainability and water, seeing the benefits of regenerative farming and conservation first hand.

It was also great to see the first cricket matches take place this week with fixtures from Year 5 upwards against Framlingham College, no mean feat given the weather we have had.

Charity and charitable endeavours are always high on our list of priorities as a school, and while the children have been busy with their fundraising through the 'moving hearts and minds' initiative, this week also the school partake in a number of other events.

Girls in Year 4 ran a cake sale in break time on Monday to raise funds for Cancer research UK, the school played host to children from Chapelfield Nursery who enjoyed the use of the external play equipment and the woodland walk on Wednesday and on Thursday there was a Friend in Deed lunch for residents from Delrose Court who enjoyed roast turkey and crumble with members of Year 8.

It was lovely to see so many of you for the Tea and Cake event on the front lawn yesterday, despite the best efforts of the weather. Looking ahead to the coming weeks, if you have not yet bought your ticket to the PTA Summer Social on the 18th May, there is still the chance to do so, do refer to the poster within this newsletter for details of how to get your ticket.

Equally, we have our Open Morning coming up on Friday 10th May, please do let family and friends know if they are interested in attending to get in touch with us.

With best wishes

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