

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Since the start of term, I have had the distinct pleasure of circulating through the Prep Department to see all the academic staff teaching. While there are still a small number that I have not had the chance to visit as yet, I have been struck by the excellent work that has been going on. While a focus has been the upcoming exams, there has still been plenty of time for thought provoking discussion, stretch, challenge and kinaesthetic learning to take place, with the children relishing the challenges, investigations and new topics they have been presented with.

Outside of the classroom, Town Close has been a busy place this last week. The Year 7's returned on Saturday from their camping trip to XAdventure in Horsford as part of their ASA programme, where they had been able to put in to practice a number of new skills they had learnt over the course of the academic year.

Sunday saw our ski team of 13 skiers, across three age groups, competing in the ERSA Eastern Region Championship at the Norfolk Snowsports Club. It was a pleasure to see them race on the slalom track and while they all put in excellent performances, particular mention must go to our two Under 10 teams who finished 1st and 3rd.

Monday saw our F24 team depart for Mallory Park in Leicestershire, where they were competing against 42 other schools. With the weather holding at bay any rain, Team Phantom put in an excellent performance, especially in the first of two races where they finished top in class, qualifying them for the finals later this year.

On Wednesday, Year 2 entertained us all with a delightful music concert, bringing together all the songs they have been learning in their class music lessons, as well as soloist performances from those learning a musical instrument.

Yesterday saw Willow class in Year 1 perform their class assembly to family members and the rest of Pre Prep. While they displayed artwork and recounted all that they had been up to over the course of the year, the highlight was undoubtedly their narration and interpretation of the book Farmer Duck.

While the cricket matches today have fallen victim to the weather, there were some thrilling matches earlier in the week against Gresham's for the girls and Langley Prep for the boys, with the calibre of cricket on display impressive, given how early in the season we are.

Mention must also go to our swimmers who competed this week in galas against Norwich, Gresham's and Beeston, coming out victorious across all age groups.

I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

With best wishes

