



HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

The last week has been exam week for those in Years 5 to 7, with the children getting the chance to demonstrate all that they have learnt over the course of the last academic year and beyond. The days in the lead up saw a significant amount of revision happening at home and in school, with the library remaining a focal point throughout.

I had the chance to walk around the Sports Hall, the venue for the majority of the exams, seeing first-hand the application and focus that the children brought to each subject, with the effort and application being expended clear for all to see. I look forward to seeing the results in due course and to sharing with them the excellent results I am sure they will get.

This week also saw the first aspects of the Common Entrance exams take place for Year 8, with the speaking and listening sections of the Modern Foreign Languages now complete.

Around the exams, there have been a number of other events taking place over the last seven days. Last weekend brought to a close the ASA programme that has been running since the beginning of the Autumn Term with the Year 5 camping trip to Eaton Vale. The children had a magical time on the high ropes and on the water, enjoying the open top canoes and kayaks, while also building their own rafts.

On Sunday, our F24 team was in action at the Lotus cars Hethel track, competing in the Greenpower Education Trust event. The team performed brilliantly, finishing 2nd in their class and 3rd overall in the 11-16 year olds category.

Despite a week of weather that has been rather interchangeable, Monday morning provided a window of time for us to get the school photograph done in sunshine, please see details within this newsletter for how to order a copy.

Alongside the exams in the Sports Hall, there have been a number of events taking place in the Read Hall. Tuesday morning saw 4W give a slick assembly to parents and colleagues on the topic of the titanic, an historical event that they have been studying for a while, before Beech class in Reception enthralled us all on Wednesday with their assembly based around the story of Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae. The last of the assemblies came from 4W, who presented an insightful history of the Olympic and Paralympic games, explaining the role that Pierre de Coubertin played in modernising the games, all highly topical with Paris 2024 only 70 days away.

There was also time this week for a highly accomplished Year 7 soloist's concert, with the musicians impressing us all with their burgeoning musical talents.

On the sporting front, both our girls and boys Under 11 cricket sides were in action in county events, winning their way through to represent Norfolk at regional events that will be held later this term, due reward for the high quality cricket they are currently playing. Elsewhere, it was excellent to see the camaraderie that came with the Intermediate House swimming gala on Wednesday, with excellent individual and house performances on show.

I hope you all have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA summer social tomorrow evening.

