

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

This week has been very busy with lots of events across most year groups. I write to you today having just enjoyed an incredible Spring Variety Performance, which was a rather fitting way to end a busy term. In so many ways it encapsulated what life at Town Close School is like; vibrant, varied, busy and brilliant. Our final week of the term has been all those things and more. Monday started with over 200 grandparents and grown-ups joining our Pre Prep children to enjoy a craft session in class ahead of an incredible Pre Prep performance in Read Hall. Our pupils in Reception to Year 2 gave their special visitors a flavour of their life in School and a musical recap of their topic work on 'The Frozen North'. This theme was continued with the Year 2 Assembly, who took their audience on a trip through The Frozen North with the children confidently relaying to their families and friends all the facts they have learnt about three of the countries they have looked at in detail: Sweden, Norway and Finland. Their own incredible poetry and upbeat songs from each country, including fantastic renditions of ABBA's 'Super Trouper' and A'ha's 'Take On Me', were particular highlights! Meanwhile, 3M's Class Assembly transformed the Antarctic and the Arctic into Gladiatorial adversaries, tasking them with a range of challenges to discover which is the strongest region. A tug-of-war, a climbing wall and a stepping stone challenge could not divide them and they were declared joint winners! A hugely fun assembly with lots of cheering and audience participation that demonstrated 3M's knowledge and appreciation for these fascinating parts of the world but also underlined the point that learning at Town Close is the ultimate adventure.

We have equally enjoyed the great weather this week, which has provided the perfect backdrop for many memorable moments. I particularly enjoyed cheering on Upper and Middle Prep as they hurtled around the woodland walk in the sunshine during their respective Cross Country events. On Tuesday Year 3 and 4 swimmers competed in the Lower Prep House Swimming Gala. There was plenty for the packed audience to cheer about as each swimmer took to the pool to secure points for their House. The largest cheer of the afternoon, though, was saved for our departing Head of Swimming, Mrs Hale, who will be sorely missed by pupils, staff and parents alike. We wish her all the very best as she embarks on an exciting new business venture.





Year 3 and 4 visited Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth to further their knowledge of the polar environment in an immersive experience specifically focusing on the role of explorers in a polar environment. Thank you to Mrs Warren who visited Year 1 yesterday to talk about renewable energy. With the use of VR headsets and the opportunity to 'make their own' wind turbines, the children learnt a lot about the importance of sustainability.

With Easter approaching Nursery were extremely excited to welcome a very special Easter visitor on Wednesday! Benjamin Bunny thoroughly enjoyed his taster day in Nursery, receiving an incredible amount of attention and love from all of the children. He was particularly touched that they shared their snack of banana and apple with him! Reception have been busy making hot cross buns and today children in Pre Prep enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt. One of the most anticipated moments of the week was the annual 'Chocolate Easter Bunny' raffle raising money for Able2B – a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Kendrick for carefully bringing back such yummy chocolate from the Year 6 humanities trip to Belgium.

My final highlights of this busy week were both centred around Year 6, firstly for their performance in the Top Class Science Competition Final at UEA where after many rounds they had got down to the top 2 schools out of over 150 teams. Whilst they didn't bring home the gold medal this time, they should be so proud of their well-deserved silver medals. I equally enjoyed seeing Year 6 perform in the Soloist Concert this week which conveyed the breadth of musical talent in the year group. They should all feel very proud of their performances.

I hope that the whole Town Close community has a fantastic Easter break and look forward to seeing them all once we return to School

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