

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM WEEK 1, 25TH APRIL, 2025



Dear Parents

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all back (and to welcome our new pupils for the first time) to the start of the Summer Term. Even though we have only been back for a few days, life at Town Close has resumed its busy and vibrant nature. I have enjoyed seeing the new clubs for the term getting underway and, in particular, watching a spot of pétanque club out on the lawn. With the summer weather playing its part, the lawn becomes such a feature of playtimes at Town Close and it has been wonderful to see it spring to life this week; as I look out my window I can see children cartwheeling, sprinting, leapfrogging, and relaxing with friends. It would be clear to any observer just how much our children enjoy and value their playtimes at Town Close.

My assembly today focused on ensuring that we are mindful of what we value most and striving to ensure that we place the values of care and respect at the heart of our daily lives. It was also an opportunity, as usual, to celebrate successes and I am particularly pleased with how our pupils performed in the SATIPS general knowledge competition against hundreds of participants nationally with Ben S, Edward H, Ethan G and Polly S who all placed in the top 50, coming 12th, 18th, 37th and 43rd respectively.

It was also great to see that, fresh from dipping our toes into a new sporting competition last term in the form of the Norwich City Independent Schools Football Tournament, we entered the Independent Schools Golf Association junior league. Jessica E, Seb P, Seb M and Asadallah S were delighted to be selected to represent Town Close in the School's inaugural golf fixture. Playing against Littlegarth School in the ISGA junior league at Bawburgh Golf Club, the atmosphere was warm and encouraging, and the children displayed exemplary manners, sportsmanship and golf etiquette throughout. Although Town Close were defeated by a talented Littlegarth side, they gained invaluable experience and left the course proud of their effort. The team is already looking forward to more fixtures this term and the chance to continue developing their skills and passion for the game.

One of my most enjoyable highlights of the week was the rescheduled Year 7 Soloists' Concert, where there was a lovely range of performances on display - a huge well done to all who took part. It has also been great to see our new partnership with Norwich Swans get underway and the feedback so far has been highly positive; from having observed a session myself earlier today, I can very much see why and I am looking forward to seeing this partnership develop moving forward.

Our younger pupils started their new topic of 'We love where we live' for the Summer Term, with Year 1 delighted to welcome Norfolk artist and printmaker, Amelia Bowman, into School to lead a printmaking workshop. Thank you very much to Amelia and we look forward to welcoming her back next week to work with Year 2.

There is plenty to look forward to in the busy weeks ahead, not least the Year 5 ASA Camping Trip this weekend and I hope to see many of you at the Afternoon Tea on the lawn next Thursday.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

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