

NEWSLETTER February 2020 – N13

Preps 4 and 6 Classes SWAP BACK

Thank you so much for your understanding with this temporary fix. Mrs Donovan is now very sprightly post-achilles injury and Mrs Bradbury is looking forward to teaching in our newest classroom downstairs. Prep 6 will be downstairs and Prep 4 upstairs immediately after the half term break.

Prep 6 to Cinderella

Earlier in the term, Prep 6 went to Norwich Theatre Royal to see the pantomime of Cinderella to support Eve Macbeth as she was one of the child performers. As the curtains lifted, all the children waited in anticipation and excitement to see their friend and classmate. Before long, Eve danced in, dressed as a village boy! She had a starring role and lots of costume changes, wowing us with her confidence, perfect dance steps and singing throughout. I, for one, felt my heart bursting with pride as we clapped the performers at the end. Enormous congratulations to our starring Prep 6, Eve.

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Prep 2 to The Bridewell Museum and The Playhouse



Prep 2 had a super morning at The Bridewell Museum learning about what made Norwich famous. They had a workshop in a 'secret' old fashioned shop where they examined artefacts to give them clues about Norwich industries and heritage. The children particularly enjoyed looking at the room set-ups, including a traditional pharmacy full of potions and medicine, the bar of a pub and a 1960s living room. Prep 2 thoroughly enjoyed designing their own shoes and watching old clips which showed Norwich in the past.

The last day of the half term Prep 2 were out again and had a 'ziggety, zaggety, zooming' afternoon at Norwich Playhouse enjoying a performance of Room on the Broom. This is based on the book by Julia Donaldson and was a fantastic way to end this half term.

Preps 3-6 Mixed Football League



On the 15th and the 22nd of January our Year 5&6 and our Year 3&4 children took part in the 3rd and last day of the Football Development League.

We had a lot of great matches where we all felt that the children had progressed enormously since the first matches we played last October.

These have been quite cold evenings where the children have dealt brilliantly with the challenge of competition as well as the weather. Congratulations to all!

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Cross Country Regionals at Finborough School



Congratulations to all runners at the ISA regional Cross Country. Namely Niamh (20th), Isabel, Louis, Zach, Imogen (22nd), Erin (30th), Lydia (33rd), Adeola, Emilia, Alex, Connor and Dante. Congratulations too, to Mrs Campbell who had her first outing as a Games Mistress!

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Prep 1 Multi-Skills Easton and Otley College

On Monday the 3rd Prep 1 class had a great day at Easton & Otley College taking part in the Multi-skills Festival.

The children took part in lots of different funny games where they were challenged to run, jump, hop, throw, drive and many more events.

We all had a wonderful time at the Festival and they all did really well. We're looking forward to the next Festival in late April.





Quiz Championship at Taverham Hall



Two teams of eight children in Preps 3,4,5 and 6 were taken to compete in the National General Knowledge Quiz Team Championships.

The Quiz was held at Langley Prep at Taverham Hall School and comprised 11 teams from a variety of state and independent schools.

Questions were tough (most adults were stumped with some questions!), but our teams held their nerve and, after a strong start, with one team in second place, we finished with fifth and ninth positions. Well done to all who competed and thank you for representing the school so well!

Maths Week 2020



Maths Week is a special time to enjoy mathematics in a variety of contexts and to engage in a series of lessons that promote creativity, investigation and curiosity. The highlight of our week was a visit from 'Major Tom', a mathematically minded spaceman! The children were entertained by his fun assemblies and challenging workshops.



Amongst many other class activities, here are some more highlights:

- Butterflies have been exploring number lines using a Beebot robot.
- Pre Prep have been making pictures out of shapes, inspired by Matisse's 'The Snail' and investigating how many things they can put in boxes.
- Prep 1 made some wonderful 'modern art' with repeating patterns and have investigated money.
- Prep 2 made delicious looking pizzas to help them understand fractions.
- Prep 3 created bar charts about online communication and have investigated hand and feet sizes.
- Prep 4 planned a budget for a camping trip and have started making artwork of symmetrical insects.
- Prep 5 created colour charts using proportions and have been making straight lines out of curves.
- Prep 6 produced fantastic polygon tessellation artwork and have investigated fractions.

Each class has also thought of lots of different ways to make the number 12 – please see the display outside the hall for a great range of inventive and interesting ways.

The children worked hard and shown great enthusiasm this week – well done to all of them!

Many thanks to Mr McGrane for organising all this!

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Norwich School Cross Country

Braving a very chill wind and proudly representing our school were: Ocean, Nathanael, Aaron, Marta, Ayah, Niamh, Eva, Louis, Zach, Edward, Marlowe, Lydia, Isla, Rosie, Alex, Kyron, Imogen, Emilia, Mabel, Jeremy, Enzo, Dante, Erin and Isabel. How proud we were of the grit and determination and thank you to parents for turning out to support too!





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NDPS Pupils Helping Newly Qualified Teachers



Notre Dame Prep pupils, along with Miss Harris, were invited to attend Norwich school to act as a Pupil Panel for newly qualified teachers. Two children from Prep 1 -6 were selected to attend, and answer questions from those new to teaching about what made a 'good teacher.' The children were praised for their imaginative ideas and informative answers. The children asked

interesting questions of the teachers, which encouraged an engaging discussion for the morning. Notre Dame Pupils were outstanding in their behaviour and mature responses. We are very proud that these children were asked to attend such a worthwhile event!

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. This year, we will be celebrating with: the usual book-themed, fun activities in the classroom; Book Buddies (where children are invited to bring a book in to share with a member from an older or younger class), and a half-term Design a Root Vegetable Book Character competition (details to follow with children)! We will end the week, on Friday 6th March, with a book swap. Children are invited to bring a book in on the Friday morning that they have read and wish to swap.

Children are also invited to come in, as usual, dressed as a book character; they are encouraged to bring £1 for books for Street Child. Happy reading over half-term - and remember, the library at the Forum always has lots of fun, half-term book-themed activities.

Sewing Club



This term in Sewing Club we have been making finger puppets. We have an assortment of animals and characters already, including a squirrel by Connie, an owl by Isobel, a pig and a Minion by Imogen! The children finished off the half term by applying their stitching knowledge to their own choice of item including Valentine hearts by Isobel and a stress ball by Ethan! Well done all.

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People Who Help Us



It has been a very eventful few weeks for the children in Butterflies Nursery. They enjoyed visits from the Police, a Doctor and a Nurse as part of this important theme. Do enjoy the photos and there were a couple of shock staff arrests too! Mr T was hoping he might have a night off when hearing that Mrs T had been arrested! Sadly though she was de-arrested quite quickly!

During the Doctor & Nurse visit children listened to each others' heart beats using a real stethoscope and pretended to be patients, doctors and nurses themselves. The children also saw how germs spread using coloured glitter. All the children participated in making, painting, colouring and even made letters connected with our theme.

Many thanks to Rohan's Granny, Henry's Mummy and Oscar's Mummy (again!) for being such fabulous volunteers - the enrichment to our curriculum is really appreciated!

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All the Best for the Half Term Break

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