



TAVERHAM HALL

Preparatory School

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Dear Parents

I start this week's newsletter with yet more news about successful scholarships for our Year 8 leavers. Cecily Rainey who has produced some stunning art work this year has been awarded an art scholarship to Gresham's which is thoroughly deserved. Well done Cecily.

Last Friday's Pop Quiz saw Mr Green's team complete the double, having already won the Quiz and Chips event at the end of last year. The quiz was of a fantastic standard orchestrated by Mike Jolly and a good time was had by all. The trick, it appears, as Mrs Mann's team found at their peril, is to use your 'joker' wisely as this was the deciding factor on the night. My thanks go to Mike Jolly for his normal, impeccable organisation and energy.

PREP

Subject commendations are coming in thick and fast – too many to mention individually but I was delighted to award a Headmaster's Commendation to Toby Cooke for a huge improvement in his handwriting.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Norfolk County Music Festival

Between 5 – 12 March twenty two pupils from Taverham Hall performed at the Norfolk County Music Festival. The standard of performance was very high indeed and it was great to have valuable supportive comments and constructive criticism from the guest adjudicators. Congratulations to all who took part. You are excellent ambassadors for our school and justly deserve the following awards which were formally presented during Thursday's Music Assembly;

Evie Andrews	Piano	Commended Plus
Hermione Buttery	Piano	Commended
Walter Buttery	Piano	Commended
	Piano Duet	Participated
Louis Clark	Classical Guitar	Highly Commended
	Piano x 3 certificates	Highly Commended
Madeleine Clements	Piano	Commended Plus
	Piano Duet	Participated
Louisa Crabtree	Voice	Commended
Molly Crabtree	Piano	Commended
Jemma Crossley	Piano	Commended

Abigail Foster	Piano x 2 certificates	Promising Performance and Commended
Rosie Griggs	Oboe	Commended Plus
Ben Hall	Guitar	Highly Commended
	Voice	Highly Commended
Sophie Owles	Flute	Commended
Cecily Rainey	Oboe	Commended Plus
Charles Sizer	Piano	Commended
Miriam Whadcoat	Flute	Commended

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Examinations

Ten pupils took practical examinations on their instruments at the King of Hearts Arts Centre, Norwich, on Tuesday morning. We look forward to publishing their results in due course. However, the weather was beautiful and really put us in a positive frame of mind as we made an early start for our first examination at 0900.

Spring Term Concert

Just a reminder that parents and friends are warmly encouraged to attend the event which will be held in the Outer Hall on Thursday 25 March at 1900. Please let the school office know if you wish to attend as space is limited

SPORT

The **Under 12 netball team travelled to Gresham's on Sunday 14 March** for a Coaching & Tournament Day. It was a very long, active and energetic day for some of Year 6 and 7. An excellent morning of coaching, from an ex England international player, was followed by an afternoon of matches between teams made up from a variety of schools. It was a unique opportunity for the girls to practise skills and team tactics both with and against their regular team mates. A great day of netball was enjoyed by all. A handful of presentations were made at the end of the afternoon by the course organisers and coaches, in which Taverham Hall featured well. The most promising centre court player of the day was Rosie Griggs and the most promising attacking circle player was Annie Serruys, who was also referred to as outstanding and certainly impressed not only the organisers but the other players as well. On the back of this, as well as their skill and dedication during both practice and match play throughout the term, colours are awarded to Rosie and Annie.

The **first team** travelled to Glebe looking to avenge their defeat in the rugby season. They were joined as always by their massed band of supporters, who again outnumbered the home support. The team started the game well creating numerous chances, but good goalkeeping from Glebe kept the score line to 0-0 until just before halftime. When the deadlock was finally broken another followed shortly afterwards. We talked about shot selection at half time and it immediately paid dividends as we were to score twice soon after the interval and managed one more goal before the end to give a final score of 5 – 0. It was great to see the boys win their final match before going off to the festival at Gresham's and to keep a clean sheet. A thoroughly deserved victory, well done.

After a season of hard toil this young **Colts' A** side received some reward for their efforts in a convincing defeat of Glebe House by 8 goals to nil. To be fair it was Glebe who pressed first as we started tentatively but two fine saves by Tom Martin kept us in the game. As soon as we scored the confidence flooded into our game and we went from strength to strength. A second goal almost followed immediately as captain, Kieran Peters and James

Robb took control of the game and strong wing play by Robert Baker led to a string of chances and at half time we led four goals to nil. To their credit Glebe kept pressing but we were clinical in our play and four more goals followed as we found our passing game. Our defence was secure with William Mitchell back to his best and as usual Yuri Konstantinidis was full of running in midfield, alongside the hard working Freddie Mann. Up front Ben Hall showed several good touches but it was the right sided triumvirate of Robb, Peters and Baker that proved the difference. The goals were scored by Peters(2), Konstantinidis(2) Baker, Robb, Hall and an own goal. Our thanks go to all the boys for their good hearted efforts throughout the season and with five regulars available again next year the future looks bright for the Colts.

The **Under 9** team played their final game of the season away at Glebe on a bumpy grass pitch. We did not start well against a team who managed to move the ball quickly and keep it under control. For all the Glebe team's skill they were not able to carve out any clear cut chances. We defended well and kept the ball away from our goal for the whole first half. We played much better in the second half and managed a couple of shots on goal with Harry Williamson coming closest to breaking the deadlock but we were not composed enough in front of goal. The game ended 0-0 which was probably a fair score.

PRE-PREP

For the finale of our hugely successful activity week, the children in the Pre-Prep had a fantastic forest school day enjoying the benefits of the school grounds, despite the rather inclement weather at the start of the day. In the morning the children split into mixed year group teams and enjoyed a scavenger hunt in the woods following picture clues. The children worked well together with the older ones leading the younger and sharing a good team spirit. Lunch was eaten together outside in the yew garden and the weather was kind to us. In the afternoon the Pre-Prep divided into two mixed year groups and spent time exploring the grounds, playing team games and then going up to the clearing and toasting marshmallows around a bonfire with Miss Linton. We have many photos from the activity week on display in Pre-Prep and everyone is warmly invited to come and see them.

There has been great excitement in Reception this week as eleven eggs have hatched. The chicks are now in the brooder and have already had many visitors – both children and adults! Next week the Reception children will be able to hold the chicks once they have settled. The children are really enjoying having the chicks in class and no doubt they will all have names by next week.

We hope that everyone will be busy this weekend decorating their eggs for the competition on Wednesday 24 March. This will be judged by Miss Menegaz from Prep school. Remember there will be two prizes per year group, one for the best-decorated egg and one for the egg with most character!

Next Thursday the Pre-Prep and Nursery will be staging their annual Spring Term Dance Display. This year Mrs Chamberlain and the children will be showing dances from 'the shows'.

NURSERY

The older Nursery children went on an excursion on Thursday that was connected to their project on transport. We went in the minibus to Thorpe Station and then by train to Cromer. A short walk to the pier brought us to the lifeboat station where we were given an exclusive tour of the building and tried on some of the crews' waterproofs. The next port of call should have been the Lifeboat Museum, but 'Is it lunchtime yet?' could be heard from among the small people. The weather was fantastic- we sat on the beach, eating our sandwiches and then explored the sand, while some children removed socks and shoes and went for a toe dip on the edge. The museum was full of interactive games and a brilliant time was had by all. Our photograph shows Oscar and Olivia admiring their RNLI clothes.

We would also like to thank all parents who helped. We also managed to raise £75.00 for this worthy cause. This is definitely an event that will be put on the calendar for next year.



GENERAL

Prep Easter Bonnet Parade

Just a reminder that this event will be held in the Inner Hall at 0830 on Thursday 25 March. All parents are welcome to attend. If you have made a bonnet, you are welcome to display it in the Outer Hall from Monday.

Summer Uniform

Pupils are to return in summer uniform at the start of next term:

Prep

Boys – white shirts long or short sleeved with tie

Girls – school floral blouses and short white socks

Pre-Prep

Boys – no change

Girls – school floral dresses and short white socks

With next Friday's final assembly marking the end of another really productive term, may I remind parents that pupil pick up for next week is 1200 for Nursery and Pre-Prep and 1230 for Prep School. For parents in the Prep School who are unable to change their working schedule, the pupils are always welcome to stay until the normal pick up time. Please inform the school office should you wish for this option, so lunch may be provided for your child. Please also note that last Prep will be on Monday and last hobby on Tuesday.

Nursery and the multi-activity club dates are available below and late comers are very welcome, but please contact the school office first to ensure staff are aware.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing and peaceful Easter break.

M A CROSSLEY
Headmaster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 March – 1 April	Multi Activity Week Reception – Y8
1 – 4 April	Nursery closed for Easter weekend – otherwise open throughout the school Easter holidays
21 April	Term Commences
21 April	1400 Prep Swimming Gala – Parents Welcome
21 April	1630 Friends' Committee Meeting – Drawing Room – Parents Welcome
22 April	1900 Prep School Parents' Forum – Drawing Room
5 May	0900 Bag2School