



LANGLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
AT TAVERHAM HALL

# Academic Summary

SEPTEMBER 2017 TO JULY 2018



# Welcome

At Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall there is a firm commitment to outstanding pastoral care and pupils' emotional health and wellbeing. The School's Growth Mindset culture from Early Years onwards recognises that pupils can change and grow throughout their lives and that there is no limit to their potential. A body of inspiring and dedicated staff deliver a vibrant curriculum and together with the breadth of opportunities on offer, the School offers a wonderful learning environment for children aged 2 to 13.

Under the leadership of its experienced Headmaster, Mike Crossley, the School has received six outstanding inspection reports covering the areas of EYFS, Boarding and all-round education. In its most recent report the Educational Quality acquired the top rating of 'Excellent'. The Headmaster is a mental health first aid instructor, a District Representative for 63 independent schools and a regular inspector of schools:

*"The School is delighted to have received such glowing inspection reports. To be graded as 'Excellent' and 'Outstanding' is very rewarding and a wonderful reflection on all the staff, pupils, parents and governors."*

## Prep School Exam Results 2018 Year 8 Leavers' Common Entrance

17 Scholarships/Awards were offered to Year 8 pupils by senior schools

96% of all grades above 50%

79% of all grades above 60%

50% of all grades above 70%

95% of pupils achieved at least one mark over 70% with a several pupils taking the advanced Level 3 paper available in Maths and Latin



## Reasons families choose Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall

- Outstanding pastoral care and warm welcoming community.
- A vibrant learning environment.
- Confidence of its pupils.
- High standard of education and academic achievement.
- 'Excellent' and 'Outstanding' inspection reports.
- Bespoke Early Years curriculum enabling children to develop skills beyond the current levels of expectation.
- Pre-Prep pupils are heard to read every day and achieve significantly above the national average.
- Inspirational experiences in art, music and drama, with weekly performance opportunities.
- Dynamic teachers and breadth of curriculum.
- Unique tailored preparation of pupils for senior school - personalised care and support.
- Unparalleled FSA recognised Forest School lessons with practitioners at the highest level (OCN Level 3).
- Set within 100 acres of stunning woodland with own stretch of River Wensum in Taverham – voted one of the most desirable postcodes in the UK.
- Day school with weekly/flexi boarding options.
- On-site swimming pool, sports hall, sports fields, netball and tennis courts, and adjacent AstroTurf.
- Scholarships opportunities available from Year 3 (age 7+) for children of outstanding ability.



## Pre-Prep Reception, Y1 and Y2 pupils excel

Excellent English and Maths progress test results along with reading and spelling ages:

- 66% of Pre-Prep pupils achieved above national average grades for English
- 69% of Pre-Prep pupils achieved above national average grades for Maths

## Value Added

Over a nine-month period Pre-Prep pupils have made an average of:

- 17 months progress with their reading with the highest rate of progress being an improvement of 31 months in 9 months.
- 19 months progress with their spelling with the highest rate of progress being an improvement of 34 months in 9 months.

Pupils are heard to read individually every day which aids the development of reading skills and encourages a love of reading at an early age. The acclaimed Read Write Inc scheme introduced 3 years ago, supports the children's literacy development even further with children grouped by ability so they learn rapidly at the right level with on-going regular assessments tracking every child's progress. This has made a wealth of difference to the reading and writing skills of the pupils. In Maths use of the Numicon resources enable pupils to gain a deeper understanding into the logistics of mathematical thinking in preparation for our move

to the Maths Mastery Scheme. Pre-Prep pupils have enjoyed developing their digital learning skills with programming floor robots called 'Bee-Bots'.

## A vibrant Pre-Prep Early Years start

The School became the first in Norfolk to introduce a bespoke Early Years curriculum ensuring pupils participate each day in literacy and Maths activities. Whilst drawing on the strengths of the national Early Years curriculum it crucially offers pupils further opportunities to develop their learning, enabling those who are ready, to read and write and develop their mathematical skills beyond the current levels of expectation. Children aged three to four also follow the Read Write Inc scheme, a fun and child-centred approach to teaching. Early writing skills such as the correct pencil grip and formation of letters using sand tray activities, tracing, whiteboards and pencil and paper activities are also covered. In our Early Years setting, pupils are prepared for their move to the Reception classes by developing their skills in all areas of the curriculum, enjoying a wide range of activities such as dance, drama, music, sports, Forest School, arts and crafts.





## What's new?

The School has added the following to its extensive range of facilities:

**2018:** Installation of the School's own defibrillator. New Prep School playground equipment, Pre-Prep circular benches and Early Years garden furniture. School website update.

**2017:** Pre-Prep playground equipment, cricket pavilion, two changing rooms in the Sports Hall wings; six temporary classrooms; two Prep classrooms, two additional Computing Suites as well as new interactive white boards in the Prep School. Refurbished girls' boarding house.

**2016:** Computing suite in the Pre-Prep; state-of-the-art iMac music recording & composing equipment in the Music & Art Block. Refurbished boarding houses. Outdoor cob pizza oven built by pupils.

**2015:** Laser cutter and 3D printer for the DT Department; Science and Wildlife pond; refurbished Prep School pupils' and boarders' Common Room and Outer (entrance) Hall.

**2014:** Refurbished Netball/Tennis Courts & Computing suite; new School website & social media platforms.

**2013:** Outdoor woodland classroom; refurbished DT block & zip wire and ropes course.

**2012:** Two Prep School classrooms and access to a high spec Astroturf.

**2011:** Purpose-built Early Years extension.

## Overseas trips

In addition to numerous educational visits and excursions which enhance the pupils' curriculum from Early Years to Year 8, each year Prep School pupils are offered educational trips abroad.

- **Planned for 2018/2019:** Senior Hockey and Rugby Sports Tour to Ireland (biennial); 5-day Ski trip to Switzerland (biennial); 5-day classical studies/geography trip to Naples
- **Autumn 2017** 5-day residential languages trip to France (biennial)

## School's Awards & Accolades

The School's most recent ISI inspection (November 2016) awarded the highest accolade of 'Excellent' to the two key areas of The quality of the pupils' academic and other achievements, and The quality of the pupils' personal development.

Headmaster, Mike Crossley:

*"This inspection is a fantastic accolade for the School. To achieve the highest grading of 'Excellent' in both categories is extremely pleasing and demonstrates the continued provision of the outstanding level of education we offer 2 to 13 year old boys and girls. The welfare of all our pupils is our top priority and this praise from ISI endorses the work and care that goes into ensuring that children are able to grow and thrive in a safe, happy environment. This is an exceptionally rewarding report and we are immensely proud of our pupils and staff's achievements."*



## FSA Recognised Forest School Provider Award

The FSA is the professional body and UK wide voice for all things Forest School, promoting best practice, cohesion and 'quality Forest School for all'. The award recognises those providers who are following good Forest School practice and distinguishes them from other outdoor education that is not Forest School. The School are the first FSA Recognised Forest School Provider in Norfolk which is testament to all the excellent work its five dedicated Level 3 Forest School leaders undertake. Since 1921 outdoor learning has been an integral part of pupils' lives at the School's idyllic 100 acre woodland site and this has been significantly enhanced by the integration of Forest School within the School's curriculum over the past 10 years, delivering Forest School teaching to the highest standard.

*"The surrounding parkland is a paradise for pupils." (ISI)*



## NACE Challenge Award

Following assessment by the National Association for Able Children in Education, the School has been accredited with The NACE Challenge Award for excellence in whole-school provision for more able, gifted and talented pupils. As NACE members the School benefits from access to events, resources and updates on latest developments with the purpose of extending pupils' work at a level beyond that expected for their age group. Linked in with the School's Growth Mindset and Independent Learner approach NACE believes there should be no ceiling on a child's learning and ability. Importantly it focusses on providing opportunities to encourage curiosity, ask questions, engage in debates and discussions whilst producing original and creative responses to tasks set. Motivation, engagement and understanding the characteristics of High Ability children with the aim to provide opportunities for them to deepen and extend their learning are central to this so that they can achieve at the highest levels.



## Fourth Sainsbury's Gold School Games Mark

The School has been accredited with this national award for the fourth consecutive time: 2018/2017, 2017/2016, 2016/2015, 2015/2014. It recognises the School's 'sport for all' philosophy, the high level of attainment, inclusivity and provision for sport in the School, as well as our contribution to the wider community and the leadership opportunities for pupils.



## Woodland Trust Gold Green Tree School Award

Pupils participate in green activities such as tree planting, reducing carbon emissions, recycling and various Woodland Trust activities.

Senior School Sixth Form students put together a brilliant programme of 12 exciting topics in a series of masterclasses they presented to some of the Prep School pupils.

The School has personalised the Growth Mindset approach by introducing its own bespoke superhero characters representing resilience, independence, participation, collaboration and creativity. From Early Years in Pre-Prep the Growth Mindset focus grows into the Prep School's own Independent Learner model which expands into six life skills encouraging pupils to develop a more conceptual understanding of the learning attitudes which will help them to become effective, self-motivated and resilient individuals. This year new 'life skills' certificates became part of the termly final assemblies in which achievements throughout the term were celebrated.

The development of Mental Health Awareness within the School took place via a number of events and assemblies and the School are proud to have introduced their own Mental Health First Aiders (MHFA) Team consisting of 6 specifically trained members of staff. In addition, the School's Headmaster is a qualified mental health first aid instructor. The new wellbeing area created for our younger pupils in the Pre-Prep Hall has been very well received whilst the Time4Me room in the Prep School provides a relaxing wellbeing area for the Prep School pupils.

The introduction of House Captains in both the Pre-Prep (a boy and girl per House) and Prep School (a boy and girl per House for each of the following sections: Heads of House, Heads of Sport and Heads of Music) created further leadership opportunities for pupils as well as increased involvement with the promotion of whole school house events. The House System plays a huge part in the life of the School and pupils are fiercely proud to be part of their house. Every year the School runs house competitions and pupils contribute to the House Cup each term, through house points, positions of responsibility, competitions and taking part in ensembles and productions.

A termly Kindness Calendar was introduced in the Prep School to encourage pupils, staff and parents to focus on an act of kindness towards each other and the wider community each day.

The new Lunch Time live music streams via the School's Facebook platform have been a real hit with everyone and wider community alike.

The PTFA (Parents Teachers Friends Association) Summer Ball raised an impressive £9,000 to further enhance pupils' education at the School. They have also introduced the new School Teddy Bear which many pupils have purchased.

It has been confirmed, that the Prep School's future development programme will include a new Assembly and Performance Hall and Science block.

## English

- World Poetry Day celebrations took place through the School's 3rd Poetry Festival where pupils from as young as Reception to Year 8 took to the stage with their recitals and performances. This year's theme was 'Myths and Legends'.
- Termly Book Fairs and Talks provided pupils with tips and advice on reading books with the annual World Book Day celebrating the delights of reading from Early Years to Year 8.
- Prep School pupils relished the opportunity to show off their skills in our annual Spelling Bee competition which has now become a House event.
- Prep School pupils rose to the challenge in the Verse Speaking competition where they performed their chosen poem initially to their peers. Sixty pupils were elected to perform again to parents and the School community as a whole resulting in a winner for each year group as well as two overall winners who delivered particularly confident and clear versions of their poems.
- A Year 7 pupil received a Highly Commended certificate for her entry into the ISA nationwide Essay competition 2018.
- A number of Year 6 pupils took part in a debating event at Langley Senior School, creating biographies and writing and delivering persuasive speeches.
- Year 8 pupils attended the visit of author, Holly Black who was promoting her new book, 'The Cruel Prince'. The pupils received lots of helpful information on how to attempt to write a story, conquer 'writers block' and other obstacles.
- The School hosted Quiz Clubs' General Knowledge Quiz for the fourth time in which 10 teams from a number of schools took part. The quiz consisted of 40 multiple choice questions covering topics such as literacy, spelling, history, geography, maths, science, art, music, culture, current affairs and world knowledge. The event was expertly hosted by professional quizmaster Simon Blair from Quiz Club, who was the original host of Channel 4's Child Genius.
- Andy Salmon aka Sir Linkalot spent a day in the Prep School introducing pupils to 'linking', a powerful learning tool which aids memorisation. The workshops provided invaluable 'linking' examples centred around spelling, Maths and Science facts and encouraged pupils to use their imagination to create their own mnemonics.

- Year 6 pupils studied memory techniques to help them recall key pieces of information and commit facts to their long-term memory in a series of online tasks as part of the National Junior Memory Championship. This resulted in 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze certificates. The pupil with the gold award qualified for the national finals at London Zoo where he finished in 11th place having completed four rounds of challenges.



## Maths

- 19 pupils received certificates at the national UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge 2018: 2 Gold, 4 Silver and 13 Bronze. The challenge is aimed at the top third of pupils in Year 8 or below in England and Wales and involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour.
- The School's Year 6 team finished in first place at the regional UKMT Primary Team Maths Resources competition 2018.
- The Prep School's popular annual Maths Day focused on thinking outside the box and having fun with Maths. Teams were set four tasks testing problem solving, critical thinking and teamwork skills as well as Maths in general. Pupils from Year 3 to Year 8 worked together and learned from each other.
- The School hosted the Norfolk Maths Challenge attended by over 30 schools from Norfolk competing at Maths and problem solving skills against like-minded Year 5 and Year 6 peers. The School's Year 6 team finished in 3rd position overall.
- 13 pupils from Years 3 to 7 competed in the Norfolk Chess Regional Megafinal qualifying tournament for the Delancey National Schools Chess competition.
- The School received both the U12 Supremo (top male) and U12 Suprema (top female) winning trophies as well as a silver award in the U8 group. Four pupils qualified for the regional Gigafinals stage.



## Science

- Pre-Prep and Prep pupils made full use of the School's Wildlife Pond for regular wildlife and science pond dipping sessions.
- To celebrate the Norwich Science Festival, Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a range of exciting workshops: the power of steam, balloon powered cars and constructing a giant Ferris wheel from canes and elastic bands.
- Year 7 pupils hosted a Science Busking event for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 and invited them to have a go and discover some of the wonders of Street Science.
- Year 6 pupils were crowned winners at the final of the Norwich Top Class Science Quiz held at the University of East Anglia (UEA).
- A team of Year 7 pupils took part in the Salters' Institute Festival of Chemistry at the UEA; an event for budding chemists to see what life is like in a university chemistry laboratory. The team finished in 3rd position in the second challenge out of a field of 16 schools and won a set of Molybdenum chemical models for the School.
- In our STEM Hobby Club Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in 'Mission Starlight', a global experiment in which thousands of children from schools all over the world collaborated and shared their results via the Royal Society of Chemistry. The children investigated and examined materials that protect astronauts in space, a project endorsed by Tim Peake, the UK's European Space Agency (ESA) Astronaut.
- Year 4 pupils undertook a nature study at How Hill.
- Year 6 pupils learned all about sustainability at the

Green Britain Centre in Swaffham.

- Year 7 pupils studied birds and habitats at Cley on the North Norfolk coast.
- Year 8 pupils undertook a Science Teaching Project with Year 5 pupils from Taverham Junior School working collaboratively.
- Year 8 pupils visited Sizewell B Powerplant in Suffolk, the only Pressurised Water Reactor (PWR) and the most modern nuclear power station in the UK. The pupils were offered a unique insight into this technology.

## History

- A mixture of Egyptian, Celts & Romans, the Fire of London, the Battle of Agincourt and Civil War history workshops provided Pre-Prep and Prep pupils with an ideal opportunity to immerse themselves back into time whilst obtaining a greater understanding of each topic.
- A Year 5 pupil starred in the episode 'Gory Games' of CBBC's 'Horrible History'.
- Year 1 pupils visited Gressenhall Rural Life Museum exploring their topic on Victorians in more detail.
- Year 2 pupils visited Norwich Castle Museum learning all about Kings and Queens and the Nelson Museum in Great Yarmouth for their topic on Norfolk Heroes.
- Year 3 pupils visited Sandringham learning all about the British Monarch, the Castle Museum in Norwich to learn more about Egyptians, experienced life as an evacuee on the Poppy Line at Sheringham and expanded their knowledge about WW2 at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford.
- Year 5 pupils visited Ely Cathedral and immersed themselves into 'a day in the life of a monk'.

## Geography

- Pupils undertake a number of geography projects each year such as Year 7 river field studies at Taverham Mill. Year 3 pupils visited Horstead Quarry to learn about rock formations and fossils whilst Year 6 pupils enjoyed a Restless Earth Workshop.

## Computing

- Technology is a vital part of the Pre-Prep's everyday teaching and learning. Interactive whiteboards are used throughout the school day and iPads and cameras support research and learning whilst also developing photography skills.
- Pre-Prep pupils enjoyed programming floor robots called 'Bee-Bots' and learned simple programming language using iPads in their computing lessons.
- Year 1 children have been developing their concept of and knowledge about coding by using the app Scratch Junior on the iPads.
- Real world computing took place in Year 4, using Microbits and block coding for road traffic systems, buzzers and simple electronic games.
- A Digital Leader programme was introduced for Years 5 to 8 and Digital Leaders assemblies and workshops took place throughout the year.
- Robotics, Raspberry Pi and tinkering hobbies for Years 5 to 8 took place, using a variety of programming languages.
- Development of exciting business ideas including concept, marketing and investment materialised through the Year 7 Dragons' Den Project.
- Year 8 leavers' videos introduced pupils to filming and editing skills, culminating in an excellent end of school video keepsake.
- Exciting new hobby clubs introduced gaming design and concepts to Years 3 and 4.

## Languages

- French is taught from Reception onwards and before joining the Prep School, Year 2 pupils take part in a colourful French Breakfast morning where pupils demonstrate their French conversational skills.
- The Prep School celebrated the languages and cultures from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Japan, China, Singapore, Argentina, Greece and Romania during Languages Day with the kind assistance of parents of the School.
- A representative of Global Voices from the UEA provided a fun and interactive German Language workshop for a number of Year 6 pupils.
- Langley Senior School 6th Form pupils provided Year 5 pupils with language masterclasses in Spanish and Mandarin.

- The Eurotalk Junior Language Challenge is aimed at pupils aged 11 or younger. Pupils have entered for the past 11 years learning the basics of numerous languages through a number of online games. Each year pupils have qualified for the regional finals and 5 times pupils reached the ultimate final in London. This year one pupil finished 11th out of 26 at the regional finals having mastered the rudiments of Japanese.
- Several Year 8 able linguists took part in a local annual Language Detective Day focussing on non-verbal communication, repetition, memorisation techniques and links between languages.
- Year 3 to 7 pupils' language skills were put to the test in a French comedy performance for beginners by visiting Onatti Theatre Company, who specialise in putting together short plays in foreign languages for schools.
- Additional languages were offered through after school clubs where pupils were able to explore languages such as Spanish in the Pre-Prep and Japanese in the Prep School.



## Performing Arts – Music, Drama and Dance

- Pre-Prep pupils receive weekly class lessons in which they sing, learn basic music notation, compose, listen to music as well as learn about various composers such as Mozart and Stravinsky. They have been introduced to a wide range of instruments in our assemblies including flute, clarinet, cello, violin, double bass, drums and guitar. Over a third of the children have instrumental lessons in school. This year we trialled a String Scheme for Year 2 where all children have been learning to play violins and cellos. Several performed in the Pre-Prep Choir, Prep

School's musical Soirees, whole school House Bullard Music competition and the Pre-Prep Instrumental and Summer Concerts where we also showcased our very own Growth Mindset songs composed by our Head of Pre-Prep. Drama skills were brought to the front in the annual Pre-Prep (including Early Years) Nativity and Dance Show performances (this year's theme: popular music from the past five decades) and pupils enjoyed a visit to the Gorleston Pavilion Theatre to see 'Aladdin'.

- In the Prep School an abundance of performance opportunities took place (62 in total) through weekly music assemblies, 6 musical soirées (over 100 pupils performed in these) indoor and outdoor concerts, 2 hall rock cafés, a Christmas service and the House Bullard Music competition (32 performers) featuring original compositions, class work and solos. A large number of pupils received extra-curricular music tuition each week (in excess of 140 lessons a week) at the School and 46 pupils undertook ABRSM and Rock School music exams. Rock/pop bands have been popular this year as well as the introduction of our new Lunchtime Series that have been broadcast live via the School's Facebook page. We also saw the introduction of the Prep School Orchestra.
- The Magna Voce choir performed and turned on the Christmas Tree lights at the Forum in Norwich, raising funds for NANSA and The Hamlet charity. Magna Voce also raised funds for Watoto and as a result were able to sponsor a child in Uganda.
- The School's iMac composing and recording suite continues to be well utilized. Senior pupils enjoy learning to write their own lyrics, composing and recording pop songs in particular.
- Prep School pupils enjoy their weekly Drama lessons where they learn basic skills like mime, improvisation and script writing. Cross curricular links are made into other subjects like History where pupils regularly re-enact historical events. The School Council provides further opportunities to perform speeches to their peers and links in well with debating. Drama was also offered as an after school hobby.
- Every musical number performed in the Prep School's 'A Truly Potty Adventure' (60 pupils took part) and the Year 6 'Cinderella Rockafella' drama productions (song and soundtrack) was arranged and recorded using the iMac equipment.
- Both a Year 5 and Year 7 pupil received Distinctions for their Level 1 LAMDA examination.

- A Year 5 pupil performed at the Triple Threat Stage School in Aylsham.
- A Year 7 pupil took part in a week's Drama workshop involving acting, singing and dancing and performed in a show at The Open in Norwich.
- A Year 5 pupil performed as one of the Panto 'Babes' in the Sleeping Beauty Pantomime at Norwich Theatre Royal.
- A Year 6 pupil performed with the Fine City Chorus who won their division and achieved their highest score ever at The British Association of Barbershop Singers National Chorus contest. The group was promoted to Division Two for the first time in their 43-year history.
- Cheerleading and Dance (Ballet) were offered as hobbies in the Prep School.



## Art

- The School took part in the GoGoHares community learning programme GoGoCreate in aid of Break charity in partnership with Wild In Art. The School purchased 2 Leverets. One was painted and decorated by Pre-Prep pupils and was christened 'Lyra', inspired by the ethos and values of our School with Forest School and outdoor learning as its theme. The other was designed by Prep School pupils called 'Shadow', inspired by the coming together of silhouette art & Punk. The theme for the Prep School's leveret was 'Amazing Hare Styles' and each Prep pupil created a profile self-portrait embellished with a fun hairstyle of their choice. Both leverets formed part of the GoGoHares trail in Norwich and have been returned to the School since where they are now proudly on display.
- Prep School pupils produced artwork for the School's

annual summer art competition; the brief was 'make a British freshwater or seawater fish'. For the Headmaster's annual photography competition the theme was 'reflections and distortions'.

- Two Year 8 leavers were confirmed runners up at the ISA East Art competition for artwork which was submitted during their final summer term at the School.
- Year 4 pupils enjoyed a ceramic workshop with artist Lisa Baker linked to the GoGoHares project.
- Pre-Prep and Prep School pupils designed their own hats for the School's Easter Bonnet Parade.
- Year 5 and 6 pupils created colourful, bright and bold designs based upon the Pop Art style and the screen prints of Andy Warhol. Their brief was to transform the School's bespoke Independent Learner characters into new Lego-figure-style designs.
- Year 8 pupils visited the Norwich Print Fair and enjoyed an informative talk by Mezzotint Print Maker, Martin Mitchell. This visit complemented their topic about printmaking based upon the theme 'Adorn, Decorate and Embellish'.
- 3 pupils won prizes at the Royal Norfolk Show's Schools Art Competition which attracted over 600 entries. One was crowned the winner in the Key Stage 3 category and the other two finished runners up in their Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 categories respectively.

## DT

- The Year 8 team finished in 3rd place at the annual Rotary Club of Norwich Technology Competition. The project was 'launching a capsule into space'.
- The School's Greenpower Goblin team finished in 3rd position in the Drag Race out of 29 schools at Scottow Enterprise Park run by the Greenpower Education Trust designed to raise interest in STEM subjects.
- Year 8 pupils designed and created multi-sensory tools for pupils at Harford Manor School, a school for children with complex needs, having researched their likes and dislikes and interests.
- Year 7 pupils were provided with an insight into the world of engineering with a visit to C3 Engineering.
- Prep pupils worked on projects such as renewable energy, art deco and innovative household and programmable items.



## PHSEE

- Pre-Prep's Kindness Tree is now firmly embedded and encourages the children to use kind words, kind hands and generally help each other. Pupils have made great strides forward with their understanding of the underlying principles of Growth Mindset, its language and super hero characters which now form part of pupils' everyday language. Children received weekly awards centred around this in Friday assemblies. They also enjoyed their 'Birds, Beasts and Bugs' Activity Week. The children visited a local bee keeper, completed activities ranging from making bee models to designing multi coloured honeycombs, learned about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores including a trip to Banham Zoo.
- The Pre-Prep's new wellbeing area in the Pre-Prep Hall has made a tremendous difference to how all areas of PSHEE are approached and our young children regularly visit this with the support of a member of staff who leads the MHFA in Pre-Prep.
- An extensive programme covering topics such as Resilience, Listening Skills, study skills, Relationship and Sex education, Anti-Bullying//Technology and the Media, Sustainability/our Planet Earth and Moving On was delivered to Prep pupils. The introduction of the 'Time4Me' room has been very well received.
- The Prep School hosted its second Careers Fair which provided an insight into employment in general and career paths pupils may wish to consider.
- Prep pupils chose the following 3 charities to support: Cancer Research UK, Walking with the Wounded and World Wildlife Fund.
- To reinforce the School's focus on kindness, Prep School children took part in the International Day of Happiness and talked about its significance.

- Earth Hour was raised as a special topic throughout the Prep School, talking about sustainability, discussing ways to reduce, reuse and recycle whilst understanding the impact that we all have on the environment – our Carbon Footprint.

## Sporting Achievements

**The School were awarded their 3rd consecutive Gold Sports Mark award.**

## Pre-Prep & Early Years

Pre-Prep children receive weekly swimming lessons provided by a specialist teacher in the School's indoor pool. This year pupils have been offered additional swimming clinics both before and after school which have been very popular and the standard of swimming from Early Years is looking very promising indeed. Children receive weekly PE lessons and all take part in the annual Pre-Prep Swimming Galas for their year group, Sports Day and Dance Show. This year all pupils also took part in a whole school House Cross Country. In addition, Pre-Prep pupils have been able to participate in a wide range of optional sporting hobbies such as Splash Club, Zumba, Ballet & Tap, Fun Dance, Tennis, Football and Cricket.

Early Years children enjoy their weekly sports hall sessions where they play and utilise a variety of sports equipment. Yoga and meditation sessions are now firmly embedded in Early Years in addition to their normal Dance and PE lessons, mini Hockey, Tag Rugby, Tennis, annual Early Years Sports Day and Dance Show.

## Prep School

Prep School pupils receive 4-5 hours each week of PE and Games lessons including weekly sports fixtures, termly tournaments and competitions at local, regional and national level. The School has an impressive record of medals and titles that have been won by both individuals and teams. Pupils also take part in the annual sports day, swimming gala and house sporting events. The School represented Norfolk successfully in sport with teams reaching the national finals in hockey. In addition, the county cup was secured in cricket. Two individual national medals were won in athletics. Pupils from Year 3 onwards have the unique opportunity to take up the hobbies of fishing, waterskiing and canoeing during the Summer Term.



## Specialist coaching workshops

- Pre-season netball workshops for Years 3 to Year 8 girls' teams were provided by netball coaches from Norfolk United Netball Club whose top level teams play in the National Premier League whilst two of their young coaches play for Mavericks and trialed for England.
- GB athlete and double Olympian (800m, 4x400m) Marilyn Okoro provided an inspiring workshop for our Year 3 to Year 8 pupils called 'Raise your Game' which linked in extremely well with the School's Growth Mindset ethos. Hard work, resilience, determination, overcoming obstacles, how to turn a negative into a positive and learn how to grow formed part of her talk.
- Pre-season cricket workshops were run by specialist coaches from Langley Senior School for both girls and boys during the preceding half-term holidays.
- Pupils from Years 5 to 8 in the Prep School's Athletics Hobby were taught by a CoNAC (City of Norwich Athletics Club) coach.

## Hockey

One Year 7 and three Year 8 pupils were selected to play U13 County Hockey. One Year 8 pupil was selected to play for the U14 County team.

A number of boys and girls across the year groups also achieved various levels of success within teams at their local hockey clubs outside of School.

## Boys

- Both the U11 and U13 team finished runners up and received silver medals at the ISA Hockey Championships in London.
- The U13 team qualified for the National IAPS Finals at Millfield.
- The U13 team finished runners up in the County Cup

- and progressed to the East Finals at Bedford.
- The U13 team were crowned indoor hockey winners at a local annual hockey festival.
- The U11 team were crowned County Champions and remained unbeaten at a local annual indoor hockey tournament finishing in 3rd position. The U11 goal keeper received the Best U11 GK Cup.
- The U11A team lost only 1 of their fixtures.
- The U9 A and B teams finished runners up and 3rd at a local annual Hockey festival.

#### Girls

- The U11 team finished silver medal winners at IAPS Regional Finals and as a result represented the School at the National IAPS Finals at Millfield.
- The U11 team finished runners up in the County Cup and went through to the East Region Finals at Redbridge.
- The U11 team finished runners up at a Suffolk Hockey festival out of 16 teams and also finished runners up out of 6 teams in the School's own indoor inter-school hockey tournament.
- The U11A team completed an unbeaten regular fixtures season whilst the U9A team only lost 1 of their matches.
- The U13 combined team (players from both Langley Prep and Senior School) finished 6th in the County Championships.



#### Cricket

##### Boys

- 4 pupils were awarded their County Caps and 3 of these pupils were also selected for Norfolk's Centre of Excellence Winter Training Programme. One Year 8 pupil was selected for The Midlands and East Region team, one of the final 4 teams in the prestige NatWest U15 Championships.
- 4 pupils were selected for Norfolk U10 squad 2018, 1

for the U11 squad, 2 for the U12 squad and 3 for the U13 squad.

- The 1st XI had a very successful season and only lost 1 game in the U13 National Cricket Cup finishing in the top 8 nationally. They were also crowned County Cup winners.
- The U11 team finished runners up at a Suffolk Cricket festival and third in their group at the East of England Championships.
- Both the Colts A and B teams as well as the U9A team recorded a strong season with only 1 defeat each.

#### Girls

- 1 pupil was selected for Norfolk's U13 Girls squad 2018. Following this year's success a further 9 girls will be put forward for County trials in 2018-2019.
- It has been a fantastic year for all our girls' cricket teams with superb progress all-round. Some notable wins amongst their fixtures and good development of skills all in readiness for our move towards hard ball cricket next academic year for the U11A and U13A groups.
- The U11 team won all their games at the Horsford U11 Girls' Softball Cricket Festival.



#### Netball

- The U11A team finished 3rd in their league at the ISA Regional Championships and 4th in their group at the IAPS National qualifiers. They finished the year with an unbeaten fixtures record,
- The U11A team received bronze medals at the Norwich Lower School netball tournament. The U11B team finished runners up of the Plate competition at this same tournament.
- One our U13 teams was crowned winners of the Norwich School C/D netball tournament whilst the other team finished in 3rd place in their league.

#### Rugby

- The U9B, U9C, U10A and U11A teams all recorded an unbeaten fixtures season. 1st XV only lost 1 of their matches and the 2nd XV won the majority of theirs.
- U12 team competed in the Vase competition at the Gt Finborough Rugby festival.
- The U13 team finished runners-up in the U13 County Rugby festival



#### Athletics

- School records were broken in the U12 boys' 100m and 200m.
- Pupils have qualified for the national finals at the Prep School's Athletics Tournament in Birmingham for the past 13 years. A further 5 pupils qualified after competing at the East Area Prep Schools' Athletics Championships in Bedford for the 100m & 200m, 800m, javelin, discus and high jump events. **The pupil for the 100m and 200m secured a gold medal in both these events at the nationals.**
- At the UEA 2016 Junior Athletics Championships U10 and U11 pupils challenged themselves in the 55m & 70m Hurdles, 75m, 100m, 200m & 800m, Long Jump, High Jump, Cricket/Rounders Ball and 4 x 100m relay events.

#### Swimming

- Three pupils were successful at the Eastern Championships and qualified for the National ISA Swimming Finals at the Olympic Pool at Stratford. They went on to win 1 silver and 2 bronze medals.
- The School's U9 swimming team won 15 out of 22 races in an inter-schools event. The U11 and U13 team showed off their strength and depth in their meet with another local Prep School and led the School to a 23 points victory.

- A number of non-competitive inter-schools swimming galas took place which provided a valuable training platform for our swimmers.
- Several pupils gained medals for their local swimming clubs at a number of area and county meets.

#### Football

- The U13 team at IAPS U13 soccer sixes at Chigwell reached the semi-finals finishing 4th overall out of 16 teams.
- The U11 team won 2, drew 2 and lost 2 of their games at the ISFA Regional finals.
- The School hosted its annual U11 boys and U11 girls football tournament at Carrow Road, our sporting partner's NCFE home ground, with 8 local schools taking part. The School's U11 boys' teams were crowned winners and the U11 girls finished runners up.
- One girl player (Year 5) has been selected to join the England Pathway academy.

#### Cross Country

- 7 pupils qualified for the ISA National Schools Cross Country Championship after excellent individual performances at the Eastern qualification round.
- The U10 girls team finished in 3rd place at the Norwich School Cross Country competition. In addition, two individual bronze medals were won by a Year 5 and Year 6 pupil.

#### Squash

- A Year 6 pupil won both the Regional and County Squash U11 Championships and qualified for the British Junior Open and National Championships. He also won the U13 County Championship and narrowly lost in the semi-finals of the U15 group.

#### Tennis

- Several pupils gained medals for their performances at a number of tournaments held at the local Easton Tennis Centre Club.

#### Horse Riding

- A Year 3 pupil competed in the National Schools Equestrian Association Grassroots Show Jumping Championships at Easton College and finished 5th in the 50cms championships. This pupil was also part of the Langley dressage team that qualified for the NSEA County Championships and collected the trophy for 'The Best Member 12 Years and Under' at the Norfolk Show Jumping Club Award presentation.

## OUTREACH

### Charitable Donations, Community Links and Partnerships

Service to and kindness towards others is as the heart of Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall and the School's contribution to and collaboration with the wider community is a natural extension of this. The School is immensely proud of its inclusive community and regularly reviews how it is able to share its facilities and resources with others as well as where there are opportunities to create something new where there are benefits for all parties involved.



### Charities

The School raises funds in support of a wide range of charities and each year three of these charities are voted for and chosen by the pupils themselves after presentations made in Assembly.

A total sum of £9,094.26 was raised during 2017/2018. The charities supported during this period were: Cancer Research UK, Walking with the Wounded, World Wildlife Fund, Watoto, Anti-bullying Alliance, EACH, Young Enterprises, Inspired through Sport, Macmillan Coffee Morning, Jeans for Genes, NSPCC Number Day and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

### Community Links

Over the past 10 years numerous organisations have benefited from access to the School's facilities both on a charitable as well as venue hired basis. Examples range from holiday Adventure Clubs for children and International Language schools to local NCT Childbirth Classes, Brass Bands, Scout Clubs and weddings, all with the aim to provide a service to and/or for others.

The School has developed a number of partnerships

with local sports clubs where the School supports these clubs via sponsorship for the immediate benefit of their primary school aged members. Several of these clubs regularly use the School's grounds/facilities for a number of their events, some of which where the School's pupils are able to take part as well. In addition, workshops offer further benefits for both.

The installation of the School's own defibrillator (as a direct result of the fundraising efforts of the School's Matron and generosity of parents) on site has provided obvious benefits and security in times of emergency, not only for pupils, staff, parents and families, but also for other visitors and the wider local community.

In 2012 as part of the School's 90th Jubilee it organised an Art & Creative Writing Competition for all primary schools in Norfolk, an initiative that proved a real hit and highlighted the creative talent amongst Norfolk schools to an impressive panel of judges which included comedian, actor, writer and presenter Stephen Fry, authors Kirsty Riddiford and David Miller as well as Norfolk based artists Lucy Loveheart, Brian Lewis and Peter Kavanagh.



The School has a long-standing link with the Reverend of St Edmund's Church in Taverham who regularly runs Assemblies at the School as well as acting as the Independent Listener for our pupils. Pupils visit the church each year and this special connection is valued immensely by both parties.

Broadland Health Walkers regularly undertake walks through School's beautiful grounds.

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The School is delighted to be able to share its facilities with local schools and works closely with the West Norwich & Dereham School Sport Partnership which uses the School's grounds for a number of their sporting events attended by 40+ Norfolk based primary schools in addition to the annual Special Schools Cross Country event.

Neighbouring Taverham Junior School and Taverham High School regularly use the School's grounds for their cross country training/events. This academic year they organised their first and very successful colour-run at the School and invited our pupils to join in as well, working together in aid of Macmillan Cancer. Over the past years Taverham Junior School pupils have joined in with French and History workshops and this year the School's Year 8 pupils visited Taverham Junior School for a Science Teaching project. Pupils from approximately 30 primary schools across Norfolk joined us for the Norfolk Maths Challenge and a further 6 schools for the General Knowledge Quiz both hosted by the School, further examples of how the School looks to share experiences and opportunities with pupils from primary schools all over Norfolk.

The School has a very special link with Harford Manor School in Norwich, a school for children and young people with complex needs, aged 3 – 19 years, a partnership which commenced in 2008. Each year the School's Year 8 pupils build up a close relationship with their friends across at Harford Manor and aim to use the knowledge they built up of the children throughout the year to design a toy or educational game that will benefit their learning experience. The Harford Manor pupils also make use of certain School facilities during their visits such as the sports hall and swimming pool and this year the School's PTFA raised funds for Harford Manor School as well as at their Summer Ball.

This unique collaboration between the two schools was selected by the Department of Education's Independent State Schools Partnership as a case study in 2015. The School received funding from the ISSP for a state-of-the-art laser cutter to extend the range and quality of the items produced by our Year 8 pupils with the pupils of Harford Manor.



### Collaboration with the UEA and Science Park

The School works closely with the UEA's Global Voices in a mutually beneficial partnership, providing a valuable link between the UEA's diverse and vibrant international student population and primary school aged pupils. Global Voices students are offered the opportunity to share information about their languages and countries via interactive workshops with the School's pupils.

Educational links with the Norwich Science Park have over the years enabled pupils to visit and experience science in the work place first hand.

### Local business connections – benefits for all

Pupils benefit from a wealth of educational visits to (and from) various local companies including beekeepers, vets, athletes, authors, newspaper and magazine publishing company Archant and many more.

ISI praises the School's "well resourced, imaginative teaching" and its effect on pupils; "pupils attitudes towards their learning is excellent – in lessons and activities pupils are highly engaged, they enjoy working with others and are aware that teamwork can enhance their skills"

"Pupils are skilled in leading their own learning and showing initiative."

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