

2nd February 2018

Dear Parent/Guardians

I am delighted to tell you that last week's RNLI SOS Day raised £263.92; thank you to everyone who donated money and cakes, and of course those of you who bought the cakes! We will present the cheque to the crew in the near future.

Last Friday, the children ran in our Interhouse Cross Country event and for the first time we welcomed Reception and Year 1 who ran their races with Year 2 before lunch. It was an exciting event with various courses and distances being covered. I presented certificates in Chapel to the winning house, Rowell and also those who won their individual races. Congratulations to Grace and William (Year 3), Ben and Harriet (Year 4), Hamish and Isabelle (Year 5) and Ethan and Rose (Year 6).

I also presented my first Gold award of the Year to Eva Bullion (Year 3) and Noah Barnes (Year 6) was presented with his Bronze Award.

I have heard of lots of individual sporting achievements recently. Well done to....

- Ethan Rattenbury who has been selected to represent Norfolk at Under 11 level in the Sportshall Athletics regional finals in March.
- Daniel Franco-Key who won a Grade Three tennis tournament last weekend at Culford School. This now means he has a guaranteed place in a National tournament at Easton College in two weeks' time.
- Lara Fisher and Isla Webster who took part in gymnastics competitions last weekend. Both girls achieved a Distinction in their Grade 1 competitions and Lara scored the highest individual points total from over 200 participants.
- Our swim team competed in the final round of the West Norfolk SC Mini Meet Series 2017-18 last Saturday. On Saturday night alone the children recorded over 75% personal best times and achieved some more county qualifying times. Well done to the following who were placed in their respective age groups; Rufus Carr (1st), Samuel Barker-Harrison (4th), Skye Staniforth (3rd), Matilda Williams (4th), Darcey McDonough (10th, despite missing half of the events due to illness!) and Ava Lines (2nd).

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 1st March and as always we will be encouraging all children (and staff!) to come in dressed as their favourite book character (please no Disney or Marvel characters) to celebrate the day. We will also be hosting our annual book swap where children bring along an old book of theirs and are able to swap it for a different book. We would also welcome donations of other books prior to the day to ensure that a wide variety is on offer.

May I please remind you to ensure that your child has a warm coat in school to wear at break times and lunchtimes. Coats should be a single dark neutral colour (black, blue, green) and should not have any slogans, pictures or large emblems on them.

Next Week:

Monday 5th February

Norwich Lower School Cross Country Competition (selected pupils only)

Thursday 8th February

Valentine's Disco. Children can be collected from the Dining Room at 6pm.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tim O'Connell

Head of Preparatory Department