



SIDESTRAND HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

24th March 2016

Welcome to our latest Newsletter



Despite it being quite a short term, it has been a very busy one at Sidestrand, with lots of opportunities for fun learning. This week alone we have had an amazing Science Day (photos to follow on the next newsletter) and an end of term Talent Show—Sidestrand Hall really does have lots of talent. We hope you all have a great Easter break and we look forward to seeing you for another term of interesting activities.



Outdoor Learning

Conkers have been learning about nature and the outdoors!

We have enjoyed making bird food and hanging it out around the school premises and looking for the different signs of spring. We watched Dan move an Oak tree and learnt lots of interesting facts about how high trees grow and their roots! Conkers have enjoyed outdoor learning and have become master bird watchers!



Sport Relief 2016

We had an amazing day with lots of various activities to try on Friday. These included curling, table tennis and a bike track course to name a few.

A massive well done to all those that peddled in the bike-a-thon and helped reach 200km throughout the day. Thank you to all those who contributed to such a great cause!

Careers Festival

14 KS4 pupils went to the Norfolk careers festival at the Norfolk show ground on Thursday 10th March. The pupils had a chance to talk to representative of different collages, apprenticeships and work placements about what they could do once they leave school. The pupils really enjoyed their day out and were excited by the choices of careers they had in the future.

World Book Day 2016.

It is fast becoming a tradition in Fig Class to dress up in whole class costumes to celebrate World Book Day, last year we were the characters from Peter Pan and this year, embracing the Victorian topic for this half term, we decided to all come as the cast of Oliver Twist. The kids were very excited to dress up and even those who are sometimes reluctant to wear costumes got on board with the spirit of it all and enjoyed being a part of Oliver Twist for a day. Having learnt about what life was like in the Victorian times and the kinds of jobs children were expected to do it was a fun experience for them to dress up and imagine what it would be like to be in the work-house. One of the boys even had the cheek to ask for MORE at lunchtime...

KS2 enjoyed doing activities for World Book Day . We covered the Very Busy Spider , Going on a Bear Hunt , Harry Potter and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory . The children did various activities in each class and chose what they wanted to . The Charlie and the Chocolate Factory group learned how to do the Umpa Lumpa dance by watching a video on the big screen .



We raised just under £270.00 at our jumble sale last half term. We often have toiletries donated and have been giving these to Leeway who support victims of domestic abuse and violence., who are very grateful.

Please continue to send in donations for the charity shop particularly clothing.

Thank you for your continuing support .



The Out and About Enrichment group visited Redwings Horse Sanctuary at Aylsham last Friday and had a super afternoon making friends with the wonderful ponies, horses and donkeys. Many of the animals have had dreadful experiences but now live happy lives free from pain, neglect and ignorance due to the amazing work at the sanctuary. Our students were so moved that we



have adopted Maya and the Gangsters (some very naughty Shetland ponies) for a year. Come and read their stories and see the pictures of the students displayed near reception.

This week Bay class have been learning Sign-Along signs to help them use signing to support their communication. To end the week Mrs Carter, one of Sidestrand's Sign Along tutors, taught them the Sign Along song. Classes across the school are being taught signing supported communication to help develop their confidence and ability to communicate.



Dates for your diary:

Thu 24th Mar – End Of term

Mon 11th Apr – Back to school

Wed 13th Apr - Yr 8 &9 Girls HPV Vaccine

Mon 18th Apr - Fri 22nd Apr - Work Experience Week

Wed 13th Apr - HPV Vaccines Yr8 & 9 Girls

Tue 17th May - Parents afternoon 1.30pm—6pm

Fri 27th May – End of term

Mon 6th June – Back to school

Wed 20th July—End of term

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Parents are reminded that healthy eating is encouraged throughout the school. Fizzy drinks and chocolate or sweets should not be included in your child's packed lunch. Pupils will be learning about healthy packed lunches from Jan, our Cook, over the next few weeks, so I am sure they will come home with some ideas!

In addition, to safeguard our pupils with allergies, we are reinforcing our "nut free status". We ask that parents ensure that any snacks or packed lunches that come into school do not contain nuts, including peanut butter, Nutella spread and cereal bars.



Change4Life website <http://www.nhs.uk/change4life> There are lots of great tips for healthy snacks and fun exercises for the whole family to do. You can even download the Sugar Smart app, which shows you and your children just how many sugar cubes are in your food and drink!

Save the date!
Trust Norfolk-SEN Transition Conference
A free conference for parents and carers of children at special schools

Friday 14th October 2016
10 am – 4pm
The King's Centre, King Street, Norwich NR1 1PH

Come and join us for bitesize information sessions and stands about everything to do with transition from special school to adult life.

Further details will be available in the summer term 2016 from your child's special school or email events@trusnorfok-sen.co.uk



Sixth Form Visit to the Elizabethan House, Great Yarmouth

On 9th March the whole of sixth form visited the Great Yarmouth Museums. It was the worst weather possible but behind the closed doors of the Elizabethan House we entered another world. We were able to see how a Victorian family might have lived with the family using the grand staircase and a small comfortable parlour, whilst the servants used a tiny winding secret staircase.

Tom wrote: *We visited Elizabeth house in great Yarmouth. We worked as servants. There was a stained glass window at the top of the stairs like a church. We saw a rat on top of the cupboard. I cleaned the pots with lemon juice and salt mixed together. In the kitchen we used a mangle.*

Ben wrote: *We went to Great Yarmouth to visit the Elizabethan museum. We learned how to wash the clothes the old fashioned way and clothes we dressed as servants to do the work. We worked in the kitchen; they heated their oven to warm it up. We walked to the time tide museum to have our lunch. And we had a good day out.*

I would like to go again.



In line with Norfolk County Council, school lunches will be increasing to £2.20 per day from 1st April 2016



Poorly Children

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please remember they need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode



Remember you can keep up to date by visiting our school website – www.sidestrandhall.norfolk.sch.uk or Twitter feed @SidestrandHall



Happy Easter - School re-opens Monday 11th April

