



SIDESTRAND HALL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



13th May 2016

Welcome to our latest Newsletter

Our Street Party for the Queens' 90th Birthday



The Out and About Enrichment group have been busy this half term – we have been inside Blickling Hall, walked round the lake at Felbrigg, played crazy golf at Mundesley and having fun on Overstrand Beach. So far the weather has been very kind – let's hope it keeps

it up till the end of term!



Teamwork.

Fig Class had a wonderful time celebrating the Queen's birthday at the street party and games in the afternoon. It was lovely to see them cheering each other on and there was a real feeling of team spirit across the whole school. To be able to celebrate other people's success is a skill we have been working on in Fig and learning to be happy for our friends when they have done well at something.

During the week commencing 18th April all year 11 pupils completed a week of work experience. Here are some of the comments that they have made about the week:

My favourite thing was learning to lay a turf path and watering it every day. I got very muddy which was part of the fun--- Lee, Blickling Hall.

I was a T.A for the week in Chestnut, it was ok---- Liam

went to the Factory Shop, it was good and interesting and they have given me a Saturday job.--- Liam

I went to Wroxham Barns, it was good, my favourite bit was when the ladies were laughing----Eddie

I went to The Patch, it was really good. I liked all of it, I got a certificate at the end.--- Liam

I went to Strands charity shop, it was amazing---

I worked in the kitchen at school, it was really good.---- Thomas

I liked talking to the visitors about the plants at Felbrigg Hall and met some Americans in the greenhouse----Ryan

I helped some customers and enjoyed working with the people who worked there who were nice----Jay, Break charity

shop, Taverham

I loved working with the little kids, as they looked up to me as I was the only male in the school----Adam, East Ruston

Primary School

I learnt how to staple, photocopy, shred and how to send faxes and I also learned how to make a cup of tea! ---- Char-

lie, TPS, North Walsham

I learned how to stack shelves and put the stock into date order ---- Connor, Co-op, Sprowston

I really enjoyed learning to look after the animals and my favourite thing was feeding the lambs ----Lauren, Wroxham

Barns Junior Farm.

I enjoyed learning how to work on the till and about the different products as well as stacking the shelves ----

Matthew, Co-op, Cromer.



Upcoming Parent & Governor Coffee Morning/Afternoons:

Monday 16th May 11am

Lichfield Community Centre
Suffolk Road
Great Yarmouth
NR31 0EP



Catkins class really enjoyed Science day on Wednesday 23rd March. Some of our class dressed up for the day, we were especially impressed with Skye's awesome Solar System T-shirt which she created with some help from Mum! Well done Skye, top effort!



Strands Sixth Form Visit to Westover Large Animals Vet.

On Wednesday 27th April both Discovery and Explorer classes in the sixth form went to Westover Large Animal Vets in Hainford.

First we looked round a horse box and lorry. Part of the lorry had an area where the driver could sleep in a bunk bed. We then went to a weighing machine where 10 students weighed 560kg, the same as a horse! There was a paddock for lame horses to exercise in and lots of fields for growing hay.

We then had a special treat, we saw a Harris Hawk. He was called Griff and had an infected wing.

We went back to the horse. It had had two teeth out, we looked at them in a bowl, and they were very big. Some people listened to the horse's heart and stomach.

After seeing the horse we looked at some skulls. We also did some activities. We operated on a toy cow

(the Caesarean produced a horse, a goose, a lamb and a pig).

We investigated the insides of a cow, putting our arms up a cow's bottom. We used ultrasound to look at the blood in our arms and we looked at the X-rays of a dog with a broken bone.

After visiting the vets we had a picnic lunch and a walk to the lake at Blickling Hall.

It was a great day!



Mr Jones reports that at the Special Schools Swimming Gala on Friday 28th April Sidestrand Hall pupils tried their best and really excelled themselves by winning the following medals; In **Front Crawl**: Callum, Brandon and Keighley got bronze, Katie and Kyle the silver .aGreat effort by all.

In **Back Stroke** Thomas, Amie and Kayleigh won bronze, Chloe silver and Callum gold .Fantastic results for all.

In **Breast Stroke** Mason, Chloe and Kayleigh won bronze medals with Katy winning silver. The last races were mixed teams whereby Callum, Brandon, Katie and Chloe won silver in the free-style relay, an absolutely great result The mixed relay aided and unaided was contested by Thomas, Lewis, Amie and Hollie they finished 3rd and a bronze - Well Done ALL!! The award ceremony was straight after the last race and everyone clapped ALL the medallists, with a congratulations to all who took part from the organisers – A tiring but very enjoyable day.

NEW GOVERNORS

We are looking to recruit some new governors to join our Governing Body. School governors contribute to the school by:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

You will be required to attend at least 2 meetings a term and be prepared to visit the school on a regular basis. If you would like to know more, please contact the school office and we will arrange for one of our current governors to talk to you.

School Coffee Morning Tuesday 17th May to raise funds for the Year 11 Prom, please send your child to school with some pennies to buy cakes etc.

Dates for your diary:

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

Wed 18th May - School Photos

Tues 24th May - Africa Theme Day

Fri 27th May - End of term

Mon 6th June - Back to school

20th - 24th June - KS2/3 Activity Week

27th June - 1st July - Upper School Activity Week

Wed 6th July - Sports Day

Thurs 7th July - Reserve Sports Day

Fri 8th July - Prize Giving & Fete

Wed 20th July—End of term

We would like to say a really huge thank you to everyone who bought cakes baked by the Sixth Form. Their representatives on the school council had taken up the challenge of raising money to buy new equipment for break times. They raised over £150 which is being spent on toys and sports equipment requested by the students during a School Council survey. Fabulous work, Sixth Form – you are stars!



Over the last year we have been working hard to gain an award called the Inclusion Quality Mark. This involved highlighting the different ways that we are an inclusive school and meet the individual needs of the children and young people at Sidestrand. In March we had a visitor called Dave Stott who spent the day going into classes and talking with staff, pupils and Governors to understand all the different things on offer at Sidestrand and what it is like to be a part of our school. I am pleased to say that Dave was very impressed with what he saw and heard and the school has now been awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark, in his report he said "It was a pleasure to visit the school and to be given the opportunity to experience at first hand such an exciting, happy and motivational environment." Well done to everyone for their ongoing hard work!

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Could we remind parents that we do request a voluntary contribution of 50p a week towards the cost of providing toast when pupils arrive at school in the mornings.



Poorly Children

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



KS4 recently visited the Norwich and Norfolk Community Centre where students were able to talk to Muslims about their faith as part of their RE course work. The children really enjoyed the day and they were made to feel very welcome. We all commented on how patient and kind the volunteers were. They even laid on a super lunch for us which we hadn't expected. We will definitely be asking to take our new Year 10's there next year. Our next trip is to Strangers Hall in Norwich as part of the history unit on Tudor life. Please return the consent forms by the 7th June.

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