



# The Strand



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Well what a busy Half Term. It has been great to see so many trips going out and the students getting involved with lots of exciting things. We have even more to look forward to next term with a production at Cromer Pier with many students having taken part in auditions and roles allocated ready for rehearsals to begin in earnest after the half term



break. Students have been practicing and working on their Cross Country Personal Bests to take part in the School's Cross Country next week on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February for students to then be selected to represent Sidestrand later in the year with other schools. I hope that you have an enjoyable Half Term Break and we get to enjoy some more Spring Sunshine.

Ms Taylor - Co-Head



## Dates for your Diary

- **9th February—School Cross Country**
- **10th February—Last day of Term**
- **27th February—Back to school**
- **2nd March—World Book Day**
- **29th March—Rock Pool performance at Cromer Pier**
- **3rd—17th April—Easter Half Term**
- **1st May—Bank Holiday**
- **8th May—Bank Holiday**

### Useful Numbers:

Transport—0344 8008020

Immunisation Team—0300 5555055



Do you have any spare Lego laying around the house? If so, we are looking for donations of Lego for our Lego Club. More details to follow.



**Oak class** have really enjoyed getting into the wood workshop this half-term and beginning our topic of making a wooden robot! These are coming along really nicely and we are excited to bring them home to show you soon.



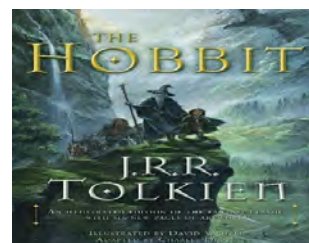
In Music we have been singing and learning the Matilda songs and reading the story of *Matilda* as a class. As a reward we had a trip to Cromer cinema to see the new film! It was a brilliant morning out and we must say a big thanks to Mrs Pim for organising it.



We have also really liked our topic of South America and are now much more confident with the continents and oceans as well as lots of facts about South American countries!



**Chestnut Class** have been studying life in The Middle Ages in Topic. Understanding what village and town life was like and what people did for work. Most people lived in small settlements and there was a structure and hierarchy with The King at the top and The Peasants at the bottom. It established a stable social order with respect and duty for those in higher place.



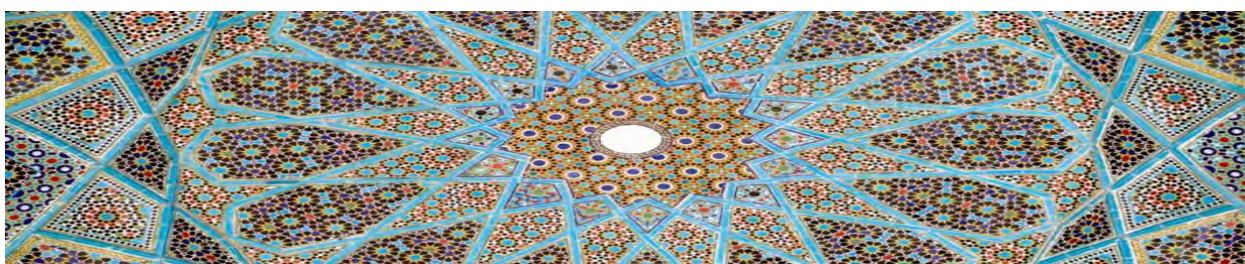
In English we have been studying The Hobbit which is great. Lots of exciting



characters and amazing settings. Gandalf, Bilbo Baggins and a company of 13 dwarves go on an adventure to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon.

In Maths we have been multiplying and counting and converting pounds and pence which will definitely come in useful.

In Art we have been researching and making Islamic and Christian Art and trying to produce similar work to that of Mondrian and Kandinsky. A really enjoyable and diverse half term.



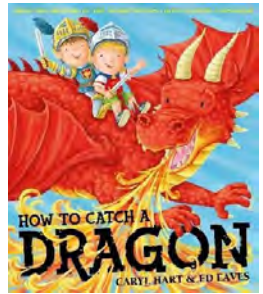




### Bay Class

In Literacy this half term we have been finding out all about dragons. We read the story 'How to catch a dragon' and made up our own plan to capture a dragon using a sleepy spell and a picnic!

We then looked at where dragons might live and designed and made our very own dragon lairs.

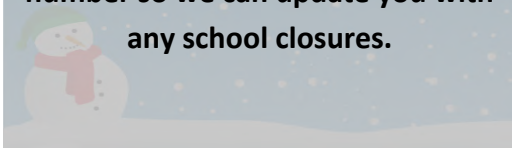


Acorns class went out to explore Holt Country Park.

We had a lovely walk and time on the playground plus our snacks in the outdoor learning classroom. On our walk we discovered and explored lovely winter scenes as icy trees and frozen puddles.



With the colder weather here, please can you make sure we have your most up to date mobile number so we can update you with any school closures.



### Volunteering with the National Trust

Some of our Yr11 pupils have been visiting the various National Trusts sites across North Norfolk (Sheringham Park, Felbrigg Hall and Horsey) over the last few months to take part in getting people more engaged with their environment, particularly through the medium of environmental listening and sound recording.



The pupils have been recording different natural sounds using a range of microphones. With the idea of turning these recordings into soundwalks and using these recordings to create podcasts to be broadcasted by a local radio station.

The pupils will be continuing with this project until the summer, so please keep an ear out for our podcasts!



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Just a reminder that School lunches cost £2.50. This can be paid either via SchoolMoney or cash sent in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and the reason for the money.



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# Lunch Menu

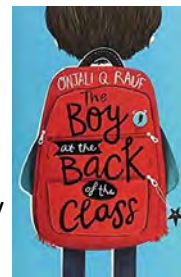
## SIDESTRAND HALL SCHOOL LUNCH MENU – Term 1 -4 AY 22-23

Jelly and Gluten Free Yogurts are available for those with dietary requirements.  
Pack lunch bags –ham, cheese, tuna or egg sandwich, bottle of water, yoghurt, fruit

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot	Pork & beef meatballs, sweetcorn & Garlic bread GF Pasta DF Bolognaise	Cottage pie with carrots, peas and gravy GF and DF	Bbq chicken melt with wedges & sweetcorn GF and DF	Cheese and potato pie with beans GF and DF	Fish fingers, chips & peas GF fish fingers DF
Vegetarian	Jacket Potato with Cheese salad	Vegetable pizza (sweetcorn, peppers, mushrooms) with Wedges GF and DF	Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, carrot, peas and gravy GF and DF	Quorn sweet and sour with rice GF and DF	Breaded veggie nuggets with chips and beans DF
Dessert	Fruity oatie with citrus icing	fruit crumble with custard	Cherry cupcake	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Strawberry jelly
Week One: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct, 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov, 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 20 <sup>th</sup> March					

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot	Chicken curry, rice and naan bread GF and DF	Sausage, Yorkshire pudding, mash, peas and gravy GF and DF	Roast chicken, roast potatoes, carrots, peas & gravy GF and DF	Pasta bolognaise and garlic bread GF and DF	Pork & Apple Burger with chips GF and DF
Vegetarian	Shepherdess pie with mixed vegetables GF and DF	Vegetable Curry with Rice & Naan Bread GF	Vegetable Lattice with Wedges & Salad	Jacket potato with cheese salad GF DF with beans	Veggie burger with chips and beans
Dessert	Raspberry & chocolate muffin	Cherry Oatie	Orange jelly	Apple crumble with custard	Vanilla Cupcake With Icing
Week Two: 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct, 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan, 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 27 <sup>th</sup> March					

Year 10 English group 1 have been reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf and we have used this to explore the plight of Syrian refugees. We have used the book as inspiration for improving our writing skills and this has produced some wonderful letters to the Government; a description of Ahmet's first day and the children have written fictional stories about a refugee's journey to England. Please do read a copy of Jessica's refugee story, which is just one example of their fabulous stories.



### Everybody's Welcome.

There was a boy in the canteen. There was a load of kids shouting and screaming. In the kitchen there were dinner ladies cooking and the boy could smell the food and hear kids screaming. The boy froze as he looked down at the dinner table closing his eyes as he then started to think of the past...

Two years ago the boy was sitting at the table, but this time it was in his house in Syria. He was drawing a picture of his parents. As the boy was drawing he could smell his mothers cooking. The boy loved his mothers food. It always tasted so good. The boy's dad was sitting next to the boy helping him draw. A little bit later the boy and his parents could hear shouting and screaming from outside. The boy and his parents ran to the window.

There were hundreds of people running for their lives. The boy looked back and saw tall men with huge guns shooting innocent people, even kids and babies. There were loads of people on their knees and their hands tied behind their backs. The people looked like they were crying. The boy didn't have time. His parents rushed the boy upstairs to pack as much as he could.

They rushed out and began to run as fast as they could. It took them an hour, maybe even more, to get away from all the shooting bombs. They saw loads of people getting in a truck and the boy with his family ran as fast as they could to get to it, but it was too full. Luckily, there was a new truck pulling up and they all got on it as it stopped.

A little while later..

The boy and his parents felt the truck stop and they could hear gunshots.

The boy and his parents were so frightened. The truck doors slowly opened as the boy saw the guns and the tall men again. The boy's dad jumped out and attacked the tall men with guns. The boy's mother shouted "RUN!" but the boy didn't want to leave them... but he had no choice.

The boy ran as fast as he could. He ran to the beach and the boy saw innocent people getting on a boat. He ran to the boat shaking and nervous he sneaked onto the boat hiding. He was so squished and he felt so scared and sick. A little while later the boy started to miss his parents. The boat stopped at a beach and the boy looked up and could see loads of people being helped. The boy slowly got out of the boat. The boy was so scared and couldn't stop shaking. Some nice people wrapped the boy up in warm blankets and made him feel safe but he was still scared.

"Oliver, Oliver!" Oliver heard his friend calling his name. Oliver opened his eyes and he was back in the canteen with the noisy children and the smell of cooking. He looked at his friend and he started to breathe slower and calmer. "Oliver, come play football with us!" smiled his friend.

And Oliver joined him, laughing.





It was lovely to see so many of you at the December Illuminate event – thank you for supporting the school and helping raise funds to the benefit of our young people. It was also good to speak to a few Parent/Carers at the recent Parent's evening when many of you took the opportunity to speak with teachers about the

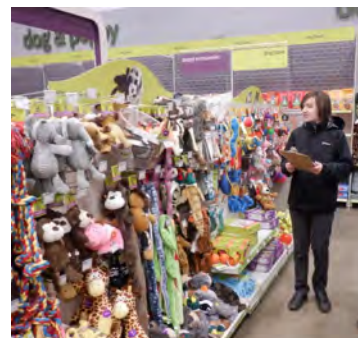
progress of your children. Remember - Governors can be contacted via the School Office. We do still have vacancies for a Co-opted Governor, Parent Governor and a Clerk!

Angela Wrighton Chair of Governors

Both the Small Animal Care Option groups visited Pets at Home in Norwich to complete two pieces of coursework for their AQA qualifications. The children worked independently finding out the costs of keeping a guinea pig and other animals. We looked at all the animals for sale and agreed that Pets at Home do look after the animals - we just hope their new owners do the same! We then went to Sainsburys where the children chose and paid for their own lunch - invaluable experience in becoming independent adults. We had a fabulous day and myself, Mrs Waters and Mr Hale were delighted with how brilliant the children were. They were a real credit to the school.



Mrs Gilman KS4



**Maple class** has been investigating Creation stories. They have learned all about the Big Bang Theory in Religious and Cultural Education and Art. They made each of the planets and created bright and colourful rockets. They are looking forward to the next story on their journey!



We've had a lovely time in **Pine Class** this half term. We've battled the bad weather and cold mornings and kept spirits high by learning songs from Matilda the musical. To celebrate the children's hard work, and to try new experiences, we went as a year group to Cromer cinema to see the film. We all enjoyed munching popcorn and singing along. Well done Year 7!







**Fig class** has had a busy half term! Here are some of our highlights! Fig has been learning all about the Middle Ages, the feudal system, knights, castles and what everyday life was like. In English, the class read and evaluated advertisements before writing their own for a toy of their choice. Multiplication and division has been the focus in Maths, looking at representations such as arrays and using multilink to scale and then moving on to using place value counters to multiply and divide. In Art we have been working on portraits in the style of Picasso; our results have been very interesting! Finally we have been identifying different types of birds, making bird feeders for them, then walking and spotting the birds we have learnt about.



**Birch class** studied the work of Alberto Giacometti in Art. They looked at his sketches, portraits and sculpture style. The children created sculptures of their own using wire and mod-roc and painted them colourfully to make them unique!



### **Financial support vouchers for those in receipt of Free school meals or 16-19 bursary**

These have been sent by email or via schoolpost (as per your request) for January and February. Total £30. If you have not received the voucher please contact [sbm@sidestrandhall.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@sidestrandhall.norfolk.sch.uk).

Vouchers covering March and April will be sent out at the end of March - £30.

We have no further information at this point if the scheme will be continuing beyond April.



**Conkers Class** have been creating art work inspired by Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. We looked at

the way she created unusual backgrounds for her portraits and then made our own using collage techniques, combined with drawing and photographs.



In PE during the first half of the Spring term we have been doing Cross Country, Indoor Hockey and Volleyball. The Year 11 Sports



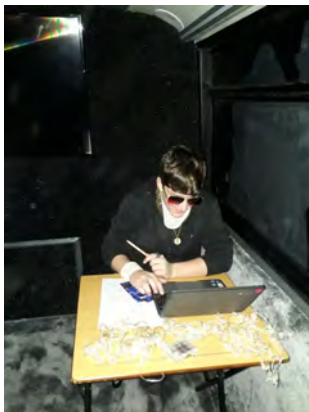
Leaders have been helping out during Oak's Cross Country lessons by buddying up with a Year 7 student and giving them tips, encouragement and being a role model towards them. It has been great to see the progress of the Sports Leaders and the engagement from Oak class.



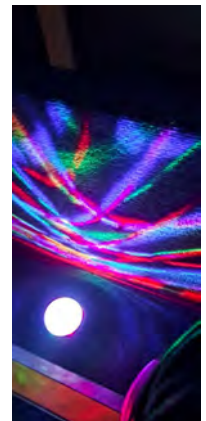
# Life in Residential...



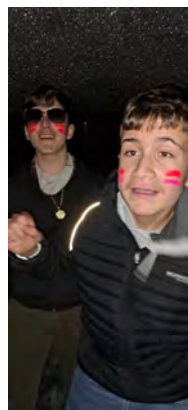
We are pleased to announce that following an Ofsted inspection the Residential provision has been graded overall "good". We would like to thank all the staff, external professionals and parents for their hard work and support. We are extremely proud of our young people who board and how they managed the inspection. Both inspectors commented on how much they enjoyed spending time with the young people. The full inspection report can be found on our website.



So, it was all aboard the library bus at school and turned it into the party bus. The party was hosted by our resident DJ Keiran. He mixed up some great tunes. We all had a great time.



Up and coming theme nights is  
**"Music through the decades"**



If you would like to know more about the residential provision and what we offer. Please contact Simon White or Simon Yockney via the school reception office for more information.