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Welcome to our October Newsletter

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I hope that your child has settled well in the first few weeks of this new academic year. I am pleased to say that we have made some changes to our website, please take a look at sidestrandhall.norfolk.sch.uk. I hope you will find lots of useful information on it, from finding out about what they are learning to forthcoming events and who to contact.

I am proud to be the new Headteacher of this school and I am committed to working hard with the staff to ensure that we are always offering the best of the best for our students. We would very much like to have some feedback from you as your opinion matters to us. Therefore on the new website, or if you follow this link <https://forms.gle/w21V3BWHgRLY4a3T9> it will take you to a parent survey. Please complete by 3/11/23.

We hope to offer some opportunities in the school year to have some coffee mornings where we will be offering some themed discussions around Autism, Internet Safety, and supporting your child with reading. I hope to meet new and existing parents of the school over the next few months, either at one of our themed coffee mornings, one of our Christmas themed events or at parent evenings. Your support is much appreciated and I look forward to the year ahead.

Ms. S. Taylor



Oak Class

This half term we have been focussing on the inspirational local artist, Samuel Thomas.



His work has wowed us with Thomas' use of bright vivid colours and the themes of optimism and escapism.

Samuel Thomas talked to us about how he sketches his art and transforms it into the finished pieces. We were lucky enough he then worked with us to help us to create our own versions of one of his pieces.



We had a brilliant time learning from the master and asking Samuel Thomas lots of questions about his inspirations and methods. Thank you to Samuel for his very valuable time.



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 20th October - Last day of term, normal finish
- Monday 30th October - Back to school
- Friday 17th November - Children in Need
- Thursday 7th December - Christmas Light Walk, more details to follow
- Monday 18th December - Cromer Church Carol Service, more details to follow
- Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term, students leave at 1.30pm
- Thursday 4th January - Back to school



Fig & Beech class have enjoyed getting to know the Victorian era and learning about what life was like then. This included a visit to the Gressenhall Museum where they had to try and solve the mystery of the stolen candlesticks. The students took part in activities such as stone picking on the farm, writing in copper-plate handwriting in the school room, unpicking oakum in the workhouse and trying drop scones with the cook. It was a lovely day with lots of memories made and the students were able to share so much of their new knowledge back in the classroom! Well done Year 9!



Here at Sidestrand Hall School we take safeguarding your children very seriously.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Michael Kelly.

You can find our safeguarding policy on our website.

<https://sidestrandhall.org.uk/safeguarding/>



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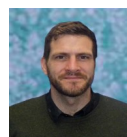
Safeguarding is everybody's business and we actively promote a whole school culture of openness and vigilance where all learners and staff are safe.

If you know, hear or see something
SAY SOMETHING

You can talk to



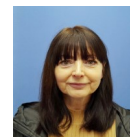
Ms Taylor



Mr Kelly



Mrs Barley



Ms
Chadfield

We recently had the immunisation team in administering the Flu Vaccination to our Students. If your child missed out, here are a few dates when they are in the area.



- * Saturday 11th November at Great Yarmouth Library NR30 2SH 9.30am-2.30pm
- * Saturday 9th December at Kings Lynn The Discovery Centre PR30 2LA 9.30am-2.30pm

If you would like to book your child in please call the Immunisation team on 0300 555 5055.



Useful telephone numbers

Transport - 0344 8008020

Immunisation Team - 0300 5555055



You will remember last year's house vote being an incredibly successful, democratic process where every child was able to cast a vote on animals they had chosen to represent their house. These have now given each house team greater identity and, in turn, a new purpose to become House Cup Winners 2023-24.

Already this year, we can see an obvious increase in the number of House Points pupils are earning and contributing to their houses' success, and the race for first place is truly on. To make this more exciting for each pupil on a personal level, we have also introduced the Sidestrand Hall Rewards Graduation. Pupils can now work to reach certain House Point thresholds, and at each one receive a reward of recognition. So far this year, dozens of pupils have received texts home congratulating them for earning 25 house points, and we currently have a large group of pupils who will receive postcards home celebrating their 50 point milestone. Please see a copy of the Reward Graduation (for those year groups with planners, the table can also be found on Page 16).

Humans respond positively to reward and no more so than the young people we nurture, who crave positive recognition and approval. At Sidestrand Hall, reward is an intrinsic part of what we do in producing a culture of behaviour that aids and enhances learning. Our team is constantly looking for new ways to reward, and is asked to actively seek opportunities to praise and recognise the brilliance of the young people we all teach. This newsletter is just a snippet of how we do this, and a celebration of those pupils who deserve to be rewarded for making the school such a special place.

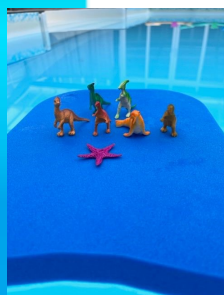
We are more than excited about the increased purpose and direction in our refreshed reward system and know it is integral to the success of the school. We hope you will join us in helping each child reach their next House Point threshold, and subsequently contribute to their house in the hope of making them Sidestrand Hall House Cup winners.

HOUSE POINT REWARD GRADUATION



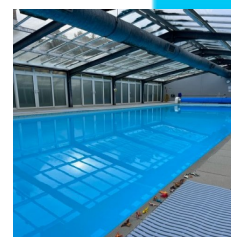
| House Points | Rewards | Visuals |
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| 25 | You'll receive a congratulatory text home! | |
| 50 | A postcard will come through your door from your tutor! | |
| 75 | You'll receive a letter of recognition from your Phase Leader! | |
| 100 | You'll be awarded a 100 Club Pen in assembly! | |
| 200 | You'll be awarded a Sidestrand Hall 200 Badge in assembly! | |
| 300 | You'll join SMT for afternoon tea, and receive a letter of congratulations. | |
| 400 | You'll be awarded a Sidestrand Hall 400 Sweatshirt which you can wear proudly around school! | |

Swimming 23/24



We are so delighted that we are now running our own swimming lessons in Lower School with our very own swim teacher. So far it has been a great success and the children are really enjoying the sessions. Over the course of the year we will be working through different swimming badge schemes.

This half term Acorns Class and a few from Olive Class have been working towards getting their Octopus Level 1 badge, which involves how to enter the water safely, blowing bubbles in water and trying to put their faces in the water.



Conkers and Olive are working towards Octopus Level 2 which involves trying to swim 5 metres front paddle with a woggle and trying to perform a star float for 5 seconds.

Four students from Conkers Class have been working towards Octopus Level 3 which involves trying to perform a rescue to each other, which they have successfully done and also trying to swim 5 metres on their front, rolling onto their back and then back on their front again.



Welcome to a new school year and to those new staff and pupils who have joined us. Governors have already met to review the statutory documents, and completed our Safeguarding training. We extend our thanks to Mr Lloyd Johnson for all his work as a Parent Governor, as he has resigned from his post, which means we are now looking for another person to fill that role – please contact the office if interested once the official letter has been sent out.



We also thank the Rev Roger Billings – former Chair of Governors for many years - for his work as a Co-opted Governor but he will stay on as an Associate Governor as he would like to stay in contact with the school as it develops, and as a Strands Trustee. So, we are also looking for a replacement Co-opted Governor. We look forward to seeing Parents, Carers and Families at future school events this term. Remember - Governors can be contacted via the school Office.

Angela Wrighton Chair of Governors

Please ensure you call or email **every day** that your child is off ill before 9.15am.

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studentabsence@sidestrandhall.net



A big thank you to all those who donated for our harvest celebration. We had so much handed in and it has now all been donated to the local food bank.



Endeavour Class

We have been following the Titan programme for pedestrian training in Cromer. Students get the opportunity to practise crossing the roads using different types of crossings

independently. In the summer they will have a chance to complete the Titan assessment walking totally independently around Cromer.

This term we also went to the Foodbank.



Did you know that the food here is given away for free?

They do not just give out food, they give out toiletries, sanitary towels and pet food.

They have baby food for families, and every box has chocolate and crisps.

There are lots of food banks across Norfolk. The food banks are run by paid staff and volunteers. Fresh foods are put into community fridges and this food is for free for everyone. For the foodbank you need a voucher.

Tim told us all about the work they do in Cromer. It was interesting to see them weigh the food. Last year they gave out 70 tonnes of food and products.

The Art and Textile Option groups had a fabulous day exploring the art installations at Houghton Hall. For some children, this was the first time they had experienced so many huge, abstract sculptures that you could interact with. The art ranges from water and fire fountains to buildings where you sit and watch the sky form ever-changing pictures. The gardens are stunning and the children particularly loved the walled garden - dare I say, one of the best in England, even at this time of the year. I think the children came away inspired, and we shall certainly be using some of our ideas in future art projects.

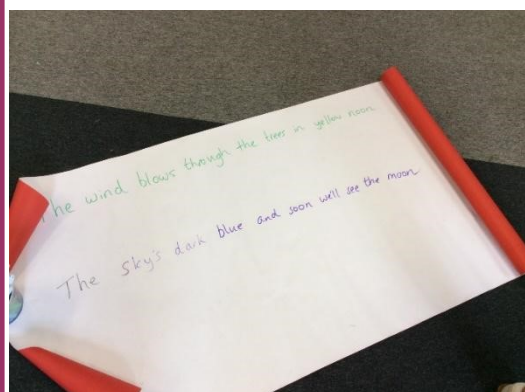


A Midsummer Night's Dream Madness

This half term we have had Norwich Puppet Theatre come into school to work with us on the play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Some students have looked at this in previous years and Year 7's will be looking at it as part of their Literacy Curriculum later in the year. They watched a performance of the play. This used shadows, lights and music to tell the story. The children joined in with and Miss Sear even got up on stage to play the part of one of the Mechanicals. They thought it was really funny when one of the characters had a spell put on them to turn them into a donkey. The students were allowed to go up at the end and explore some of the props and look at the projector. After this, Year 7 groups had two workshops exploring the magical world in the story and also the language. They looked at rhyme and natural language and made up their own poetic lines with actions, which they performed to each other. We all had a really good day.



Bradley from Birch said 'I liked all the projectors and all that stuff' and Kelly said 'I liked the donkey; it was funny'.



Pine Class



We've enjoyed a busy first half term in Pine Class and the weeks have flown by. The children are really enjoying our work on Queen Victoria and have written some brilliant diary entries from the view point of a child working in a cotton mill. We're very much looking forward to our trip to Gressenhall in November. Other highlights have been making nesting boxes in DT, seasonal cooking in food lessons, a visit from the Puppet Theatre and an author talk to finish our English work on biographies. Have a lovely break.

Rapping in Lower School – 12th October

The younger students in Key Stage 2 had a real treat this week, as we had a poet in to help them with their Literacy Topic for this half Term – Fables and Fairy stories. He started the day with an interactive performance where he entertained the children with poems that they could join in with. Most of them were really funny, including one about eating sprouts. We even had some audience participation as Mrs Smith got up on stage to help with the actions. Each class then had a workshop with him, where they looked at some fairy stories and made up their own using rap. We did some great rhyming and made our own rapped version of 'The Gingerbread Man' called 'The Stinky Cheese Man'. One of the students worked at illustrations for our story. Jenson said 'It was funny and good' and Archie added 'Fun! The story was fun! It turned into a rap – we turned it into a rap – all of us did!'. Thank you Dave for a brilliant day.



During this half term all classes have been learning about different invasion games mainly taking part in Rugby and Football lessons. It has been great to see so many interested in Rugby and developing their knowledge of the game, especially with the Rugby World Cup currently on. Some groups have also received brilliant Indoor Cricket sessions from Coach Andy who represents Norfolk Cricket Board. Our first PE trip out this year was Maple class going to High Altitude where they had an amazing time trying out the different activities and bouncing around the place. Well done to all for a great start in PE and we look forward to the next busy half term leading up to Christmas.

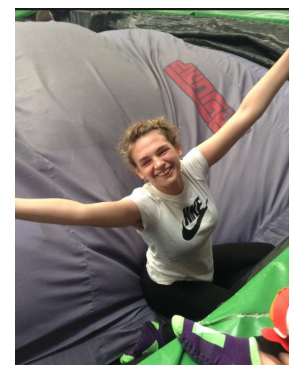
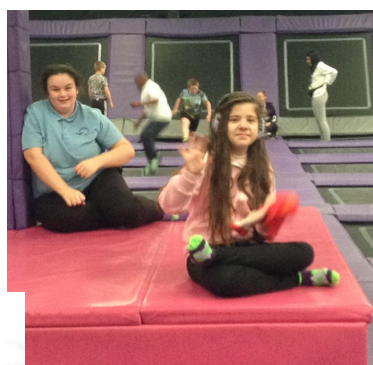
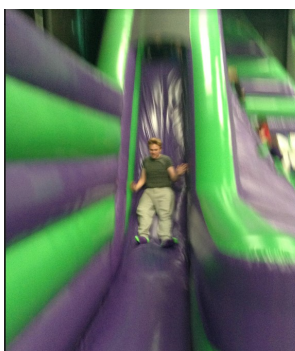




Fig class have enjoyed getting outside this half term as much as possible for Outdoor Learning where the class has explored trees, played team games and created art, as well as clearing the beds for bulb planting. The class has also managed to get outside when we can for drama where we have been experimenting with freeze framing and miming. In Art, Pop Art has been the focus and the students have created some amazing prints and Warhol and Lichtenstein style pictures. There have also been some delicious dishes created in Food Technology as the students develop their skills in the kitchen. Fig enjoyed a recent visit to the library where the students learnt about how to use the library and what services are available to them - free of charge! Finally the class has thoroughly enjoyed their Victorian Topic and looked at how their lives are different to those in Victorian times.



You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. Here are some telephone numbers and websites that tell you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on the Norfolk County Council website www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving. If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.



- Client Hardship Service (CHS) (formerly known as Norfolk Assistance Scheme) www.norfolk.gov.uk/chs. If you do not have internet access call 0344 800 8020.
- Citizens Advice provide information about benefits, how to deal with debt, what you are entitled to and who to speak to if you are at risk of losing your home. Visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk or call 0800 144 8848.
- Ask Bill offers free and impartial advice about money and bills. Visit www.askbill.org.uk
- Short term / emergency food help Foodbanks can provide short-term help if you are struggling to afford to buy food. To find a foodbank near to you search for food banks or supermarkets at <https://communitydirectory.norfolk.gov.uk> or call Trussell Trust Tel: 01722 580180.
- Money Saving Expert (MSE) offers help and advice on a whole range of subjects, including signposts to advice agencies. Visit www.moneysavingexpert.com
- Better Together Norfolk offers advice on reducing energy bills. Call 0300 303 3920 or visit www.bettertogethernorfolk.org.uk



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Thank you

**For non emergencies dial 101.
Always dial 999 in an emergency.**



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