



Year 4 Newsletter

April 2019

Points of Interest

- Welcome
- Strangers Hall
- Historical Conference
- ICC
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Friday 26th April—
Football Welcomes Tournament

**Monday 29th April and
Thursday 2nd May** -
Parents Evenings.

Wednesday 15th May -
Malawi and Renewable energy visitors to school.

Forest Schools - Every
Thursday from April 25th
onwards.

Parent Volunteers

We are always keen to have parent volunteers in school! Whether this is as a one off or as a more regular slot, we really value your support.

Please do contact us if you are keen to help and support around school!

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a lovely Easter Holidays and that you are all feeling refreshed and ready to learn! To help keep you up to date with our curriculum this half term, you will find a curriculum map on the school website as well as Class Dojo. In addition to this, we will also be uploading our optional homework activities and newsletters.

Strangers Hall and Historical Conference

Our trip to Strangers Hall was a huge success and children seemed to come back enthused about the topic and keen to learn even more about the history of Norwich as a place of sanctuary. As usual, their behaviour was excellent.

As part of our ICC topic last half term we took part in a 'Historical Conference' at Wensum Junior School. Children were required to deliver a 5 minute oral presentation in front of other children and teachers without the aid of PowerPoint or other computer software. They did a fantastic job! All of the staff were hugely impressed with the children's professionalism and level of preparation. Well done Year 4!

ICC - Clean and Sustainable Energy For All

This half term we will be embarking on an ICC topic entitled 'Clean and Sustainable Energy for all'. I'm sure over the Easter holidays many of you will have seen news reports, television documentaries and newspaper articles about global warming, climate change and pollution. These are all issues that threaten the future of our planet and we believe it is highly important that our children not only understand these issues, but recognise some of the solutions too. In the next 5 weeks, we will be exploring how global warming occurs, what effect it has on the World's environments and how we can try and reduce/stop global further warming. We will examine renewable energy sources and make links to the story 'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind'.

Forest Schools and Cooking

4RB will be doing Forest Schools and Cooking this half term. Please be mindful of the weather and ensure that children come to school with the appropriate clothing and gear. A water bottle (especially in the warmer weather) is essential. Sun cream and sun hats are strongly advised too. That said, this is England and rain is often on the horizon...

In the coming few weeks children will be cooking soup, bread, a variety of main meals and a few sweet treats.

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Shoe Laces

It might sound obvious, but learning to tie your shoe laces is a vital skill! There are still many children in Year 4 that will ask adults to tie their laces for them. Whilst we are happy to help, it does take up quite a bit of time; especially if they are all getting changed for PE. Please practice this skill with them at home...

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Telling the time is another hugely important skill and a rather complex thing to master. If your child is not completely confident with the many different ways of talking about time, make time in every day to give opportunities for them to practice. Little and often is the key! Think about the 12 and 24 hour clock as well as language like half past and quarter to/past.

Shoe Laces

It might sound obvious, but learning to tie your shoe laces is a vital skill! There are still many children in Year 4 that will ask adults to tie their laces for them. Whilst we are happy to help, it does take up quite a bit of time; especially if they are all getting changed for PE. Please practice this skill with them at home...

If you try out any of these activities, please let us know how it goes! You can share your learning in the reading record book, write or post photos on Class Dojo, or bring things in to show in class.