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Diabetes Study

We are very pleased to be taking part in a screening study for Type 1 diabetes. Often children are not diagnosed soon enough and this can lead to serious ill health in the future.
Researchers at the University of Birmingham are conducting the study, known as the ELSA study
The ELSA study is screening children, aged 3-13 years to find out their risk of getting type 1 diabetes. This is a simple finger stick blood test; we are offering the screening at your child's school on: Friday 7th March 2025. We do hope as many families as possible will sign up.
Children at high risk can be monitored and could enter research studies aiming to delay the start of type 1 diabetes. Every family who takes part in the ELSA study is helping us to understand more about type 1 diabetes. Attached to the email is the parents' information leaflet for this study. If you would like to take part or to find our more information, please visit their website or scan the QR code below. If you have any questions, please contact the ELSA study team by email, phone or on their website. If you decide you are not interested in this study, you do not need to do anything further. Parental consent is required for your child to take part. More information is on the email with this newsletter.
FURTHER INFORMATION:
View the ELSA Website here: http://www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk
TO CONSENT YOUR CHILD TO THE STUDY: Sign your child up here: http://redcap.link/The_ELSA_Study (includes link to Parent Information Sheet)
ELSA Study Team: Website: www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk
Phone: 0121 414 7814 (9-5pm).
Email: elsa@contacts.bham.ac.uk
Address: ELSA study team, Ground Floor, Institute of Translational Medicine, Heritage Building, Mindelsohn Way, Birmingham, B15 2TH

Computing Workshop Date Change

The computing workshop for parents and carers is now on **Wednesday 26th February at 2.15** in the Junior Hall. Do come along and find out how we teach computing, including online safety.

Baby News

We are saying congratulations to Mrs Rathi, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Tataryn who are all expecting their second babies at some point in the summer term or the summer holidays! This is an exciting time for them and we will share details of maternity cover arrangements as soon as we have them. Rest assured they are planning ahead to ensure the change is seamless for the children.

Making Sense of SEND

Pease click on the link below for a free event to support parents of children with SEND.
This will take place in Cromer on the 23rd January.
https://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/article/65750

Step Into Tech Techathon 19/20th February

Norfolk County Council, along with Aviva, Norwich University of Arts and @One Alliance (Anglian Water) are sponsoring this event being co-organised by ICT Solutions and Step into Tech.
The Techathon lets young people aged **8 to 18** explore the possibilities of technology in an informal and creative environment. Over the course of two days, each team takes on one of our challenges, trying out ideas, finding out what works and what doesn't.
It's a great opportunity to meet like-minded people, expert mentors and even potential future employers.
It's a fun-packed event with the opportunity to learn new skills, make friends and even win prizes.
A two-day ticket costs £10, which includes lunch / snacks / refreshments for the young person. If cost is a problem for you, please contact us - we can provide a free ticket thanks to the support of our sponsors. You can get tickets online via **Eventbrite**.
Find out more on **the step into techathon website**. For any additional queries email **hello@stepintotech.org**

Avian Dance School Visit for Years 1 and 2

On Thursday 16th and Friday 17th January, the year 1 and 2 children had a visit from the Avian Dance School in Norwich. Miss Harriet from the dance school ran a dance and storytelling workshop with all 6 classes across year 1 and 2. They enjoyed re-enacting different parts of the story through means of dance as well as using props for the broomstick and magic wand! All the children who took part had great fun and had a smile on their face throughout! All children received a sticker for their behaviour and hard work, and one child per class won a special sticker for their stand out performances!
It was a great opportunity to combine both their PE and reading, enabling them to creatively act out a story and use expression in their reading through dance!
Azariah in year 1 said, "I love this story. It was fun being the witch!"
Zachary in year 2 said, "It was so much fun pretending to ride a broomstick in the sky."
For photos from the event, please visit
https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/pe-events/avian-dance-school-visit-to-ks1-spring-1-2025/

Dodgeball Event

Some of our Year 5s were very lucky to have the opportunity to take part in a Dodgeball event at the UEA. The theme this year was "Honesty" and Dylan was chosen especially for this certificate and sticker, although all the team members displayed this quality.
We managed to get into the semi-finals and it was a draw after the 3 matches. The game then went to "sudden death" where we were beaten. We are very proud though to have come 4th overall, out of 10 teams.
For photos from the event see https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/pe-events/dodgeball/

Parking

Just our usual reminder to NOT park on the zigzags or the double yellow lines, and not to stop there to drop children off please. It does present a danger to our children and families so please arrive in plenty of time to park safely when dropping off or collecting your children. Thankyou