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## Teachers plan further strike this week

By Molly Sebastian

Teachers are planning to strike on Wednesday after their first strike on Feb 1st was not successful as they didn't get the pay rise they wanted.

Last week the NEU went to meet the government to try and persuade them for a pay rise. If the government had said yes and put more cash in school budgets, the strikes would probably have been called off. The next strike dates after this week are March 15th and 16th. Teachers are also striking due to the amount of hours they have to work outside of school. This includes marking, planning lessons and meetings.

Another reason is because the pay rise that teachers got was out of the school

budget, which means that there is less money for the school, so the children at schools won't have much money for resources.

Miss Barnes said: "Teachers do not want to strike but it is the only way the government will recognise what we want to happen. I personally think that it isn't the best way to do this but it cannot be done any other way."

In the Infant school, two thirds of the teachers will be on strike. In the Junior school, there are twelve classes and three will be closed. Only teachers in the NEU (National Education Union) can strike, and no teaching assistants are allowed to strike this time.



Anglia TV reporter Natalie Grey came to school to interview teachers and children on the last strike day.

Our school was on Anglia News that night, with interviews with Mr Rice, Anton Dansoh and Maddi Clarke. Here she is with cameraman Shaun Lawson and Year 5s Lottie Pither, Megan, Leticya Galante and Maddi. Full story Page 2.



# Anglia News Covers Strikes at Caister

*By Lotty Pither*

ANGLIA TV reporter Natalie Grey and cameraman Shaun Lawson came to interview some children on how they felt about the strikes. She interviewed Anton and Maddi Clarke, and then Mr Rice. The story was the lead item on Anglia News that evening. "It's sad that it has come to this" explained Mr Rice in his interview. "Teachers don't want to strike but they are concerned about school budgets falling." It was a normal day for 5M and Mr Hobart until

the crew turned up. They filmed a around the room for about 20 minutes while Mr Hobart was teaching English, and then politely asked some children to be interviewed about the strikes. The lucky children who got picked to get interviewed were Maddi Clark and Anton Dansoh. Anton said he was annoyed that he was having to come to school while his sister stayed at home all day. Maddi said she thought it was unfair too but both were thrilled they were going to be on TV.



**Anglia TV Reporter Natalie Gray interviews Mr Rice**

## DANCERS SET FOR ACADEMY SHOW

*By Alice Newman*

A DANCE coach from Caister Academy has set up an after school dance club for Year 5 and 6. They are rehearsing a dance routine for the Caister Academy Spring Show.

Mollie in Year 6 said: "We are having a huge amount of fun performing dances through games.." William from Year 6 added: "Each week we learn a new section of the

dance and we recap what we learned the week before." The group and their coach, Mr Ames, hope to have a full routine ready to perform in front of parents and high school students.

# Mrs Grant retires from Caister kitchen

Mrs Grant has retired as Head Cook of Caister Infant School after 14 years, **writes Alice Newman.** She hasn't just worked at Caister, she has worked in other schools too – she has cooked in schools for 32 years.

"I am going to miss everyone and I wish everyone at the school good luck," said Mrs Grant.

After she retires, Mrs Grant wants to spend more time with her family and maybe even get a dog.



## Topsy Turvy Day is fun

by George Bowles

**Junior and Infant** school teachers took part in Topsy Turvy Day, when they taught different year groups for the day. Year 6 teachers taught Year 2, Year 5 teachers taught Year 1, Year 4 taught Reception and year 3 went to the nursery. Meanwhile the Infant school teachers came here.

However, Mrs Warner swapped on Thursday 23rd February as she and Mrs Lawes were not able to swap on Thursday 2nd February.

Mason, Sophia, and Grace in class 6T said they enjoyed the day with Mrs Stone and they would be happy to do it again with the same teacher. My teacher Miss Tate said: "It was very different to teaching year 6 and I found it interesting to see the difference in their learning,".

On Tuesday 7th March teaching assistants will swap year groups.

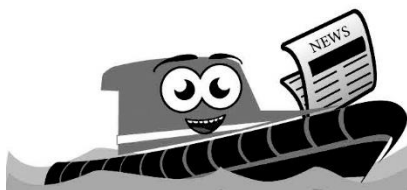
## Seagull attack on playground

Esmae Hacon, in 4BW, was hit on her head by a seagull while out on the playground one breaktime, **writes Vilhelmina Stankeviciute.**

The girl was sure that it was a seagull because they were swooping viciously at the children trying to steal their food.

Mrs. Brett informed all the other teachers so they could warn their pupils to be aware of their surroundings.

Esmae stated that it was her friends that had food but she got hit either way. To fix this problem from happening again, we now eat inside in the hall.



Caister Junior School

# SPORT

## Boys football team into semi-finals of the cup

By Ethan Christian

### **WOODLANDS 1 - 2 CAISTER**

Caister took the first kick of the game and played the ball straight out to the right-hand side giving Caister the opening chance, but the Woodlands keeper saved a near post shot by Bobby Bird. More and more chances came for both teams but there were no goals coming from them until quick play from Caister led the ball to travel to the wings and crossed to the back post and Jensen Clark made it 0-1 to Caister.

After the goal, the momentum was high but not high enough and Woodlands got through Caister's defence and equalized before half time making it 1-1.

Mr Bartram said at half time that 'Caister had been the better side' in these first 20 minutes of the game. The second half was end-to-end with saves and great pieces of

defending, but fortune was with Caister with Joe Goggins scored to make it 1-2 to Caister.

As the referee blew the whistle for full time delight filled the Caister team. A 1-2 win to Caister sent them to the Semi-finals of the cup where they will face Cliff Park.

### **Cracker-Jack**

#### **Caister 1 – 4 Martham**

Jack Hill scored an amazing goal for the Year 5 team in their opening league game against Martham.

He dribbled past two defenders before sending a ferocious shot into the far corner.

But it wasn't enough to stop the team sliding to a 4-1 defeat against a strong Martham team. Jacob Bartley made some good saves in goal and Regan Jonas had a great game at the back.

### **Cross Country Success for Caister Runners**

By Ethan Christian

This year's cross country event was hosted at Bure Park last Thursday, where parents were allowed to watch for the first time in four years due to covid. The top runners for Caister Junior School were Harrison Lowen, Travis Hardy and Bobby Bird, who finished 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> respectively.

But the most tired person on the day was Mr Bartram, who ran the course three times, putting down the cones and picking them up again.

Mr Bartram said: "It was lovely to get back out into the outdoors and watch competitive sport. "All the children performed brilliantly and represented the school very well. "I'm proud of all of them."

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