

News and Events

Friday 7th October

Dear Parents/Carers,



Today in our Celebration Collective Worship we celebrated Nicola (Voyagers) for the value of wisdom, Leo (Discoverers) for the value of hope, Harlow (Explorers) for the value of agape and Marcey (Shooting Stars) for the value of thankfulness.

Congratulations to them all.

It was wonderful to see so many of our school community together for our Harvest Festival yesterday. Thank you for the generous donations for Storehouse Food Bank. Their poster reflects our current focus value of hope and I think it is a wonderful way for us all to feel we can dispense hope to others. Thank you again.

Also, a huge well done to our Head Girls and House Captains for leading our service.

Listening to our school sing with such enthusiasm, and have a little dance, is always uplifting—I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.



Important dates for your diary

10th October 3:30pm—Y5/6 Acorn football festival

18th October - own clothes day. £1 donation for FOWAS

19th October—TD Day. School closed

31st October - Term 2 begins

1st/2nd November - Parent Consultation Meetings. Sign up sheets in reception from Monday.

Attendance

Highest attendance:

Shooting Stars 100%

Lost learning: 77.5 hours



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Reminders

1st Thursday of the month – Pre-loved school uniform for sale in the library
The library is open after school on Tues and Fri.



Congratulations to Lawson and James who received TT Rock Stars certificates in assembly. Lawson is now recognised as a rock wannabee and James as a rock busker!

Children in KS2 have access to TT Rock Stars to help support their times tables knowledge. It is a national app which places schools locally on a leader board. We are currently 27th out of 30th and are now feeling rather competitive, especially as a very local school is in first place!



An opportunity for the artists....the Oexmann Art Competition will be returning in November!

The aim of the Oexmann Art Competition is to encourage anyone born or currently living in Wiltshire to engage in art and have the chance for their submitted works to be judged by three experienced artists. There are two categories for young people to submit their work (which can be either 2D or 3D), based on age ranges as of November. Entry is free and participants are allowed to submit up to 2 pieces. A poster about it can be found further into this newsletter.

Congratulations to Abigail who won Parents Choice for player of the week for her superb goalkeeping which saw her team win 4-2.



Acorn Senior Executive Column

Welcome to the Acorn Senior Executive Column. Once a month we will share information and ideas with you about our roles and our work.

I thought I would start with a few key facts on Acorn Education Trust (AET). We comprise:

- One central senior executive and school improvement team
- Two standalone nurseries – The Avenue Children’s Centre and Heytesbury Hedgehogs
- Fourteen primary schools – Bulford St. Leonards CE Primary School, Dilton Marsh CE Primary School, Durrington All Saints CE Infants School, Great Wishford CE Primary School, Heytesbury CE Primary School, Keevil CE Primary Academy, Netheravon All Saints CE Primary School, New Close Primary School, Rowde CE Primary Academy, St John’s CE Primary School, St Michael’s CE Primary School, The Avenue Primary School and Children’s Centre, Wansdyke School, West Ashton CE Primary School
- Three secondary schools – Avon Valley Academy; The Clarendon Academy and Kingdown School
- 5060 children or young people
- 848 staff
- Our vision - “transforming lives through education”
- Our mission – “preparing young people for their world in their time”
- Our values:
 - * Active and visible leadership
 - * Care, support and challenge
 - * Opportunities for all
 - * Readiness to reach out
 - * Needs of all are paramount

The Senior Executive Team is:

Karen Bannister – Head of Primary Operations
Max Burr – Executive Headteacher Primary Schools
Katy Dunnion – Head of Business Strategy
Sara Edwards – Chief Executive Officer
James Evans – Head of Estates
Sue Fulbrook – Head of Disadvantaged and SEND
Elaine Fullick – PA to Sara Edwards
Rob Knott – Head of IT
Rob Price – Director of Education – Secondary
Charlotte Robinson – Director of Education – Primary
Jo Ronxin – Head of Safeguarding, Communications and School Support
Fiona Simpson – Head of Finance
Anna Williams – Head of HR

The role of the team is to implement the strategy created by the Board of Directors, lead on all operational matters ensuring that we are economically efficient and effective, safe, resources are of a good standard and every nursery/school is improving.

Sara Edwards
CEO

News from the classes via our School Parliamentarians:

Shooting Stars: We have had lots of fun making pirate maps and hiding treasure. We have also made potions in the water. In maths we have been learning all about number five. Number five number block likes to give out 'high fives'. Rhiannon

Explorers: This week we found facts about a type of bear from the book we've been reading in our English lessons, we got to pick from sloth, polar, sun, grizzly or panda bear. In PE we practiced dribbling a ball through cones and if we touched one we had to freeze, until someone came and unfroze us. Luca and William

Discoverers: In English we are planning a twisted tale which is based on the traditional fairy tale 'Cinderella'. We will start to write our own story next week. In Maths, Year 4 are learning the column method for adding and subtracting and Year 3s are doing some exchanging to help when adding and subtracting. We made optical illusions in art this week, it was tricky but fun. We are also making lots of noise with our Gumboot song in Music! Brie

Voyagers: This week in science we have planned an experiment. In English, we have finished our Beowulf guides. In RE we made our own Anglo-Saxon villages and in music we used instruments to make a danger music theme. Thalia and Abigail

We are seeing a growing number of appointments made within the school day. Whilst attending a medical, optician or dental appointment will be counted as authorised as long as the pupil's parent/carer notifies the school in advance of the appointment with the appointment card, the impact of reduced attendance at school does impact a child's progress.

Following surgery hours returning to normal post Covid, we encourage parents/carers to make medical, optician and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, in the event of an emergency, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary and return to school following the appointment.

Thank you for your support with this.

Monday sees our first Acorn sports festival with the Y5/6 footballers taking part. Good luck Voyagers team!

Best wishes,

Alex Blake-Thwaite



DESIGN A FLAG COMPETITION

CULTURAL COMPETITION - design a flag reflecting the School games value for your area (see below)

Winning designs will be printed onto a flag to be displayed at School Games events.

Example flag:



Designs can be hand drawn or computer generated to fill an A4 sheet but should be clear enough to be enlarged for printing

Closing date for entries is Wednesday
7th December 2022

£20 Amazon voucher for each winning entry!

The School Games Value for West Wilt is

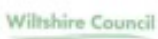
SELF-BELIEF

You've got to believe to achieve. Have the self belief and confidence to succeed and reach your personal best.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO:

West Wilt - Selwyn Widger sw@acorneducationtrust.com

You can send a scan/photo of the design but please keep the original drawing as this may be needed later



10 tips for parents and carers

HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?
Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!

1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little button ones from smaller gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back to refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earthquakes need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is WiFi enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

8 SELL THEM

This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

Meet Our Expert

Neil Atkin teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, Rubbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: www.rubbishscience.com.



From National Online Safety

IT'S BACK!

OEXMANN ART COMPETITION & EXHIBITION

PICTURE ENTRY: 22 - 26 NOV 22

EXHIBITION: 17 DEC 22 - 18 FEB 23

Competition rules and entry forms available from
Museum website and reception.

Children free. 2 entries per person.

Prizes awarded. Size restrictions apply



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www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk

We have entry forms in school.

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CHRISTMAS IN TROWBRIDGE

Christmas Market, The Civic 18th - 19th November
Lantern Parade and Lights Switch On 18th November
Trowbridge Weavers Market 19th November
Santa & Rudolph Fun Run 20th November

SANTA & RUDOLPH

SUNDAY 20TH
NOVEMBER 10AM

FESTIVE WAKE &
SHAKE WARM UP
9.45AM!

FESTIVE FANCY
DRESS!

2KM IN
TROWBRIDGE
PARK

FAMILY FUN RUN

FREE TO TAKE
PART!
PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA
THIS QR CODE



RAISING MONEY FOR
WILTSHIRE AIR
AMBULANCE &
STOREHOUSE FOODBANK





TROWBRIDGE Lantern Festival

& CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON


Bigger, BRIGHTER and back
for 2022!

Friday 18th November
Parade starts at the Civic from 6pm
Switch on in Fore Street from 6.30pm

Get into the festive spirit, and help us
light up Trowbridge!




Website: Trowbridge.gov.uk
Facebook: Trowbridge Christmas Lights Switch-On



Trowbridge Town Council are proud to be hosting the spectacular Trowbridge Christmas Lantern parade again in 2022 and this year we hope to make the event bigger and brighter than ever! We will see hundreds of beautiful, colourful, handcrafted willow lanterns paraded through the Town Centre led by a lively and colourful samba band! Bringing a carnival feel to proceedings, the Lantern Festival will bring together the community of Trowbridge to share in the magic of Christmas and spread light throughout the town!

We are inviting everyone to get involved, whether making lanterns or by helping to sponsor the event.





Local artist Jennie Quigley will be hosting a series of lantern making workshops in preparation for the big day – Friday 18th November.

Workshop Dates



Trowbridge Information Centre workshops:
Saturday 15th October, Saturday 29th October, Saturday 5th November, Saturday 12th November
Call 01225 765072 or email info@trowbridge.gov.uk
(All workshops are free but pre-booking is essential.)

Trowbridge Town Hall
Saturday 22nd October – Friday 28th October
(These are drop-in sessions, no pre-booking necessary but please call 01225 774306 for any queries regarding these sessions.)



If your company would like to know more about sponsorship, please email events@trowbridge.gov.uk.





Ever thought about volunteering?

Wiltshire's Independent Visitor Scheme is looking for people who can spare a couple of hours of their time every 3-4 weeks.

Volunteers are needed across Wiltshire

to befriend children in care. Young people living away from their families often really value having a consistent independent person who can take a special interest in their lives.

Wiltshire Independent Visitor Scheme is looking to take on more independent visitors to fulfil this valuable and rewarding role. Volunteers are needed who can communicate well with young people, share in their interests and who have regular time to spare.

If you are interested in knowing more please contact the scheme on

07733 303124 or **IVScheme@wiltshire.gov.uk**

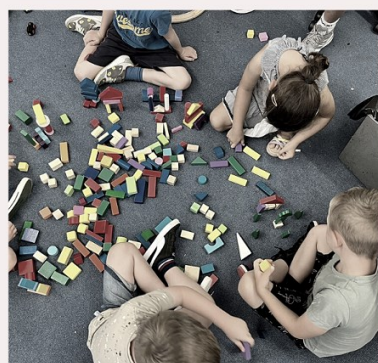
**"My IV is
awesome
and lots of fun;
he makes me
happy."**

Young Person

Wiltshire Council



active trowbridge



ACTIVE KIDS CAMP

WWW.ACTIVETROWBRIDGE.CO.UK

WEEK DAYS 20TH OCTOBER 2022- 28TH OCTOBER 2022- JOHN OF GAUNT

STANDARD DAY 9AM - 3PM £18 EXTENDED DAY 8AM - 4PM £22.60



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trowbridge
soccer schools

GIRLS FOOTBALL OCTOBER HALF TERM

20TH & 27TH OCT
JOHN OF GAUNT

9AM - 3PM
STANDARD DAY £18
9AM - 4PM
EXTENDED DAY
£22.60



5 - 14 YEARS

KIT: TRAINERS,
SHINPADS, PACKED
LUNCH, WATER
BOTTLE



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OCTOBER HALF TERM

24TH - 26TH OCT
JOHN OF GAUNT

9AM - 3PM
STANDARD DAY £18
9AM - 4PM
EXTENDED DAY
£22.60



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