

KEEVIL CoE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

4th April – Key Stage 1 Multi-Skills Sports Festival
 5th April – Lulworth Cove trip – Spring and Summer Class
 8th April – Last day of Term 4
 8th April – Easter Service (9.15am)
 8th April – Scarecrow Trail Coffee afternoon (2pm)
 25th April – Start of Term 5
 27th April – School Photos (Class Groups and Y6 Leavers)

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Well done to Poppy and Harry for being our Stars of the Week. Also, well done to Year 1 for super map skills and Reception for working hard on compass directions.

Spring: Well done to Ethan and Owen for settling back into Spring Class so well after your time away. It's lovely to have you both back.

Summer: Huge congratulations to Summer Class for their amazing fundraising efforts.

Autumn: Well done to all of Autumn Class for working really hard last week during Assessment week. Also, well done to the whole class for working hard learning verbs in French this week. Bravo!

House points			
Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
724	757	861	776

Message from the Head

I have a few bits of news to share with you this week. The first is that Miss Ashdown is expecting a baby! This is lovely news and I am sure that you will join with all of us in school in wishing her and her family many congratulations. She will be working in school up until the summer holidays, and we will keep you updated as we look for someone to cover her maternity leave next term.

Miss Mortimer will be returning from her maternity leave after the May half-term week. She will be taking over the teaching of Spring Class for the last term of the year. Although it will be wonderful to welcome her back to school, it also sadly means that we will need to say goodbye to Mrs Lilly at this point. She will be moving to work in another Acorn school for Term 6.

I am also aware that people's thoughts are turning to next year, and what the school and staffing structure will look like from September 2022. I am currently in the midst of a series of meetings with the Acorn Education Trust in which we are confirming budgets and staffing models for 2022-23. I am hopeful that I will be able to share the outcomes of these and our plans for next year soon after the Easter holidays.

Winning House for Terms 3 and 4

Huge congratulations to Buzzards for winning the House Cup this term! Children in Buzzards can come into school in non-uniform clothes on Thursday 7th April as a reward for all their hard working in earning house points this term, and they will also be given a treat in school. Well done ...!

Support for Refugees from around the World and the Ukrainian Conflict

We raised a great £279 through our JustGiving page for the Ukraine Crisis Appeal run by the British Red Cross Society through our non-uniform day last week – see the pictures on the following page. We are very grateful to everyone who gave so generously. Summer Class also organised a sponsored walk for the refugees from Ukraine this week, as they wanted to do more to show their support for all those who have been displaced from their homes during the war. Many thanks to Mrs Brown, Ms Ritchens and Mrs Wright who supported the children in achieving their goal. Huge congratulations to them all, as they walked around 3 miles and have raised almost £850 between them, which is an absolutely fantastic achievement. And many thanks to a generous parent who has made use of a corporate match-funding scheme to raise this total to a tremendous £1,450. What an amazing accomplishment for the whole class – well done! We are so proud of you all for really living out our mission of treating others as we would like to be treated.

Comic Relief

It was lovely to see the children wearing their red noses in school on 18th March in support of Comic Relief. Many thanks to the people who donated through our Just Giving Page – we raised £80 for this worthy cause.



Keevil School has raised over £1700 for the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal - what a truly amazing group our children are!



30 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to announce that Acorn Education Trust will be growing. From 1st May 2022 the five schools who made up the former Salisbury Plain Academy Trust will be joining the Acorn family. There is one secondary school and four primary schools:

- Avon Valley School
- St Michael's Church of England Primary School
- Durrington All Saints Church of England Infant School
- Netheravon All Saints Church of England Primary School
- Bulford St Leonard's Primary School

These additions to the Trust will provide further security and strengthen the Trust's future. All of our existing schools, as well as these new additions, will benefit from this growth in terms of financial security and excellence through partnership.

Acorn remains committed to our vision of 'preparing young people for their world in their time'.

With care at the heart of everything we do, we remain fully dedicated to all of our staff, pupils and their wider communities. It remains our priority that all Acorn schools are good schools and they receive the support that they need to improve and flourish. Active leadership will still be visible in all of our schools from the Acorn central team, who will continue to support and challenge through our 'Team Around the School' model.

Through close collaboration and a shared vision, we believe each school within the Trust will continue to go from strength to strength, achieving great things whilst retaining their individual identity.

We extend a warm welcome to all five schools and we look forward to getting to know them well and working together in partnership.

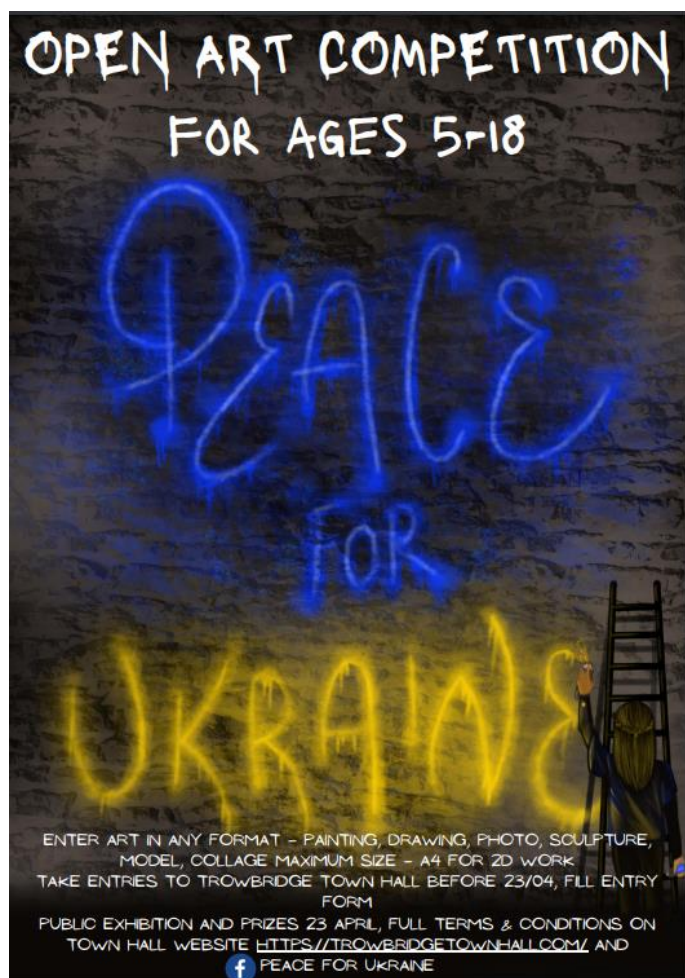
Below are some frequently asked questions which my help with any queries you may have.

Best Wishes

Jo Ronxin
Head of Communication and School Support

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Will current Acorn Education Trust schools receive less funding, resources and support?**
No. All schools will be funded and resourced according to their size and need. The support from the Trust will not change and is again based on need.
- 2. Will the addition of five schools make Acorn Education Trust weaker or stronger?**
Definitely stronger. While the secondary school is much smaller than Kingdown and Clarendon, the 4 primary schools are bigger than most of our primary schools which will add strength. A trust of 17 schools is described by the DfE as medium to large. The average number of schools per MAT in 2021 was 7.
- 3. How big is Acorn intending to grow?**
We don't honestly know because the national political and educational strategy continues to change. We need to make sure we are big enough to remain strong and have the capacity to grow, rather than a Trust at risk of being taken over. At the same time however, we must hold on to our values and our sense of belonging, which really matters to us all. We remain focussed on our founding purpose, which is to find the best local solution to the national strategy.
- 4. How will admissions to the school be affected?**
There is no proposal to change our existing admissions arrangements.
- 5. Will the Trust name change?**
No, Acorn Education Trust remains.
- 6. How are the pupils affected?**
The pupils will not notice any immediate differences. They will be in the same uniform, in the same classrooms, with the same teachers, standards and expectations.
- 7. Will teachers work at different schools?**
Generally, staff will remain in their own schools. The Trust will continue to provide many professional development opportunities. All staff will be part of subject network communities which will provide opportunities for training, sharing good practices and resources.



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ART COMPETITION FORM

CHILD'S NAME
First name Last name

AGE SCHOOL

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME
First name Last name

TELEPHONE NUMBER ART NO

TYPE OF ART

ART DESCRIPTION

☐ I CONSENT TO MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION AND TO THE PUBLICATION OF THEIR WORK.

☐ I CONSENT TO THE SALE OF THE COMPETITION WORK. PRICE £

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

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ART CHARITY FUNDRAISING IN TROWBRIDGE TOWN HALL
FOR HUMANITARIAN AID CENTRE



OPEN ARTS COMPETITION

11-22 APRIL, FOR 5-18 YEARS OLDS

EASTER HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

BADGE AND FLAG MAKING, SUNFLOWER SOWING £1-3

11-14 APRIL 12:00-15:00, 19-22 APRIL 10:00-13:00

TOWN HALL EXHIBITION

ADMISSION TICKET= RAFFLE TICKET £2

23 APRIL, 10:00-15:00

PRIZE RAFFLE AND COMPETITION RESULTS

23 APRIL, 15:30

ONLINE AUCTION

23 APRIL-22 MAY

LOCAL AND UKRAINIAN ARTISTS

LIVE PREVIEW 23 APRIL - 10:00-16:00



MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS



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