Acorn Newsletter: April 23

What a busy spring term we have had! The pupils have all been working together fantastically to spread kindness across the school. Our newly developed Heart Hive has been designed to help heal friendships in a calm environment and talk about their differences, whilst learning to accept other pupil's perspectives. To support this work our school mentors are in the process of developing the school kindness charter to help others understand what is expected of them in the playground, creating games and helping heal friendship issues before they arise.

The pupils have made exceptional progress with their reading and are really enjoying the new school reading scheme, earning points, and working their way through the different coloured book bands. Our love of all thing's literacy is also being developed through the creation of the school newspaper – keep your eyes peeled for our jam packed first edition, due for print in May!

Acorn held their first Careers Fayre which involved a huge selection of businesses and colleges, see below, it was wonderful to see the pupils talking to our visitors and asking them questions about what college life might be like for them and the courses they could complete as a result.

Our year 11's have sat their functional skills level 2 exams in Maths and English this week, the pupils have worked exceptionally hard to prepare for these and so we are positive they will all achieve the results they deserve!

Pupil quotes from the Careers Fair

"Wow I didn't know I could go to college and work with lizards!"

"I now know what I have to do to be a Police officer "

"I'm not sure what I want to be but I know I want to be with people"

"Now I definitely want to be a mechanic and work with my step-dad"

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended. We will be hosting this event again in the future.

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and all child protection concerns need to be acted on immediately. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Zoey Shelley, Jim Manning or Sarah Long within school or alternatively if not in school hours please contact MASH (Devon County Council multi agency safeguarding hub) who are available to discuss your concerns and advise 0345 155 1071

Term Dates

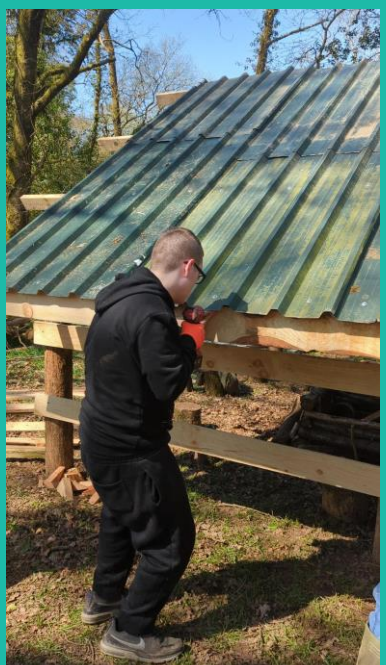
Bank Holiday – Monday May 1st

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th

Half Term week beginning 29th May

Back to School: 5th June

End of term: Break up on 24th July for summer 'Family picnic day'



Pupils have settled well back into school after their Easter break.

This year our challenge weeks will take place during the first 2 weeks in July. Pupils will be choosing their activities this week. Further details will be sent once we have arranged and booked each challenge.

We will be hosting a family picnic day on Monday 24th July. Further details to follow. Please put this date in your diary.

We've had the most amazing success this year with reading engagement and progress as mentioned above. Some pupils have increased their reading ages by several years, wow, A HUGE well done to all pupils.

Our therapies team are offering the chance for parents/carers to book an appointment with them at a check in clinic, this will give you the chance to receive support and guidance from the team. These sessions are running for the week of 15th – 19th May. Please see attached document which contains details of how to book an appointment.

Blue class have been enjoying weekly visits to Jonesy's Café. This has been an activity to support them with their social and communication skills. One of the pupils has designed a flag for them which they are having printed and will be on display at the café once an official flag hoisting ceremony has taken place.

Do you have children under 4 ?

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you can apply to Healthy start, a scheme that will issue a card that will enable you to purchase

plain liquid cow's milk

fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables

fresh, dried, and tinned pulses

infant formula milk based on cow's milk

15 to 21 May 2023

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Foundation

#ToHelpMyAnxiety

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https://www.trusselltrust.org/