

## Newsletter – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022



### We Stand With Ukraine

As we watch with horror the shocking news of the Ukraine invasion this week, we have all felt moved. It has been very hard to think about our normal lives when so many people have had their world turned upside down. As a school, we have focused on educating children about the historical context and the facts. Many students are worried and we know that social media can report misinformation. Therefore we have adjusted our curriculum this week to ensure that all children have been taught the verified facts from trustworthy sources. We have encouraged students to understand that this conflict is not created by the ordinary people of Russia and therefore we should not discriminate.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we showed our support for the people of Ukraine by supporting a non-uniform day by wearing yellow and blue to raise awareness for the people of the Ukraine and to raise money for UNICEF. We also made and gave out 600 Ukrainian solidarity ribbons to show our support for this important cause. As a school, we stood together and observed a minutes silence for all people who have been affected by the war in Ukraine.

So far we have raised over £1000, thank you to all families for supporting us. If you wish to make a donation to UNICEF in support of this cause please use the below link or scan the QR code.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/acle-academy-wearblueandyellow-nonuniformday>



In addition, we will be using the money gained from our next cycle of the Ragbag to support the UNICEF campaign for the children of Ukraine. If you have any clothing or shoes you would like to donate, our ragbag bin is currently empty, so please send donations to the school office.



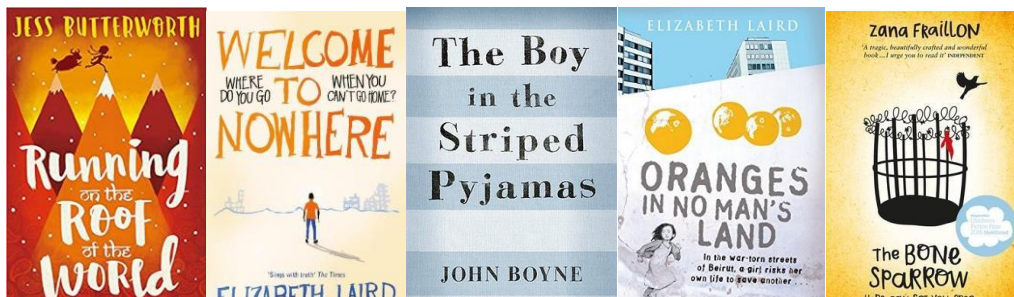
Please remember to check ClassCharts for daily updates and messages. ClassCharts is used to communicate house points, behaviour points and interventions. We also use the parent instant messaging system to share important messages from school. Parent help guides are available on our school website. If your child has lost their log in, please ask their form tutor or the school office who will be able to provide child and parent login details. Parents and students can view their child's timetable via ClassCharts.

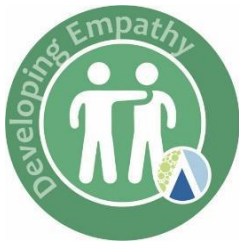


## World Book Day- Thursday 3rd March

To celebrate World Book Day students have taken part in competitions to design an Acle Book mark and shared photos of reading at home and in unusual places. To promote a love of reading- staff have shared their favourite books with students.

More importantly, we have focused this World Book Day on the experience of war and conflict. Across the school we have read extracts from texts that focus on the experience of children during conflict. We have explained the historical context of the differing conflicts and students have had the opportunity to explore parallels between events and develop empathy for those that suddenly find themselves having to survive during war. All texts are available in our library and online library if students would like to read more.





## International Women's Day

This week we have been celebrating International Women's Day and Mr Sayce has shared a very powerful assembly. He has focused on the importance of recognising that gender equality is still not achieved across the world and that there is still work to be done, particularly in the spheres of economics and politics. Mr Sayce also emphasised that as a school community students can do more to challenge inappropriate language and bias when they hear it. To help celebrate Women's History Month Students will learn about pioneering women throughout history and Mr Sayce has launched a competition to design a poster to highlight women's achievements in history.



## Leicester Tigers

Congratulations to Cullen, Charlie and Seb in Year 10 who have been selected to attend the Leicester Tigers Developing Players programme. The boys had to undergo a gruelling four hours training assessment in December and we are delighted and proud that they have been selected for the next step.



## Chris Page ITV Anglia Weather Visits Year 8 Geography

Chris Page from ITV Anglia visited Y8 geography with Miss Burdett on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Chris spoke about careers using Geography and his career path in meteorology to his current job as the ITV weather presenter and forecaster for the Anglian region. He then looked at measuring weather, weather characteristics and forecasting using up to date computer, satellite programs and images, explaining how these images and data are used and put into a forecast. He linked it back to the three named storms of Dudley, Eunice and Franklin and how they were tracked & forecast.

The students had plenty of questions regarding weather, climate and climate change. The weather also played ball with rain, snow and sunshine occurring all in that afternoon, so who could ask for more? Fingers crossed we can do a return trip to the ITV studios in Norwich to make our own weather broadcast. Many Thanks to Chris for giving up his time to work with year 8.







## Year 10 Careers Day

Last week year 10 took part in a Careers Drop Down day, where they had the chance to meet employers from different sectors. Representatives from Norwich City Football club, Oyster Yachts, an interior design company, Adnams, a social media entrepreneur, and Chris Page from ITV weather came to share their industry experiences.

The students worked hard and learnt about all the different roles available within the sectors, including some that none of us had considered! The students thought about all the different skills needed within employment and really enjoyed the interactive aspects of the sessions. Students had a chance to get creative and design their own interior design flat boards, listen to industry experts

and discuss career options. The year 10s asked some excellent questions to the visitors and were a real credit to the school, our visitors were really impressed! Miss Cunliffe- Careers Coordinator.



## Living with Covid- update

Although many of the specific COVID-19 laws have changed, the public health guidance remains largely unchanged. The principles of hands, face, space and fresh air remain key to infection control, and we continue to ask people to act responsibly by staying at home and away from others if they have symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. When a pupil, staff or other adult develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#) or has a positive test they should follow the guidance [People with COVID-19 and their contacts](#) which advises;

*“Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.”*

We have a responsibility under the existing Public Health Laws and Health Protection Regulations to respond appropriately to all infectious diseases (e.g. Mumps, Measles, Rubella, and COVID-19). We do this by making sure we follow published guidance and have in place risk assessments and Health and Safety policies. Therefore, in line with our risk assessment and related policies, children and young people who test positive or have symptoms of COVID-19 must stay at home as per the published guidance.

Some of you may have concerns and anxieties about the relaxation of the rules and I have included the following web site links which you may find helpful.

- [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) FAQs \(justonenorfolk.nhs.uk\)](#)

Thank you for your continued support as we move to a new phase of living with COVID-19.

## Building Resilience

We know that building resilience in our young people is a key priority. Ms Frary would like to share the below link to a parent focused webinar which shares tips and hints about how we can talk to young people about resilience and help build resilience at home.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2I3Prn7T\\_BU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2I3Prn7T_BU)



## Managing Social Media- Parent workshop

Thank you to all parents who attended our Managing Social Media workshop last week. Resources shared with parents will be made available on the website under parents- Useful links

## Lingwood and Burlingham Neighbourhood Steering Group

The Lingwood and Burlingham Neighbourhood Steering Group is looking to gain views from all ages in the community as to how development over the next twenty years might best be managed to reflect local needs. Please visit the below website for further details and share your views in the 'have your say' comment box. <http://www.lingwoodburlingham.com/>





## Year 9 Careers' Day Financial Awareness

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb year 9 took part in a careers drop down day on financial awareness with focus on Learn to earn, run by Young Enterprise. The students completed activities with focus on what a dream lifestyle would look like, exploring the cost of living applying a budget planner to see if they could fund their dream lifestyle. Students then went on to looking at different industries and jobs, exploring starting salaries and the different paths you can take to get that job!

The also discussed success and what it meant to them. They all took part in looking at interview questions, and completed a mock interview of their peers! The students were a real credit to the school, and Young Enterprise has offered all year 9 students an amazing opportunity to work with them over the rest of the academic year, to take part in their 'Company programme' where they will have the opportunity to learn skills and work with people from industry to create, run and close their own company! We are very much looking forward to this collaboration which will launch on the 24<sup>th</sup> March, if they have not already signed up to take part, please encourage your child to do so by contacting Mrs Skarin.



## Creative Writing Curiosities

Mrs Chapman is collecting unwanted little items or "curiosities" which would fit in a shoe box to inspire our Creative Writing Group. Items that have worked well in the past included things such as large/ old/ ornate keys, sea shells, marbles, key rings, costume jewellery, scraps of interesting/ embellished fabric, small coin purses, old foreign bank notes, dice, magnets, miniature figurines etc. If you find anything you would like to donate, please pass to the school office or Students can give to Mrs Chapman in Room 1.



## Visit to MIS Defence

Year 10 Product Design and Computer Science students had the opportunity to visit MSI Defence Systems site in Norwich. The trip gave students an insight to potential Post-16 and Career opportunities into the Engineering sector.

Students enjoyed a detailed presentation about the MSI Defence Systems design, development and manufacturing facilities. After the initial presentation students were then given a full site tour outlining the different stages of manufacture and saw first-hand the large array of different positions held within the company. The tour ended by walking around the newly renovated aircraft hangar which has been developed to increase productivity.

A massive thank you to the MSI staff on the day for giving the students a fantastic experience.

*Archie Lang: I enjoyed today's trip very much. It is by far the best school trip I have had at Acle Academy. I would very much enjoy to do my work experience at MSI Defence Systems.*

## High Sherriff of Norfolk visit

It was a pleasure to welcome Michael Gurney- The High Sheriff of Norfolk to visit our school on Tuesday. Mr Gurney has been visiting schools all over Norfolk to find out how about how we are helping to keep children safe and also find out how we are supporting children post lockdown. Mr Gurney was very impressed with the work of the school, especially our focus around emotion coaching. Mr Gurney commented that our school was one of the happiest he has visited.





## Rag Bag

We are taking part in the Rag-bag recycling scheme to help raise funds for our chosen charities. We are collecting wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts. We cannot accept workwear, uniforms, linen, towels or bric a brac. Textiles are sorted and then graded accordingly for reusing or recycling. Good quality textiles are exported to Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe providing quality affordable second hand clothing. Poor quality textiles are cut into industrial wiping cloths. Our rag bag bin is situated in the main corridor and students can drop off donations at any point.

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March- Year 9 Healthy Relationships Day

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March- Service Area Day

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March- Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Quiz Night

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April- End of term. Return on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April- Week 1

**Change of Date-** Matilda- School Production Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April, details to follow

## Year 11 Message from East Norfolk- Information Evening

We are hosting another year 11 Information Evening next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 4-7pm. This will provide an opportunity for parents and students to explore the campus and facilities as well as speaking with our teachers about their subjects.

We encourage all students who are either yet to attend EN or are unsure about their course choices to attend.

As with previous events tickets are available through Eventbrite

- <https://www.eastnorfolk.ac.uk/Events--Lettings/Information-Evening>

In addition to the open event we will also be hosting a Football Academy taster session during the evening. This is for all students who wish to join the academy. The football academy runs alongside student's subjects as an extracurricular so is not exclusive to sport students. If you have any students who are interested in this please ask them to email [admissions@eastnorfolk.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@eastnorfolk.ac.uk) with an expression of interest so we can book them on.

**Fed up and missing your mates  
during the holidays?**



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and sign up to**

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**during the Easter Holidays today**

- Film making
- Hip Hop and music
- Art and crafts
- Baking and cooking
- Outdoor adventure sports
- Bootcamp fitness
- Tennis
- Football
- Dodge ball
- Basketball
- Dance and drama
- Circus skills and acrobatics



**And loads more!**

**[www.activenorfolk.org.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun](http://www.activenorfolk.org.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun)**

\*Activities are free for those claiming free school meals – ask your teacher for your special promo code

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Norfolk**  
Holiday Fun

## Parking and dropping off students in the morning

Please can we remind all parents and carers to avoid parking outside the front of the school. This area is reserved for the 905 First bus that drops students in the morning. We have been concerned by the speed in which some parents and carers are turning into the driveway, dropping off students and then driving off. We have lots of students all arriving at the same time so I urge all parents to please be vigilant and consider the safety of others when dropping off your child.

## Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Cover supervisor
- Cover Manager
- Caretaker

Please see our website for further details.

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/acleacademy/about-us/our-vacancies>

## Contact details

The majority of our communication is electronic so it is really important that we maintain accurate records of parental contacts. If you change your email address or phone number, please inform the school office so we can ensure you receive important information.





**Friday 25th March 7pm**

**Acle Academy  
South Walsham Rd, Acle, Norwich NR13 3ER**

**£7.50 Adults**

**£2.50 Children**

**Ticket includes Burger/Hot dog  
and Chips. Veggie/Vegan option  
available**

*Bring your own  
refreshments.*

To Book Please email [PTA@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@acle.norfolk.sch.uk) for a booking form.

Max 8 members per team. Doors open at 630pm

*Book early and avoid  
disappointment!*

Soft Drinks, Tea and Coffee  
available to purchase on the  
night