

Newsletter – 1st April 2022

We've had a wonderful busy half term with lots of exciting opportunities for students to take part in. We have celebrated International Women's Month and Autism Acceptance week as well as raising over £2000 for Unicef to help the people of Ukraine. As a school we have had quite a few visitors from various agencies and all visitors have commented on how well our students have engaged and represented the school. We've had some fantastic sporting achievements and we are very proud of how hard Year 11 has worked with the mock GCSEs. We wish all our students and their families a Happy Easter and hope that everyone enjoys a well-deserved break.

International Women's Day Competition

Congratulations to our winners of the International Women's History Month poster competition. We asked pupils to create posters about inspirational women throughout history and they did not disappoint. We had over 35 entries and the standard of the posters was extremely high and made judging this contest very difficult.

Congratulations to all pupils who took part and to our winners; Lexi, for her poster on Edith Cavell; Leah, for her poster on Deborah Sampson; Kayla, who created her poster focusing on Emmeline Pankhurst; and Ava, who researched a selection of inspirational women through time. All four pupils will be using some form time to create an extended display down the main corridor on inspirational women to highlight the work of all pupils who entered the contest.

Well done again, it's fantastic to see such excellent posters from all pupils! Mr Sayce



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Changes to Covid Regulations from the 1st April 2022

From today, universal testing will no longer be provided across the UK. Please see full details of what this means for education at the following link.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/03/30/living-with-covid-the-end-of-routine-testing-in-schools-colleges-and-childcare-settings/>

The below information is provided The Department for Education



On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days**

Will my child's school or college still be taking measures to prevent Covid?

All settings should have in place baseline infection prevention and control measures that will help to manage the spread of infection:

- Ensuring all eligible groups are enabled and supported to take up the offer of national vaccination programmes including COVID-19 and flu.
- Ensuring occupied spaces are well-ventilated and let fresh air in.
- Reinforcing good hygiene practices such as hand washing and cleaning.

Can my child still get a Covid-19 vaccine?

From 1st April the in-school COVID-19 vaccination programme will come to an end.

However, **12 to 15 year olds will still be able to access the vaccine outside of schools at a vaccination centre, pharmacy or walk-in centre.** Parents can book a [Covid-19 vaccination appointment online](#) or by speaking to their GP or calling 119. Alternatively, they can find a [walk-in Covid-19 vaccination site](#).

From April, healthy 5-11 year olds will also be offered the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccinations will take place outside of schools in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GPs and walk-in centres. Parents of 5-11 year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information. [Online bookings](#) for 5-11 year olds will open in April.



This week we have been celebrating Autism Acceptance Week. Students have been learning more about how autism affects people and how to help support people with autism. Edward Sparkes in Year 9 created an informative PowerPoint which was shared across the school and we also raised money for the National Autism society through a non-uniform day and cake sale.

In addition, we have held a training session for 18 students from Years 7- 10 who were trained by an autism specialist to become Autism Ambassadors.

Therapy Dogs

The therapy dogs continue to be a hit with students in Inspire. They visit every Wednesday morning and we now offer sessions where students read to the dogs. This is proven to improve students' confidence with reading.

If any students would like a session with the therapy dogs, please let Miss Frary or Mrs Swain know and we can add you to our waiting list.



Congratulations to Sophia

Sophia C performed at the recent Norfolk County Music Festival as part of her harmony group. The group performed at the Central Baptist Church on March 14th in the youth choir section singing Adele's 'Make You Feel My Love' and 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' from Mary Poppins. They received a 'highly commended +' award so did really well.

Sophia is now studying for her grade 7 musical theatre and grade 6 piano exams and is taking music as one of her A levels next year at college.



Congratulations to Martia

Martia L is a member of the Acle Ladies' indoor bowls group and her group have just won the Norfolk Ladies Premier League Indoor Bowls competition. Well done to Martia for her contribution to her team's success.

Key Stage 3 Art work in progress

We are delighted with some of the wonderful art work that is being produced by KS3 students. Below are some images of the work in progress.

Year 7 have been working on clay tiles inspired by pointillism and fruits.

Year 8 have just started working on Frida Kahlo- we have talked about the importance of this artist as a female icon too.

Year 9 we have just started our pop art self-portraits, with some students choosing to do the Queen for the Jubilee year. Ms Segurado



School Production – Matilda JR.

We are delighted to be showcasing our school production of 'Matilda' the musical on the 27th, 28th and 29th April. Due to the pandemic we have not been able to create a school production for the past couple of years so we are delighted to reinstate this celebration of our students' talent. At Acle, we feel that Enrichment and extracurricular opportunities are really important for our young people, especially after the experience of the pandemic, but also to help develop important skills such as team work, organisation, performance and problem solving. It has been a huge team effort to create the school production but I am especially thankful to Mr Frost for all his hard work. Rehearsals have been going really well and we can't wait to see the performance.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please use the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/matilda-jr-tickets-299428698297>





Book by
DENNIS KELLY



Music & Lyrics by
TIM MINCHIN



Performances will be on 27th, 28th & 29th April

Tickets available via eventbrite

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ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Director
GEORGE FROST

Choreographer
SHAKIRA NICHOLS

Music Director
ANNA GILBERT

Stage Manager
SALLY RICHARDS



Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical JR.* is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 mtishows.com



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.

Dates for your diary

Friday 1st April- End of term. **Return on Tuesday 19th April- Week 1**

Thursday 21st April- Year 7 Parents Evening

Sunday 24th April-PTA Car wash 10am-3pm

Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th April- Matilda- School Production

Monday 9th May- Year 10 Work Experience Week

Tuesday 10th May- Year 5 STEM event

Monday 16th May- GCSE examinations commence

Friday 27th May- End of half term

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Cover supervisor
- Lead Invigilator
- Invigilator
- Teaching Assistant (dyslexia specialism)
- Head of Faculty for Mathematics

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.

Charity Car Wash

At Acle Academy

Sunday 24th April 10am-3pm



Bacon Roll & Coffee £2

South Walsham Road, Acle, NR13 3ER

Raising funds for Acle Academy Prom and the PTA

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