

SEND News



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Welcome to the first Acorn Education Trust SEND News for schools and parents/carers of children and young people with SEND. I sincerely hope that all of you are well and looking after yourselves and your loved ones at this difficult time. On the update, we will try to provide information about what children and young people with SEND have been doing in schools and at home as well as some information about SEND on just one side of A4. Please feel free to email me with any contributions to fb@acorneducationtrust.com.

Take care and keep safe!

Sue Fulbrook (SEND Director)

Autism Awareness Week

This week is Autism Awareness week and World Autism Awareness Day is Thursday 2nd April. Autism is a condition which means a person's brain works differently to other people and that they experience the world in a different way.

Did you know that autism is the most commonly occurring SEN in Acorn Education Trust?

Mr Nolan (Clarendon Academy) sent this video link through which gives a basic overview of autism in less than 3 minutes. It's well worth a watch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lk4qs8jGN4U>

View from a window

Some staff have been sharing photographs of beautiful scenery when they are out on their daily exercise. If you are out and about, you could take some photos too. If you are self-isolating at home, try drawing a window frame and then imagine one of your favourite places. Draw a picture of it. I would love to see some of your creations.

The Avenue Primary School have been making rainbows to cheer everyone up!

The rainbow also symbolises the Thrive Approach (www.thriveapproach.com) which promotes children's and young people's positive mental health. Mrs Whitehouse and Ms Knight have recently qualified as licensed Thrive practitioners within the Trust and are busy promoting the approach among us all. Each school is sent the weekly Thrive activities list for the period of school closures by Mrs Whitehouse and it should be on your school website. Look out for some fun activities to encourage your child's well-being!



Rainbow created by children at The Avenue last week.

A few links for positive mental health:

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/category/free-resources/> - range of resources to make mainly for primary age

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga> - nice video yoga type activities for younger children

<https://www.kooth.com/> - support for young people with their mental health