



# Acorn Newsletter



AUTUMN TERM  
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## Headmaster's News:

Welcome back to you all and a special welcome to all of our new families who have joined the school this week. I must congratulate the children on a super start to the year. The atmosphere around the school has been wonderful this week and it is always such a pleasure to see so many smiling faces on the first day back.

As always we have a very busy term planned ahead and by now you should have all received a copy of the school calendar but if you have not yet received one please search your child's bag.

Many of you will have noticed that parking in the morning has become a little harder to come by this week. With this in mind may I make the following plea: firstly to take extra care in the car park and secondly I would like to suggest that Prep Department children are dropped by the front door of the main school building. They all know which way to go in the morning and as well as alleviating some of the stresses on the car park it also enables children to gain independence and develop their organisational skills.

Saturday school starts tomorrow and whilst it is optional for Prep Department children we do feel that it offers them so much. For those of you new to Saturday Morning Activities please take the time to read Mr Webster's comments below.

The first Boundary Oak School Society meeting of the year will take place tomorrow at 10.00am in the School Library. As parents you are all automatically members of BOSS and are all therefore most welcome to attend.

Mr Symonds

## GENERAL

### SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

This term Saturday morning activities will begin at 8.45 am with registration in the Acorn Theatre. Activities will begin at 9am and pupils should be collected from the theatre step at midday. Activities this term include Rifle club, Gardening, Camp craft, Eco club and Sports. If your son/daughter is taking part in Rifle club, a permission letter will be sent out shortly which should be returned to the office by 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Saturday activities are now optional (unless your son/daughter has been selected for a school sports fixture) but, unless you have opted out entirely, could you please inform the office of any absence as far in advance as possible. If your son/daughter has opted in, they will be choosing their activities today (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September). All participants should wear

suitable clothes and those pupils who have chosen sports in the second session should bring in their sports bag and kit (including towel).

Many thanks, Mr Webster

## CLOTHING SHOP NEWS BLAZERS AND SCHOOL COATS

If you would like the gold braid added to your child's school blazer (priced at £15 per blazer) we will be sending a batch off in the half term holiday for stitching. Please bring blazers to the uniform shop or the school office on Friday 14th October.

Also, don't forget the Boundary Oak coat is now an essential part of the school uniform, as the children are no longer wearing blazers outside at break times, so order your coat before the bad weather comes to be sure of getting one as we will not be keeping large quantities in stock.

Mrs Riches



A REMINDER PLEASE THAT WE ARE A **NUT FREE** SCHOOL. We do not allow any cakes/snacks/tuck to be brought in and especially not Snickers bars or other confectionery containing nuts. Shop bought cakes are unacceptable as all contain traces of nuts from the manufacturers.

The school kitchen offer a service whereby you can order a decorated plain, chocolate, lemon or vanilla cake for £6.00 Payable by Cheque; Cash or School Bill. Orders need to be placed one week in advance. Please contact the school office for an order form.

Mrs Jones



## RUNNING CLUB FOR BOUNDARY OAK MUMS AND DADS

- If you are interested in running on Saturday mornings please meet at 8.45 in the school playground. Everyone is welcome, however you will need to be able to run comfortably for at least 3km (or more!).

Mrs Ekin

**Individual/Sibling Photographs**  
**Photographs will be taken of individuals and siblings on Thursday 29th September from 9am onwards.** There will be the option of a standard shot and a more casual studio type shot as an alternative for both individual and sibling photos. For the casual shot, children are invited to bring in a favourite toy if they wish. Please email/phone or drop into the office if you would like a sibling shot.

Nursery will be going first, if your child is not in on this day, please ensure that you bring them in on that morning if you would like their photograph taken, in uniform. The photographs will be taken in the foyer of the Acorn Theatre. Children not in on this day, please go straight to the Acorn Theatre rather than the Nursery.

High quality photographic proofs will be sent home with your child before half term.

### Family Group Photos

**On Sunday 13th November**, there is the opportunity to have a family group photo shoot (and with well behaved family pets too!). Each session lasts 15 minutes. Carl's studio will be set up in the Acorn Theatre for the day. You will have the opportunity to choose your slot and also choose your photographs on screen there and then. The cost for three 9 x 6 photos (either the same or different poses) is £20. Carl took the recent Year 8 group shot if you would like to see an example of his style of photography, a copy hangs in the office.

Please let the office know if you would like to book a 15 minute slot (starting from 10am).

School Office

## PRE PREP (Nur - Y3)

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (3.30PM TO 4.00PM)

Please note the first half hour of After School Club will be held in Prep Prep in the following classrooms

	Teacher on duty	Class Room
<b>Mon</b>	Miss Fownes	3F
<b>Tues</b>	Mrs Forrestall	2F
<b>Wed</b>	Mrs Cove	RC
<b>Thur</b>	Mrs Symonds	3S
<b>Fri</b>	Mrs Lawrence	RL

**However**, on Tuesday 13th Sept ASC (3.30pm to 4.00pm) will be with Mrs Lawrence in Year R  
4.00pm to 5.30pm children can be collected as normal from the After School Club in the Widley Block

### YEAR 3 PARENTS

Having just taken the first Wednesday football session, can I please request, so that next week's session runs much more smoothly, that the following points are given some attention:

- Shin pads are essential - we had a few tears last session as a boot met a shin!
- The correct socks, shirts and shorts are required, all available from the uniform shop.

- Please provide **trainers** which are to be worn from the classroom to the playing fields **and football boots** which are to be either carried out to the field or kept in the boot room by the field.
- 12 children within the group were unable to tie their boot laces which meant that, even with a gap student helping, much of the session was taken up tying laces - your help in teaching your child to do their own laces would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks for your co-operation

Mr Ekin

### Y3S NEEDS YOU!

We have a super den for our story time but really need large cushions or bean bags to sit on! If you have any that you no longer want please bring them to the class room or school office. Many thanks!

Mrs Symonds

## BOARDING NEWS

Welcome to all our new boarders (Jessica Johns, Florence Ransom, Andrew Robinson-Hardwick, Dylan and Max Patience, George Browning, Hugo Acoras Garcia, Ignacio Compan Lopez and James Miles), both weekly and full time and welcome back to all the experienced Boundary Oak Boarders - it's great to have you back. The summer holidays were busy and it's been great catching up with what everybody got up to over the break. We are fortunate to have five gappies living in this term as well as Mr Halliday (who starts his demanding Graduate Teaching Programme) as Assistant House Master. The three new female gaps are Cyrene Leonard from Canada, Harriet Tatham from Australia, and Katie Pilcher from Basingstoke. Katie will be here for the academic year, the others will depart at the end of the term. Our new French friend Monsieur Charles De Benaze is here for 4 weeks before heading off to his 2nd year in university. The fabulous Miss Rhona Phillips will leave us after 6 weeks in mid October. Phew, lots of help and people to hand out TLC just when it is needed at the start of term. The house was a hive of activity Sunday night which is great to be part of. On Monday night we managed to get packed away and sorted out in record time giving us some free time to kick ball and play out on the Year 8 lawn. Tuesday night was wet so indoor games were the activity of the day with many catching up on prep and reading. On Wednesday we had our boarders meeting where we spoke about our 'wellbeing' and how it was not just about being fit or eating well but to do with friendships and interacting with others and having a positive outlook on things. Afterwards we made it out onto the big field where base camps were founded and a mega-match of football took place. Refreshments at snack were well earned.

Mr Ekin led Thursday's tuck and DVD night. Some students are learning the hard way about rationing and over-indulging! Mr Flood will respond to the weather on Friday and Saturday evenings and the activities will be outdoors when possible. **Remember Sunday night drop off is 6.30-7.30pm this term.**

Commencing next week if you stay 6 nights you are more than welcome to join us for Sunday big tea at 6pm, bookable through the office. Further details about full boarding are available through the Registrar on the office number.

Kind regards Mr Flood and the boarding house team

## SPORTS

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

### Soccer

**Team:** U9

**Opposition:** West Hill Park School

**Venue:** BO (an amendment to School Calendar at the request of WHP)

**Time:** 2.30

**Collection:** 4.30

**Team:** U10

**Opposition:** HCJS

**Venue:** Boundary Oak

**Start:** 2.30

**Collection:** 4.00

**Team:** U12/13

**Opposition:** Kings School

**Venue:** Boundary Oak

**Start:** 4.00

**Collection:** 5.30

### NETBALL

**Team:** U10

**Opposition:** Portsmouth High School for Girls

**Venue:** PHS

**Start:** 2.30

**Collection:** 5.00

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**U11 St John's Football Tournament @ St John's Sports Hall, Southsea. Starting at 9.00am!**

*This tournament will involve some pupils from Year 5 and, if selected your child is expected to attend.*

**Spectators are allowed to support the sports teams at both home and away matches- indeed the children enjoy seeing you there. Matches are always followed by delicious match teas as well!!**

**We look forward to seeing you.**

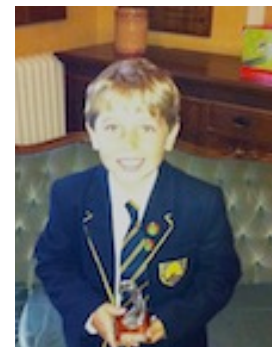
**Thank you for your support**

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS & SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO



LIBBY KELD, for achieving her Certificate of Distinction Newtown Ballet School

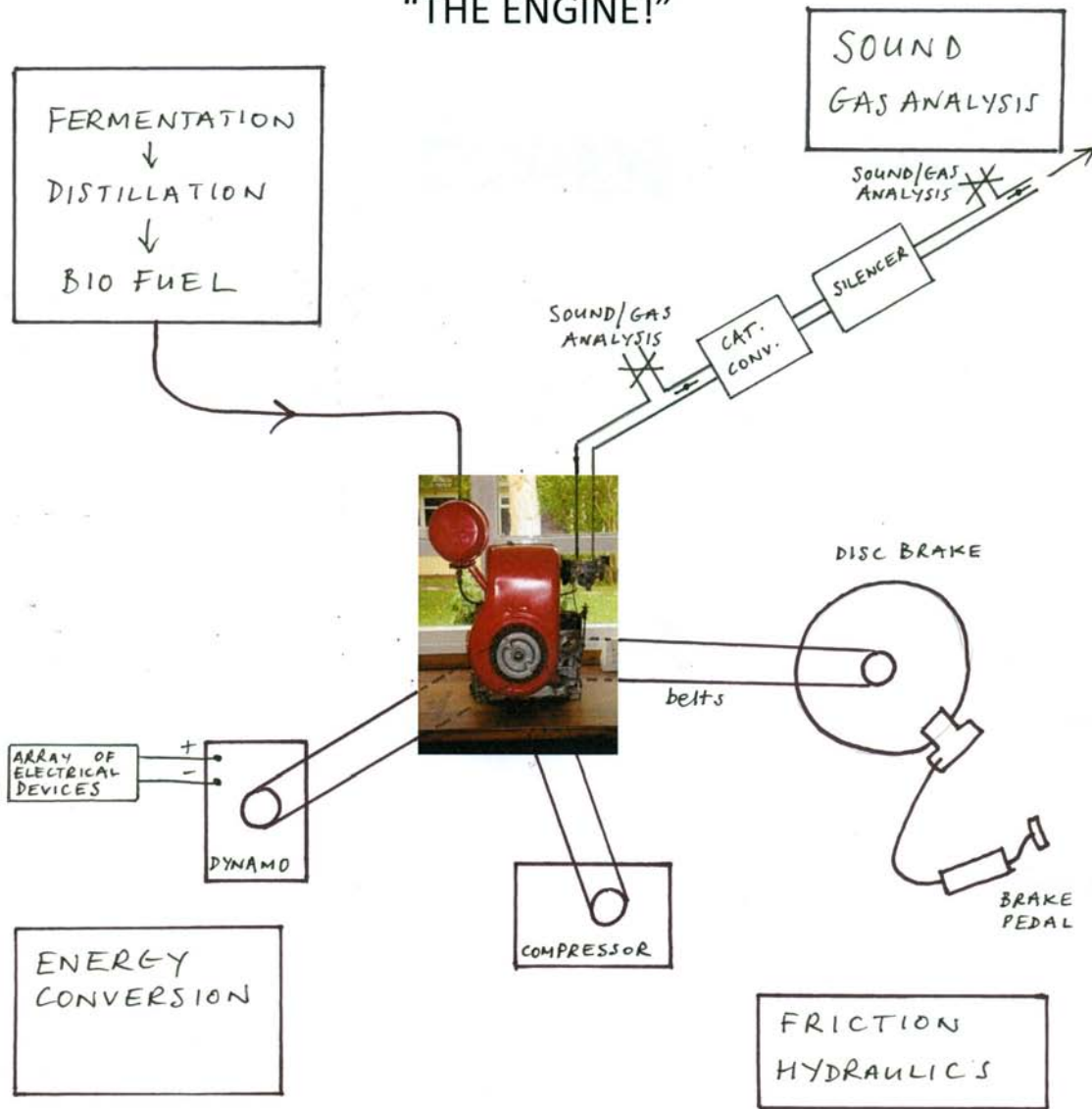


JAMES HUDSON  
'Hole in One'



RYA Dinghy Certificates  
George Symonds, William Ekin, Molly Jones, Tom Ekin, Freddie Carden, James Hudson and William Jones

# "THE ENGINE!"



Dear Parents

Can you help me please? I have an ambitious plan to build a potentially fantastic project right outside the Science Department which will greatly enrich the delivery of many aspects of the Science curriculum all through the prep age group and below. The father of an ex pupil donated a fully restored BSA stationary engine which could have multiple uses as per my ambitious plans above. What's stopping this from being realised is the connected devices, the mounting structures and protective surrounds that would enable it to be safely used in the corridor outside the Science Laboratories. Are you an engineer, do you have access to a workshop and have the necessary skills, time or know someone who does? Are you in anyway placed to advise as to how I could realise this plan, either in its conception, its financing or its construction? Any help would be most gratefully received. If you feel that you are able to help in anyway, please contact me at [CEkin@boundaryoak.co.uk](mailto:CEkin@boundaryoak.co.uk) Many thanks, Charles Ekin (Science teacher)

## MENU

	Breakfast	Lunch	Evening Meal
Mon 12th	Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Hash Browns and Baked Beans	Savoury Sausage Pie, Fresh Vegetables, Potatoes Milk Pudding & Jam	Fish, Peas, Chipped Potatoes
Tues 13th	Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Crepes, Syrup	Roast Meat (choice of two), Fresh Vegetables, Roast Potatoes Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit	Chicken Stir Fry Noodles/Rice
Wed 14th	Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Grilled Bacon, Tomatoes	Jacket Potatoes, Cheese, Baked Beans, Fillings Fruit & Ice Cream	Spaghetti Bolognese & French Stick
Thurs 15th	Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Potato Waffle, Poached Egg	Chicken Curry, Rice, Chicken in Cream Sauce Sponge & Custard	Sausages, Gravy, Fresh Vegetables, Potatoes
Fri 16th	Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Croissants & Cheese, Ham	Fish, Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Salad Bar Meringues	Ploughman's Supper, Salad, Crisps
Sat 17th	Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Grilled Bacon, Mushrooms		

Lunch Menu - Vegetarians have a daily vegetarian option