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Newsletter



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Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Well, January is finally over, all 372 days of it! We always look forward to February because it brings snowdrops and crocus, lighter evenings and often Mardi Gras and Pancake Day! I know the art department will be looking at mask making in the style of the Venetian Mardi Gras, and we cannot wait to see what pupils produce.

Some of our pupils have been out on adventures, swinging, climbing and generally being superheroes. They are now getting ready to welcome real life superheroes into school next week.

On 2nd February the Year 10 GCSE English class travelled to London via train and tube to see King Ramesses at the British Museum. They had studied the poem Ozymandias which is about Ramesses and were keen to see the statue of him in the British Museum.

Here is their trip report...

'The journey was exciting, some of the students had never been on a train before and several had never been on the tube. They were responsible for their own train tickets and had to scan themselves through the barriers and show their tickets to the inspector. They had to keep their tickets all day and do the same on the return journey, they were all very responsible and no one lost their tickets.

When we arrived at the British Museum we went straight to the Egyptian statues and found King Ramesses. We looked at all the hieroglyphs and tried to work out what they said. Some of the class are also doing GCSE Classics and they were able to identify some of the Roman and Greek architecture pointing out Doric, Ionic and Corinthian columns.

We continued round the Egyptian Mummies and were surprised to see all sorts of mummies including cats, crocodiles, ibis birds and even a baboon! We walked through the whole museum and saw art and antiquities from many different cultures including Totem poles from Canada and the local treasures of Suffolk's Sutton Hoo.

When we had seen everything in the Museum we walked back to the station, stopping for Bubble Tea on the way and got the tube to the Tower of London to see the famous castle.

After that it was time to head back to Liverpool Street Station and get a quick meal before getting on the train home.'

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Our Rugby team is going from strength to strength. If you know of any local teams that play tag rugby, they would love a match in the Summer!

Tanya would like to celebrate her colleague Natasha Knights as a staff star. Natasha volunteers to help with things every time she is in Tanya's class. During Acorn Activities, Natasha has been brilliant in helping with mundane routine things (like sticking adhesive numbers on things) and helping with gluing class work into books. Natasha is so helpful and Tanya really does appreciate the help.

Kim in The Potter Centre had also asked to celebrate colleagues 'I want to say how amazing our new starter Debbie is. She is so good with all students.

I also want to say that our staff member Dan, who started in September is amazing. Her knowledge of Autism is excellent, and she often advises me on activities for Bucket time.

Well done and thank you.

Did you know we have some sporting excellence among our staff? Here is a message from one of our elite athletes.

Hi everyone,

For those of you who don't know, last year I qualified to represent Team GB to compete in The World Martial Arts Games in Florida July 2023! I have set up a GoFundMe page, as the costs of flying to Florida, training and competition fee entries, suits and embroidery add up to quite a lot! If anyone would like to donate to this, I have put a link to the page in this email. Any donations would be greatly appreciated! I am going to start posting regular updates on the GoFundMe page about my training sessions, competition successes and more!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/representing-bteam-gb-in-the-world-games>

Fundraiser by Chloe Miller : Representing Team GB in the World Games - [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com/f/representing-bteam-gb-in-the-world-games)

Many thanks,

Chloe

Finally, we were visited by assessors from the National Autism Society this week, as we are working towards their good practice accreditation. We wanted to recognise members of the school council who spoke with them and the 37 pupils who took the time to complete surveys. The assessors remarked on the ability of students across the school to be reflective and to find strategies independently and with support to enhance learning and social interaction.

Thank you too, to the 27 families who completed the survey. Feedback is always valuable. Thank you, in particular, for recognising the journey we have all been on together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Philippa Whipp
Headteacher