

Acorn Park School



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Newsletter



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Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Good afternoon everyone!

On Monday 11th at 11am we all gathered in the playground to commemorate Remembrance Day. Jack was very nervous but overcame this and delivered a wonderful reading of a poem to mark the occasion, followed by a whole school minute of silence. It was amazing to see so many students and staff outside together on this important occasion.

We also had our wonderful Panto performed by M&M productions – Cinderella! The students had such an amazing time and enjoyed the performance. We also had a few students join in the fun and the performers just rolled with it and embraced them (it is their 3rd year here, so they know us pretty well now!). It was great to see all the beautiful costumes too.

Today was odd sock day to mark Anti-bullying week, there were lots of unmatched socks around the school!

We had one of our regular Quality Assurance visits from OFG group this week, John, and it was a pleasure to show him round our school. The staff and students did us proud once again! Students were engaged in lessons, respectful and above all having fun. A special mention to those that met with John and answered a few questions on what school life is like here. Thanks Olivia R, Jack W, and Evie B!

This afternoon we had a parent 'outreach' session on site, so sorry I wasn't able to pop up and say hello! But I hear it was a great afternoon.

Shakespeare GCSE art students are currently working on adding to their portfolios with mood boards of Van Gogh's abstract works, details of his creative mind and even some self-portraits of the man himself. All students adding their own creative touch to each piece, displaying the individuality and artistic ability of each student. They have made a great start to their books, Keep it up!

This Christmas our school will be collecting sugar to support a local appeal, 'Sugar for Shelters'. - Every year Norfolk and Suffolk school children donate sugar to help homeless and needy people throughout the county at Christmas. (The total last year was an amazing 6 tonnes!). Sugar for Shelters is a part of the Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA). This NORFOLK farm-based Christmas Food Charity provides food for more than 5000 Christmas dinners. Schools help Sugar for Shelters by collecting bags of sugar for the homeless, needy and vulnerable in local shelters. Huge amounts of sugar are needed and make a REAL difference in Shelters and Food Kitchens throughout Norfolk and Suffolk in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas. Collecting sugar is simple and affordable and helps children focus on the spirit of giving at Christmas. British Sugar will match the schools' donations of every kilo of their brand of sugar (Silver Spoon) up to 2000kg! The deadline for sugar is Friday 6th December.

Student Stars

Care:

Denny GR - for being so supportive and caring to his brother and other younger children during the pantomime, ensuring his brother was able to watch comfortably and stay regulated.

Jesse B - for being incredibly kind to a friend that was feeling sad.

Zachary L - caring for a friend that has been having a tricky time. Zachary encourages, reassures and praises him at just the right time. Super star friend!

Strive:

Freddie M - for his resilience in attending work experience and trying hard.

Jude A - for participating in circle time with his peers and happily completing learning activities with more confidence.

Grow:

Isaac W - for explaining so clearly to our visitor his learning journey so far.

Jimmy D - for taking our visitor through all his workbooks and explaining what he had learned with such confidence

Thrive:

Luca K - for engaging so well in his Mini Medic course, Luca engaged brilliantly in this and understood each section. Luca made a fantastic poster with staff about the things we learnt about, and Luca gave real examples of when he would use this in the future. It was great to see Luca feel empowered.

Olivia R, Jack W and Evie B – for talking to John about the school with such confidence and clarity. He was really taken aback with the kind things you said about us.

Staff stars

Care:

Liam Y For always having his YP's best interests at heart and supporting a YP during crisis in a way that is personal for them and being able to communicate in sign to ensure the YP communication needs were met. Liam this week has gone above and beyond.

Strive:

Nathan M for showing great leadership and determination this week when leading Fletcher class.

Grow:

Beth E – for being so engaging with the pupils in primary!

Thrive:

Saffron P – for leading PE in such a positive and inclusive way. Her attention to detail and sequence of the curriculum has such a positive impact on the pupils and their progression.

Have a lovely weekend,
Adam and Emma