

# Acorn Park School



# Newsletter



We care, we strive, we grow, we thrive



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## Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Good afternoon everyone,

This week has definitely been a busy one, but oh man are we proud of our wonderful students and staff. For those of you who don't know, here is a little guide to what Ofsted do when they visit.

Monday – call at 12pm to inform us the inspection is taking place, followed by a 90minute call that afternoon for us to talk though our school.

Tuesday – Mike (the lead inspector) arrived at 12pm to do a site tour and have initial conversations about health and Safety and the Independent School Standards.

Wednesday – Hannah (the second inspector) arrived. Both inspectors did observations around the school, talking to students, watching lessons, talking to staff.

Thursday – More observations around the school and further conversations with students and staff – finishing with looking through evidence and giving feedback.

We aren't able to share the outcome with you yet, as it is subject to a few processes with Ofsted, but rest assured we will share it with you as soon as we are able to. At this stage, we just want to thank:

- You (parents/ carers) - for completing the survey and sharing your views
- Students – for their responses, meetings, welcoming the visitors and generally being awesome (Ofsted spoke to around 40-50 children during the 3 days).
- Staff – for continuing the great work you do every day and showing off all of the fantastic things you help the students achieve in the school.

As a parting thought, one of our favourite quotes from a student this week was “I like doing lessons at this school because I can feel my brain getting bigger”.

This week Murphy class visited a care home in Thetford to perform some Christmas Carols, this was incredibly well received and heartwarming. Murphy also had a small celebration in class to award the ASDAN certificates that were earned last year, incredible work guys!

We also had a visit from a local MP George Freeman – who enjoyed his tour of the site and spoke to the Year 10s and 11s about what it's like to be an MP.

A little reminder that we have some Christmas events coming up:

Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11th

Christmas jumper day on Thursday 12th

Christmas parent day on Friday 20th

We are well and truly into December and some classes will now start put up some decorations and wear Christmas themed outfits (a little heads up). And we hope if you are 'fortunate' enough to have elves at home, they don't cause too much trouble this weekend! I've hear of a few elves popping up at school... Oh no!

#### Weekly stars

##### Student stars

###### Care

Kenny C for supporting his friend by communicating non-verbally when he could see he did not want to talk, but Kenny wanted to make sure they were ok.

###### Strive

Archie M for going the extra mile and practicing his spellings at home with Mum, he has had a particularly tricky week but always tries his best to excel.

###### Grow

Logan C for verbally communicating when he was frustrated by something and coming to a resolution with his peer and staff.

AJ P has worked so hard with his reading, and read aloud from the board in front of the lead inspector not once, but four times!

###### Thrive

Tajus S made lots of progress this term with QT robot on recognising and understanding different emotions. It's great to see how happy Tajus is during the sessions.

##### Staff

###### Care

Paula R for always checking in on her colleagues and building excellent relationships with all classes in the primary school building. They all really enjoy her art lessons!

###### Strive

Saffron P & Kirstie A for providing brilliant rebound therapy sessions. The sessions are fun and engaging.

###### Grow

Ellese W has spread her brilliant practice with her colleagues in another building. The progress she is making to her new class is so impressive.

###### Thrive

Gabby T and Joe B in Tolkien. They have both been on the ball organising and supporting the classroom. It has been a great pleasure to work with both and to see how much effort and consistency they both bring to the team! Making strong bonds with all of the students and always going above and beyond.

Nicole M has been selected to represent England in the women's u25 international indoor bowling team!

Also happy 10-year workaversary to Melissa Bolton!

Have a lovely weekend,

Adam and Emma