

Acorn Park School



Newsletter



We care, we strive, we grow, we thrive



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Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Good afternoon everyone,

Firstly, thank-you so much for all of the wonderful comments on the Ofsted announcement from last week, every member of the team worked so hard to achieve this and the students shone through. For those of you that shared your views, thank-you – they were so positive.

It is great to have everyone back in full swing this week. There have been trips to swimming, supermarkets, within the local village and JDT music. Work experience has started again for our 6th formers.

You may remember we mentioned our very own GoGo Giraffe 'Gustave'? Well, work has now begun on designing spots for Gustave, a big thank you to all the contributions so far. Special shout out to Golding class who have helped prepare him to have colour added.

The Year 11s, 12s and 13s have had their first real task of exams with a week of Mocks. Although this is understandably stressful time, they have coped remarkably well and engaged positively with the experience. Their first set of formal exams will here before they know it, so a little more study time and practice assessments to come – but we will work through this together. Well done guys!!

Student Stars:

Care:

Ilayda A – recognising when she needed to repair a relationship and being proactive in taking the steps to do so

Strive:

Sam W – making great choices to engage in learning and not allow others to distract him.

Oliver S - has settled into his new class amazingly and has exceeding with his learning since.

Grow:

James B - has made exceptional progress in his interactions with others and meeting targets. James was so kind and shared the Lego with other students during time to talk provision therapy and also won the best listener award. This is a very big step for him, as sharing and listening are ongoing targets for James.

Elliot H - has allowed staff to physically direct his hands to show him how to sign “drink” and “biscuit” and allowed this with a smile

Luca K – For coping particularly well with a core member of his team not being in. He has engaged positively with all his lessons this week and dealt with 2 unexpected fire alarms.

Thrive:

Zachary J - got 76/80 in one of his GCSE mocks! An incredible score!

Cameron A - has settled into Acorn Park so wonderfully, he is thriving in all subjects, especially English, he read The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe so beautifully.

Staff Stars:

Care:

Katie R - for going above and beyond in her support of a young person that has been finding things a little tricky. Seeking extra support and advice and implementing new strategies to ensure our person continues to thrive!

Strive:

Juju Z - for being proactive and managing a situation to avoid escalation, allowing the student to take ownership of their choices

Grow:

Stacey B - has been growing in confidence every single day. She started as an apprentice, became a permanent member of staff as LSA, worked hard and is now HLTA. She is hard working, kind, patient and always has a smile on her face. Stacey has been a member of Kinney class so far, and she is ready to embrace a new challenge in a different class.

Thrive:

Lauren H – for her impact on the pupils and their progress in Donaldson

Oscar P – for being instrumental in welcoming a new student to the school, ensuring from they felt valued and supported from the first step in the door.

Lauren W - for continuously pushing for the best outcomes for our young people and being their advocate! Lauren demonstrates best practice beautifully

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Adam