

# Acorn Park School



# Newsletter



We care, we strive, we grow, we thrive



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## Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Happy Valentines Day everyone!

Another half term is finished here at Acorn Park, the students and staff have definitely earned their break! There are lots of things to look forward to in the run up to Easter, some of which we have highlighted below (More details to follow in our events page):

Friday 28th of Feb Amy & Melissa are hosting a parent/carer outreach group at Acorn Park from 1:30-3:30pm.

Monday 3rd March – National Careers week

Thursday 6th March – World book day (please remember our school rules on not wearing fancy dress that covers the children's faces or whole head coverings – even with a clear face)

Friday 4th April – Easter and Ofsted celebrations (timings and format TBC, we are planning an extra special event!)

Murphy class have made and sold Valentines biscuits and cards.

Lewis class have been researching famous swords in literature this week and ended the term by designing and making their own swords.

Shakespeare held their bake sale today to raise money for their end of year trip to Wales. Thank you to everyone who sent in cakes and money, they raised over £100!

## Student Stars

Care:

Dougie C has been showing exceptional kindness and friendship to his classmate when they were upset. Dougie comforted his friend, telling them "It will be okay", and offered them to "breathe with him". Dougie offered great reassurance, and a positive and caring approach towards his friend. We are so proud of you, Dougie!

James W has shown outstanding care for another student by being understanding and willing to go the extra mile to make sure they feel welcome and safe.

Strive:

Kevin C has written some brilliant responses in English this week and had a real go at playing the stuffy English aristocrat Mrs Birling in our acting of 'An Inspector Calls'.

Luke F for his resilience in overcoming some initial barriers to work experience today. He was able to reflect on what frustrated him and how he can manage this in future.

Luca K for being reflective and clearly articulating his thoughts in a meeting with staff members.

Grow:

Harley W has shown huge emotional growth this week, on two occasions he has actively chosen to remove himself from potentially challenging situations. He has also shown an increase in awareness of other people's feelings and emotions, offering support to his peers. He has also voiced his thoughts over the anxious behaviours displayed from others, he has taken a keen interest in understanding the signs and how to support others.

Frankie S has been learning and modelling patience in class and has had great week.

Thrive:

Keyon M has completed three jobs in animal care, he fed the rabbits, changed the water and emptied the litter trays. Keyon's confidence has really grown this term as just entering animal care is something he never used to do.

Tiwa A has reached a fantastic new goal and has become independent with his personal care routine.

Kinney & Sissay class for handling a classroom swap so brilliantly, they even helped move furniture. They remained calm, positive and polite throughout and have adjusted to their new rooms already.

Staff Stars

Care:

Joe B has been nominated by a student for always looking out for him, ensuring he has access to regular movement breaks and being a great support for this individual.

Paul M has had some wonderful feedback from a parent, they appreciate how you treat her son with so much respect and maturity, empowering him to act more mature himself. Your approach is making a very positive impact.

Strive:

Georgie C was cool, calm and collected when a school van broke down in Duxford!

Emily F for always wanting the best outcomes for the students she works with and ensuring they are always advocated for.

Grow:

Rhys Ca & Jenny P for jumping at the opportunity to share their experience of Artificial Intelligence and how it can be used to support planning for teachers.

Thrive:

Melissa R for working tirelessly to ensure the best outcomes for her students.

Hope you all have a fun filled half term and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 24th Feb.

Adam