

Acorn Park School



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Newsletter



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We care, we strive, we grow, we thrive



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Visitors

Last week we had a monitoring visit from Ofsted. We look forward to sharing the report with you in due course.

This week we welcomed our Board Trustees including Baroness Mary Watkins, who last visited the school four years ago. They commented on the engagement of the pupils and their calm behaviour around school, shared lunch with staff and pupils and chatted to pupils in classes. Thank you particularly to Luke B and Luke C who were wonderful company at lunch.

Diary Dates

04/10/2021	Monday	
05/10/2021	Tuesday	World Teachers' Day
06/10/2021	Wednesday	
07/10/2021	Thursday	National Poetry Day
08/10/2021	Friday	World Mental Health Day

Student Council

Our student council have begun meeting and have some great ideas to make Acorn Park a school to be proud of. Each week they will set a question for the whole school to consider and look at ways they can improve the school in some way in a week. Teacher Facilitator, Emma Willis complimented the group on their attitudes and approach and their support for one another.



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Earwig

As you will know, Earwig has now launched to families, allowing you to see progress and attainment of pupils and share in their activities and learning. You should have received an information email. We have already seen many families logging on and feedback has been positive.

Coffee Morning

Our first Coffee morning of the year in person will take place on Monday 11th October 2021, 09:30-11:00am. Primarily for new parents and will explore how to navigate our systems, but is also open to all parents as we would love to put together a directory of activities for children with SEND which are tried and tested by parents.

If you would like to book a place, please let Denise Leverington know by email at denise.leverington@acornparkschool.co.uk

Drama Award

Congratulations to Charlie P who is the first pupil to achieve a Drama qualification at Acorn Park. He did it in style, achieving a Distinction in his Lamda Exam. He was presented his certificate in a whole school assembly out on the playground in the sun!

Scarecrows

We are proud to announce that Acorn Park were the overall winners of the Kenninghall and Banham Scarecrow Festival - check out the website for pictures and information!



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Harry Potter

On the final day of this half term, we will have a Harry Potter theme day where pupils are welcome to wear costumes and our wonderful catering staff will provide a magical menu including our home grown pumpkins! If you recall, this was planned for last October but Covid prevented it taking place - second time lucky!

The 'C' Word

Sorry! A couple of dates for you

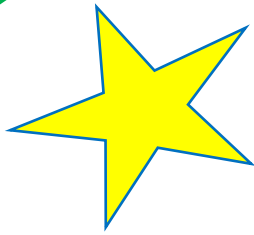
12th November - last date for Shoebox Appeal donations - more info to follow

10th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Just a reminder, any parents wishing to apply for Free School Meals even if you do not live in Norfolk, can you please go online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo and complete the FSM application.

Also, can you please let us know of any post LAC pupils who are entitled to Pupil Premium +.



Stars

Joseph P & Hendrix N – Who separately, voluntarily helped me with the buffet trolley across the playground when I was struggling in the wind and up and down slopes.

Kyle P & Cobie D - who have come in and made up 270 pigs in blankets ready to freeze for our Christmas lunch. They have all been so polite and helpful. From Sue Miles

Denny - for completing 30 mins of maths work with no support (ordering 1 to 20 then matching 1 picture to 1 and 2 picture to 2 etc)

Isaac - for sitting still and completing 3 phonic sheets (matching 1 letter to another. counting how many of 1 letter)

The whole of Donaldson class for sitting around the table and celebrating a friend's birthday. (cake, songs, dancing)

Rhylee K - for Student of the Week, as he has achieved all of his Acorns since we returned to school and is trying really hard to work and overall been a complete star!! 😊

Renaldas K and Kevin C - for both sensory circuit and reading 1:1, both boys have taken to the new schedule very well.

Renaldas has been able to transition every day and complete the circuit without asking to finish, super job!

Kevin has been able to complete his circuit independently and quietly, showing the others how it is done, superb role model. Kevin also managed to be really sensible when the OT equipment was back in place he listened and was so grown up.

Harley W - Nominated by so many staff this week. This young man has been so hard working, made great decisions and made the most of every opportunity he has been given. A huge well done Harley from all of us.

Staff Stars

Emma W - for contribution to OFSTED

Emma Th – for excellence in Safeguarding