

Acorn Park School



Newsletter



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Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

This week we have enjoyed careers week, with some great activities and trips organised for pupils across the school. The pupils had a great learning about the past jobs of our staff team as well as looking into potential future jobs for themselves. We also had a careers adviser visit some of the pupils in our secondary formal classes.

We had a lovely flurry of snow for about 2 hours this morning, which was very exciting, but by 2pm it had almost all disappeared.

Today, Kinney class put on a bake sale to raise awareness for 'Children's Mental Health' day. The cakes all looked and tasted delicious!

In English, in support of careers week, Steinbeck held their own Dragons' Den. Students pitched ideas including slippers with built in LED lights and a sleeping bag with legs to a panel of staff and peers who were the 'dragons'. The dragons offered investments of up to two mini eggs and one biscuit if the pitch included one rhetorical question, an example of emotive language and an example of rule of three.

Last month, some of our Year 11 pupils sat their Functional Skills English and Maths exams, we are eagerly awaiting the overall results for these. However, we have received some wonderful feedback from one of the principal Verifiers at AQA regarding the speaking and listening unit of their Functional Skills English:

"Good Morning,

I have just spent some time verifying your centre's submission and I wanted to say how much I enjoyed the work of your students.

Under normal circumstances centres do not receive any feedback, but in this instance I wanted to congratulate your staff and students on the ways in which they approached the spoken presentations. It is rare in this role that I have a good laugh – but a number of your students were very amusing and clearly intended to be! Their spoken language skills were excellent.

So thanks again and all best wishes to those involved."

Well done Year 11!

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Pupil stars:

Lucy – for making so many beautiful 'I care about you' cards.

Steinbeck class for their incredible effort for 'the Dragons'.

All the pupils that attended the careers fair at the Norfolk Showground (for most, including a busy coach ride).

Staff stars:

We want to nominate Tanya for staff star this week as there was a moment when a teacher was on their own with pupils and hadn't had the opportunity to grab some lunch. We were using the computer room to do some independent work, and Tanya offered to sit with the boys towards the end of the lesson to allow me to take lunch up to another area of the school for a pupil and his staff.

This took longer than expected and by the time I got back, Tanya had taken the boys to lunch and they were settled eating. As she helped out, it meant that all pupils had got their lunch at the normal time and everyone was fed, without getting restless while waiting. Her willingness to support made my day that little bit easier.

Lauren G - For supporting in the 6th form. She made a real difference for the time she was up here.

Craig H and Claire - for their 2:1 work with a pupil. Their engagement with the pupil and their calm demeanour supported the pupil so well and allowed for a successful visit to the careers fair for them.

Callie O – for the incredible work towards the careers week.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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