

Acorn Park School



Newsletter



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Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Happy Friday everyone! This week we have been mainly staying safe in the sun but one of our pupils, Jack, has been on a sporting adventure!

Jack is in Japan where he will be representing GB next week in gymnastics. Jack is part of the Special Olympics team and we are so excited for him. This is such an amazing feat and we hope he is having the time of his life. Once he gets back, we will run an interview with him to get all the details.

Transition is underway to support our pupils to prepare for September. Feedback from pupils and families has helped us to develop a plan that really works for our children. It is a transition over 5 weeks that builds progressively and means that by the time we break up, pupils have really got to know their new rooms, staff and peers. During this time, however, if you are concerned about the transition process or would like more information, please contact school.

The SEND Team.

In September Louise Bebbington (current Dahl teacher) will become our Assistant SENDCo. As we grow, we need to ensure we have capacity to meet the needs of pupil provision, complete quality assurance and complete Annual Paperwork for reviews. Louise will also be picking up some provision work and leading on Nurture.

The SEND Team consists of:

Paula-Marie Leech – SENDCo.

Louise Bebbington – Assistant SENDCo

Lisa Murton – SEND team assistant (Lisa is the administrative support for the team).

Children Looked After – Our new Designated Officer for Children who are looked after, or adopted from care is Lauretta Nwaka who has made a stellar start in her role and is already creating great outcomes for all pupils. If you have any questions about support for your children, please speak to Lauretta. For example, pupils who are Adopted are entitled to extra funding in school.

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School Trip

Two classes visited Gressenhall workhouse this week to support their study of Oliver Twist. They looked around the workhouse and saw the conditions the children had to live in, they tried lying on the beds which were shaped like coffins to fit more into the dormitories. They had a go at grinding corn with a millstone. They went on a tractor ride, sat in an Anderson Shelter and experienced a lesson in a Victorian classroom. They all left with a lot to think about and considering themselves very lucky to be living in 21st Century!

Star Pupils

Luke Fu. He has begun transition with gusto this week and expressed how happy he is. He has embraced change and we are so proud of him,

Luke Fe and Edward have been litter picking warriors, showing concern regarding the impact of litter on our wildlife and their habitats.

James P has expressed his thoughts around the kindness of others. He is always a pleasure to speak with and brightens up our days.

Pupil stars for this week in science are:

Luke Fuller for excellent science practical skills as well as supporting his new class during transition.

Chloe (Tolkien) for showing such fabulous resilience this week.

Zachary (Pratchett) for working independently and contributing during lesson.

Alfie (Pratchett) showing how smart he is in science.

Seth (Pratchett) Constructing and plotting the best magnetic field lines ever!

Freya (Steinbeck) developing science ambassador skills by helping to sort out electromagnets practical resources for another class. Pupils enjoyed making their electromagnets, thank you Freya.

Joseph P in Sissay for completing a geography lesson independently and writing completely on his own with no scribe and no complaints, Joe tried really hard and was very pleased with himself afterwards.

Riley T - for his polite manners on our trip to BeWILDerwood this week.

Staff Stars

Caroline for baking up a storm for the staff on a regular basis. Your cakes are out of this world!

Emma CD and Rhys Ch have worked so hard to ensure that pupil transition goes well. Our school admin, Louisa Barton constantly goes above and beyond to support colleagues and in turn the children

Ricky H for taking time out to ensure staff are ok.

Brogan H - for supporting the children and staff

Donna M for her hard work and always showing a smile.

Melissa R has been nominated by a colleague who says ' I have recently moved to Fletcher class and she has been amazingly supportive of both my experience in the class and my apprenticeship. She has told me that anything I need will be timetabled in for the class so that I can meet all my apprenticeship tasks etc.

Melissa really knows so much about her job and has, in the time I have worked with her, fought for the best for the boys in the class and I have been really impressed.' We all agree!

Kirstie and Emily F have both been so helpful this week when colleagues needed extra support with students and genuinely cared for the staff and pupils involved.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Philippa Whipp
Headteacher