

# Acorn Park School



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# Newsletter



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## Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Another happy Friday everyone! This week has been a hot and humid one.

There are lots of things to celebrate and share from around the school this week.

Ahlberg team want to share the children are developing some really caring relationships with one another. They walk so caringly together around the school and help each other. We feel they are embodying our school values of care and grow. We are all so proud of them.

Donaldson class celebrated a pupil independently using the toilet for the first time since September! They also copied Makaton in order to request a biscuit, what a great week for them.

Dahl class have been especially kind and considerate of each other today and using their own strategies well.

Rufus has made some amazing 3D animations using Blender. There are some images of the 4 spaceships he has designed and created, including a Pirate ship for our Pirate themed day.

Classes have done great cross-curricular work in Computer Science. We have covered BODMAS and trigonometry from maths; answered questions about Oliver Twist from English; revised Continents and Oceans from Geography; looked at Medieval English History and Animal Care when making websites; explored KS2 topic Beside the Seaside; and explored careers and apprenticeship opportunities in a wide range of areas.

Golding class for showing resilience in their science lesson.

Pratchett class for continuing to engage in science, developing their curiosity for the world around them.

Kinney class for developing curiosity and displaying love for the world of science.

Rufus and Mason for interacting with cancer research scientists and representing Acorn Park school well.

This week Pratchett participated in an experiment in English. They are reading the Science Fiction novel Day of the Triffids set in a dystopian world where everyone has been struck blind. To help the students identify with the characters in the novel they tried to follow a path they had drawn with a blindfold on.

They all found it much harder to stay on the path than they thought!

Tolkien class went on an English trip to the Norfolk Tank Museum. This was to support their work on the war novel Brother in the Land. They all enjoyed spending time inside a WW1 tank called Deborah and dressed up in full military uniform. They were shown how a replica training rifle worked and given a tour of all the tanks and armoured vehicles by the resident expert. They also experienced an Anderson shelter and talked about how it must have felt for people in London during the Blitz.

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Harley for being very helpful and when he saw Saffron struggling to get the equipment into the bag, he said "let me help you, Saffron".

Rose for effective communication and leading Saffron to the PE cupboard, saying "I want to do Kurling" during her PE session.

### Reminders:

The beautiful weather is truly upon us so a little reminder here to ensure pupils continue to have suncream put on at home, so they are prepared for the day, and on a day where your child has forest school – please try to pack a set of long trousers to reduce the risk of grass irritation and unwanted pests! We will continue to check the pupils if they have been in the long grass, but long trousers would help! Please have a look at our summer provision information shared in posts earlier this week and email Amy Young with any questions.

### Staff stars

Kirstie for all her help and positive attitude when things haven't gone to plan.

Amy in Golding for her persistent positivity for pupils.

Science staff star this week goes to Megan, for supporting her class during a cover lesson and delivering a session to consolidate a knowledge gap observed after an assessment.

Rosen staff for stepping up and supporting in completing a strength and difficulty questionnaire for a pupil for the first time one – thank-you.

Molly and Megan from Orwell. They are 100% reliable and always know what to do in times of challenge. They are an emotional stronghold for the students in Year 10 and have supported and guided them through some difficult times over the past few weeks.

Kim and Emma for amazing interactions leading to positive dances with pupils.

Danielle H for leading a music interaction session, while being observed by a teacher from another school (so they can learn from her fantastic skills in Kerr).

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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