

Acorn Park School



Newsletter



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Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Hello everyone!

We can't believe June is almost finished and into the last month of the academic year on Monday. Here we are busy preparing for Acorn Fest, our biggest yet! With an Olympic theme. We are excited to welcome as many of you as possible, so please if you haven't already completed the form to confirm your attendance please do so here -

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o-nYHFmZR06qbIPiyvEEW9UaEINlca9Ek14UQZmHSWBURUVJMVhFWVFXS0tOTE9lQUJKTEtVQ1hCTC4u>

There have been even more trips this week and the weather has been perfect for it! We have had pupils at the Norfolk Show, on college visits, trips to BeWILDerwood and many other places locally. Today the students here had the option of eating their lunch from a takeaway container outside, we definitely picked the right day. Just another little reminder to make sure that you send your child in with suncream on and water bottle.

Our school work experience café 'Acafe Park' has been running for a few months now and the students have done an incredible job of completing all the required jobs to keep this enterprise running like clockwork. Recently they have started selling 'Buddha Bowls' and these have been a great success with both the education and residential teams onsite. Fab work everyone!

On the 19th of June, Kinney, Lawrence and Kerr classes went to the UEA for a sports day full of activities. As we got there, UEA staff were waiting to greet us. They divided us into groups so we could rotate through all of the activities. Kinney class started the day practicing throwing "javelins" and short distance races on the grass. After, we went to the sand pit to practice long jump. Students couldn't believe that they could actually jump into the sand pit. Even if they didn't like having sand on their hands and shoes, on that day they enjoyed jumping and rolling in it 😊.

The third activity was cycling, and I think it is fair to say this was the morning highlight. Students had to put helmets on first (safety always comes first) and then, if they wanted to, they could choose the bike they wanted from the selection available to us (standard bike, double seat bike, bike with a chair at the front or hand cycling bike).

All the classes had lunch together.

In the afternoon, there was swimming first which was the activity that they were all looking forward to. We played lots of chasing games in the water, which was super fun!

After swimming, we went to the sports hall to play different games such as Kurling and pickleball. This was a fantastic day, we all had lots of exercise, fun and laughter throughout the day. We are sure you are eagerly awaiting transition information and we have been working hard to get this perfect for everyone. This will be shared with you and the students by the end of this coming week.

We also have some exciting news... Emma and I have been made permanent Co-Heads of School. For those of you that have joined more recently – our previous Headteacher (Philippa 'Pip') move onto another school in January this year and Emma and I have been Acting Co-Heads of School since then. This week we have been made permanent and we are both thrilled! I am Head of School for our Semi-Formal curriculum and Emma Willis is Head of School for the Formal Curriculum.

Student stars:

Care:

Elliot H has been kind and caring towards his peers, especially when other peers have been upset, holding out his hand, trying to comfort them.

Luke F for being supportive to his friends this week.

Strive:

Luke B has been a great manager in the A Café this week, he has been warm and welcoming to all his customers.

Jack J has been providing brilliant customer service in the A café this week.

Evie B for being such a great asset in Art, creating the Greek pillar and helping with the Olympics crafts.

James P for working amazingly hard in art Acorn activities.

Grow:

Fletcher class have been working so well as a team and all their hard work in group therapy this term.

Alfie A-M for sharing amazing contributions in science and creating an impressive chicken.

Thrive:

Samara for using full sentences to ask for what she wants and needs, and doing great work in PSHE.

Staff stars

Care:

Natasha S – she always has the students best interests at heart and will do all she can to enable them to progress and succeed.

Dan B for taking time out of the day to make additional room in the staff room.

Strive:

Rhys Ca for the way you worked with a particular student this week, it was amazing, your empathy, care, support and patience with them was inspiring. You have made an incredible difference in that class and to the lives of those young people.

Grow:

Dan B (again!) for achieving his QTS after completing the teaching apprenticeship through OFG – Well done Dan!!!

Thrive:

Lauren W Since taking on the HLTA role she has really stepped up and shown great support and consistency to her class and colleagues, provided activities and approaches to learning, tailored to each student in Seuss class.