

# Acorn Park School



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# Newsletter



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## Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Good afternoon, everyone,

It's Friday again and time for another Dojo post!

We've had some lovely warm weather this week and it looks fairly dry for next week too. Fingers crossed. A gentle reminder that we are in school Monday to Thursday (24th) next week, then it is half term. We hope all the pupils will be ready and refreshed to return on the 4th November.

This week some classes have had a go at carving pumpkins (that were grown on site). The pupils had great fun designing these with faces or with something they are interested in.

Tolkien class visited the ruins of St Mary's church this week to explore and read the final chapter of their class novel *The Woman in Black*. It was very atmospheric reading the end of the novel surrounded by gravestones. The students did some rubbings of the gravestones and looked for the most interesting name.

Tolkien class has been Thriving in Art. This week, a great art workshop was developed around Jean-Michel Basquiat. October month marks the celebration of Black History Month. Jean-Michel, an African American artist with African-Caribbean lineage, Basquiat defied the cultural and professional stereotypes of his time. The pupils learned how he carved his way into a predominantly white art sphere that had dominated the art circuit of that era to become one of the most commercially successful artists of all time!

Murphy class have been busy with art and craft, making lanterns and practicing fine motor skills threading bracelets in DT.

Dahl and Flether class have worked hard on their Lion King dance routine they have learnt together over this half term. Each week they have got better and better, remembering the previous week moves and today they all look synchronized. Very Proud of them all.

Please remember, we have our non-uniform day coming up on Thursday 24th October, this for pupils to dress up as characters from the book they are studying, not Halloween costumes (and no masks please).

### Student Stars

#### Care:

Sofia H, for donating all of her pocket money to charity to fund hot meals and blankets to underprivileged children and asking for a vaccine kit for a child in Africa for her birthday.

Alfie AM, has been really caring and supportive of a new friend who is having a tough time at the moment.

#### Strive:

Conner G for transitioning independently to Therapy for the last two weeks and for transitioning into full time education.

Willoughby H for spending the whole of Thursday night making a huge amount of cakes for Shakespeare's cake raffle.

#### Grow:

Rose K for understanding that she can talk about home and past events and that's its ok to miss family. Great reflection of fun times without being sad.

#### Thrive:

Eli KM, for continuing to make excellent progress in school.

### Staff Stars

#### Care:

Murphy staff for always going above and beyond to ensure pupils have everything they need to transition to new environments. They have spent the half term working with the pupils to enable them to transition and work in the D&T room.

#### Strive:

Josh A for being thorough and taking the time to reflect on practice and always supporting his colleagues.

#### Grow:

Grace B, For making an excellent start in a new class and building bonds with students well.

Anna C, for helping all our children to grow and always being proactive to personally grow.

#### Thrive:

Emily F, For going above and beyond for her students and team. Always advocating for the pupils' needs and preferences.

Nathan M, for an exceptionally positive attitude and working across a few classes to support colleagues.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Adam and Emma