

## The Dorcan Academy – Developing Character Issue 3

### The Review

Saying 'thank you' can be a flippant comment made in passing, or it can be heartfelt and meaningful. During this term, students have been looking at **gratitude**. At The Dorcan Academy, we define **gratitude** as being thankful and appreciative for, and to, others. Students have looked at who they could go to for support, whether this be in school, the local community, or nationally. Furthermore, they have also been discovering different ways people can demonstrate their **gratitude**, whether this be to a single person, a group of people, or to an organisation. Looking at **gratitude** through different lenses enables students to gain a deeper understanding of what **gratitude** means and looks like.

Some students have already demonstrated **gratitude** by competing in our **gratitude** competition. Congratulations to our top three winners Maryam Rafiq, Piper Pimple, and Alexia Clark. In addition, in the past month, we have received three letters, one from RAF Brize Norton, one from The King's Royal Hussars, and a final one from the Royal Navy; they have all responded showing their appreciation to our students who wrote them. Several students, using what they had learned in their lessons, wrote to the armed forces expressing their **gratitude** to them for their service to our country in past conflicts as well as their continued service. This demonstrates that meaningful acts of **gratitude** can have a real impact. With 'Charity Week' soon approaching, students will have a great opportunity to put what they have learned and understood into action.

As a school, we are truly thankful that you have entrusted us with your child's education. It takes a whole village to raise a child! By working together we believe that we can ensure that every child can fulfil their potential and lead their best life. Whilst vital that we ensure students achieve the best academic outcomes, it is just as important to develop them into people of character. In Abba's 'Thank You for the Music', the opening verse says "I'm nothing special, in fact, I'm a bit of a bore. If I tell a joke, you've probably heard it before. But I have a talent, a wonderful thing. 'Cause everyone listens when I start to sing. I'm so grateful and proud. All I want is to sing it out loud". We believe that every student has a talent and it's our job to support students in discovering, harnessing, and then allowing them to flourish in whatever their talent might be. Being successful in this endeavour will enable our students to experience **gratitude** due to the positive impact they are contributing to the world.

### What can you do to support your child's character development?

Promoting **gratitude** at home is essential for fostering a positive and appreciative mindset in children. You could model gratitude in your behaviour by expressing thanks regularly, whether it's for small favours, gestures of kindness, or everyday blessings. Also, you could help your child understand and empathise with others' feelings and perspectives. This can be done through storytelling, or discussing real-life scenarios.

#### Character award

**What can you do to support your child to complete The Dorcan Academy Character Award?**

**Attendance** – Ensure your child comes to school every day.

**Resilience** – Support your child to improve their 'Attitude to Learning' where it is not yet good.

**Literacy** – Listen to your child read or get them to explain a book/article they recently read.

**Commitment** - Encourage your child to attend a club allowing them to widen their experiences.

### Character counter totals

**Osprey - 273**

**Falcon - 254**

**Eagle - 83**

**Kingfisher - 58**

Congratulations to **Osprey House** for winning the most counters in term 3.

**Character Award achievements**

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the following sections from The Dorcan Academy Character Award

**Compassion Bronze**

Jake Bridgman, Abi O'leary, Ellis Bedford, Betty Hulbert, Harvey Hunt, Harry Graham, Jack Courtney, Jagoda Zbierzak, Rogue Ohana, Bradley Ferris, Jacob Reason, Andrew Maganda, Megs Ricks, Darcie Decarteret, Chole Halford, Amie Porter, Bianaca Alves Bergamin, Ruby Davidson, Elsie Bailey.

**Compassion Silver**

Naima Maria, Megs Ricks, Darcie Decarteret, Chole Halford, Jack Didcote, Alexis Osei Assibey, Ruby Davidson, Elsie Bailey.

**Talent bronze**

Macey Callow, Jagoda Zbierzak, Naima Maria, Maegan Patague, Jacob Reason, Izabella Gould, George Files, Kiera Bolton-Weston, Sienna Little, Louise McCombie, Sophie Timberlake, Emy Crisp.

**Talent Silver**

Naima Maria, Izabella Gould, Maegan Patague, Olivia Hawkins.

**Talent Gold**

Naima Maria, Olivia Hawkins.

**Commitment Bronze**

Maegan Patague, Jacob Robins, Benjamin James Watts, Grace New

**Commitment Silver**

Daisy Rutter, Maegan Patague.

**Commitment Gold**

Ella Barrett, Freya Barrett.

**Leadership Bronze**

Rachael Chacha, Mateo Allko, Charlotte Penny, Honey Gee, Harrison Low, Kiera Bolton-Weston.

**Environment Bronze**

Maegan Patague, Hollie Martin, George Wells, Emily Robinson, Harrison Hillier, Catherine Hooper.

**Sports Bronze**

Jayden Hall, Evie Honor, Caden Crumbie, Elsie Bailey, Riley Barnes, Samuel Correia Pancieri.

**Culture Bronze**

Austin Shephard.

**Integrity Bronze**

Liam Harper.

**Community Bronze**

Kasia Pawlowska, Ella Barrett, Freya Barrett,

**Honesty Bronze**

Evie Pike, Maisie Zerebecki, Megan Hanahran, Emma Walker, Trixie Garcia, Lailah Fortune, Ken Da Costa, Ollie Savory, Timmy Maruszyj, Grace Rixon, Muntaga Njie, Bethany Easton, Ethan Mwtenga, Khaya Tabana, Kianté Johnson, Leonardo Montauro, Maisey Taylor, Ben Watts, Annabelle Honour, Mustapha Sillah, Ella Vassie, Alesha Crawford, Freya Horsall, Sophia Bluck, Aleah Wellsteed, Myesha Downie, Tori Dettmar, Jacob Ross, Frank Tait, Frankie Kirwan, Cullen Maggs, Ewa Slawinska, Rohaan Ehsan, Kyara Hopkins, Grace Rixon, Dylan Baxter, Kai Stroud, Lucas Brown, Jensen Robbins, Amelia Croton, Joseph Compton, Aiden Newitt, Darcy Ireson, Qoda Dubose, Halle Smith, Jayden Carey, Jack Bean, Liam Hewington, Maddison Olney, Zayn Elaidi, Emily Cox, Harry Pritchard, Skye Milne, Grace New, Taliah-Grace Thompson, Tyler Simpson, Jakub Rayson, Elizabeth Lake, Jamie Graham, Joshua Cooper.

**Honesty Silver**

Naima Maria.

**Academia Bronze**

Naima Maria, Rachael Chacha, Kunga Tamang, Ella Barrett, Freya Barrett.

**Academia Silver**

Naima Maria, Manal Fatima.

**Resilience Bronze**

Maegan Patague, Andrew Maganda

**Resilience Silver**

Maegan Patague.

**Diversity Bronze**

Kunga Tamang, Madison O'Carroll.

**Gratitude Bronze**

Tii Milhench, Thomas Baker, Kitty Mulcock, George Wells, Lily Fowler, Freya Barrett, Taliah-Grace Thompson.

**Courage Bronze**

Molly Andrews.

**Attendance Bronze**

Naima Maria, Cody O'Kelly.

**Personal Responsibility Bronze**

Maegan Patague, Mateo Allko.

**Oracy Silver**

Alexis Osei Assibey.