



Newsletter – Monday 19th February 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 9.2.24:

Reception	97.7%
Class 1	95.7%
Class 2	95.7%
Class 3	96.2%
Class 4	96.1%
Class 5	97.3%
Class 6	93.3%
Overall	96.0%

Attendance Champions: Reception - Congratulations

Our school attendance expectation is 97%. Well done to everyone who achieved this.

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: **RESPONSIBILITY**

This week's focus will be:
RESPONSIBILITY



Luke 16:10:

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

This verse teaches that being responsible with small tasks reflects how trustworthy one is with bigger responsibilities.



Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

Spring 2 – Health and Wellbeing	
EYFSP	How can I look after myself?
1/2	What do I need to be healthy?
3/4	Can I recognise ways to improve my physical and emotional well-being?
5/6	Can I understand the impact of positive and negative health choices?

Dear parents/carers – welcome to Spring 2!



I'm delighted to share insights from our recent SIAMS Inspection report, a testament to our school's dedication to fostering an inclusive and nurturing environment rooted in our Christian vision.

Our school shines through the report for its commitment to ensuring every member of our community, especially our pupils, experience growth in mind, body, and spirit. We're praised for our curriculum and relationships that empower everyone to flourish, underscoring the vital importance we place on wellbeing and support.

The inspector was particularly impressed by how pupils are inspired to challenge injustice, embodying our vision for 'life in all its fullness'. Our collective worship was noted for its reflective exploration of faith, allowing for personal growth and spiritual development.

A highlight of the report is our productive partnership with our Tanzanian partner school, which enhances our collective worship and broadens our global perspective, fostering empathy and understanding.

I want to acknowledge our staff's dedication, as highlighted in the report: "Staff go the extra mile to ensure all pupils, including those with SEND, are fully included in the life of the school." This effort extends to prioritising mental health and wellbeing, ensuring a supportive environment for all.

My deepest thanks go to our children, staff, parents, and governors for their constant support. Your commitment to our ethos and to creating a caring, inclusive community is what truly sets our school apart.

We're excited to continue our journey of providing excellent, values-driven education. Thank you for being an integral part of our school's story - The full report is now available on our website.

F1 in Schools Regional Finals



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We recently celebrated our third consecutive year at the F1 in Schools Regional Finals, held at the National STEM Centre in York. Our three teams—The Robotic Racers, Eco-Energise, and Rapid Raptors—showcased their talents and hard work.

The journey has been extraordinary, with some participants growing alongside the project from the start. They've not only excelled in competition but have also taken on the role of mentors, sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with new members.

Our teams demonstrated exceptional skill, earning nominations across several categories and bringing home three prestigious awards. The Robotic Racers have once again earned their place in the National Finals, set to occur at Magna on March 12th.

Facing challenges ranging from race performance and engineering to presentations and pit design, our pupils displayed remarkable determination and creativity. Their passion for engineering and futures in STEM, ignited by this event, is truly inspiring – *Well done!*



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Children's Mental Health and Online Safety Week

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

5-11 FEB 2024



During the last week of school, we embraced Children's Mental Health and Safer Internet Week, culminating in a vibrant non-uniform day where the children expressed themselves in outfits that sparked joy. Our theme, 'My Voice Matters', was brought to life through an array of activities designed to foster meaningful connections and understanding of internet safety and emotional wellbeing. Highlights included engaging workshops with cyber-crime officers, creating emotion wheels for managing feelings, and insightful lessons on online safety and consent. We explored tranquillity through mindfulness activities, celebrated creativity in forest worship, reinforcing the importance of seeking support and the five ways to wellbeing. The week was a testament to our commitment to nurturing healthy minds and promoting a safe, supportive online and offline environment for our pupils. For more resources and support, visit the [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) section on our website.



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Police Visit

On Friday, we provided a great experience for our younger children who were visited by officers Olly and Kay from West Yorkshire police. They talked to the children about their jobs, shared pictures of the different vehicles used in the police force and at the end of the visit even allowed the children to explore their police car. The children were very excited by the sirens!



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Cyber Crime

Year 6 had an exciting visit from the Cyber Protect Team. The children discussed staying safe online, talked about their digital footprints and discussed sharing private data. The children then got to experience the cyber crime van.



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Coal Mining Museum

Year 5 enjoyed exploring Caphouse Colliery (National Coal Mining Museum for England) and making links to their History topic of the Industrial Revolution, through fascinating exhibits and interactive activities.



Forest School Sessions

Children have been immersed in outdoor learning and Chinese New Year celebrations! From writing Chinese characters to cooking stir fry in nature, they embraced teamwork, safety, and cultural awareness. Fun and learning combined!



Pupils Leading Worship

Anti-Bullying and Wellbeing ambassadors led worship, reminding us of 5 ways to wellbeing, where to find help and advice, and to announce the opening of applications for new wellbeing ambassadors.



Peace

In RE Year 1 have been learning about the good news that Jesus brings. They have looked at the three different kinds of peace and decided that they needed to find peace within themselves and so meditated in the hall.

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Structures

Year 2 have been busy architects as they have been working together to create their structures.



Double Page Spreads

Year 3 have enjoyed creating their end of unit double page spreads, showing off everything they've learnt and remembered in Science and History. Great work!



Calendar



February

- Fri 23rd – Y5/6 School Games Football
- Tue 27th – NHS Y4 Healthy Lifestyles Workshop
- Wed 28th – KS1 Multi-Skills Festival
- Thu 29th – Y3/4 Dodgeball V Badsworth
- Mon 4th – Y5/6 Fire Safety Talk
- Wed 6th – Mother's Day Gift Sale
- Thu 7th – World Book Day
- Fri 8th – Y5/6 School Games Football
- Mon 11th – Wed 13th – Y5 Bikeability
- Mon 11th / Wed 13th – Parents Evening
- Tue 12th – F1 in Schools National Finals
- Fri 15th – Comic Relief

[Key Dates 2023-24](#)

Dinner Debate

This week's question to debate with family and friends at home:



What responsibilities come with caring for animals, and how can we ensure we meet them effectively?

A big thank you to the parents of the HSA for organising and running the recent school disco, the school staff who helped out and supervised and the children for enjoying themselves!

Stay safe, well and keep the faith – your support is greatly appreciated

Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School



Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

