



Newsletter – Monday 5th February 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 2.2.24:

Reception	96.0%
Class 1	96.7%
Class 2	97.3%
Class 3	96.2%
Class 4	90.7%
Class 5	95.3%
Class 6	80.7%
Overall	93.3%

**Attendance Champions:
Class 2 - 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: **COMPASSION**

This week's focus will be:

MERCY



Matthew 5:7:

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

This verse highlights that those who are compassionate and forgiving towards others will also receive compassion and forgiveness.

Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **SOCIAL JUSTICE**



Staffing Update

We would like to thank Miss Sharpe who has been working with Year 4 this academic year. She has decided to pursue other opportunities and will be leaving us on Friday. We are grateful for her commitment and contribution to our school and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Dear parents/carers,



Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

This week we mark Children's Mental Health and Safer Internet Week as part of our personal development curriculum.

This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters' so we're encouraging children to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways, such as with our wellbeing ambassador training, class activities and special worships.

You can find support, resources and links on our website in the [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) section.

Today marks a special day as our teams, the Robotic Racers, Rapid Raptors, and Eco-Energise, set off for the National STEM Centre in York to participate in the Regional Finals of the F1 in Schools competition. Now in our third season of this thrilling challenge, it's truly inspiring to witness the remarkable growth and development of our children through this opportunity. We extend our best wishes to all the children, acknowledging their hard work and dedication in preparing for this event. Good luck!



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Fairy Doors

The children have been painting fairy doors at lunchtime. What a wonderful activity. They are going to be placed around the grounds for a special orienteering activity.



Crocodile Lane

Growth in MIND

Year 5 were very excited to create their own 'Crocodile Lane' story inspired by the amazing live session through the Literacy Trust with Steven Camden. The creative world ideas were amazing!



Piet Mondrian

Growth in MIND,

In Nursery, the children have been learning about Number 4 and 4-sided shapes. They explored art by Piet Mondrian, who used rectangles and squares to create his different pieces. The children then enjoyed painting their own pieces of art inspired by Mondrian.



Non-Uniform

On Friday, wear what makes you happy for Children's Mental Health Week.



Calendar



February

Mon 5th – Fri 9th

Children's Mental Health and Online Safety Week
Mon 5th – F1 in Schools Regional Finals

Wed 7th – Police Cyber Protect Team – Y5/6

Wed 7th – Spring Disco

Thu 8th – Y5/6 Netball Competition

Fri 9th – School Closes

Mon 19th – School Reopens (Spring 2)

[Key Dates 2023-24](#)

Recent Letters – [Y5 National Coal Mining Museum Visit / Y4 Staffing Update / F1 in Schools Regionals](#)

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Online Safety



Safer Internet Day is taking place this week, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year an online issue or theme is covered that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. This year's Safer Internet work will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

The UK Safer Internet Centre has created a new advice page to support parents and carers. It addresses online safety concerns around: online games; new devices; and the content children engage with online. The page is designed to be shared by schools and other organisations, please click the image below to access: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/safer-internet-day-2024-free-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL LANDSCAPE

On Safer Internet Day (Tuesday, 6th February at 7pm), there's a valuable webinar for parents and carers: "Navigating the Digital Landscape," hosted by eduthing and parenting coach Sue Atkins. Covering essential topics like proactive parenting strategies and building digital resilience, it's sounds great for those interested in online safety for children.

To join, simply scan or click the QR code. Spaces are limited to 1000 attendees.



*****Dinner Debate*****

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



'Who is the greatest ever sports personality?'



Growth in **MIND**

Observational Skills

Reception have been developing their observational skills. They looked closely at the different shells and then tried very hard to make an observational sketch. They then used the watercolour paints to also paint a picture of their shell.



Cross Stitch

Growth in **MIND**

Year 3 have really enjoyed their DT lesson today. They remembered how to do a running stitch from their work in Year 2, as well as learning how to do a cross stitch. Well done, everyone!



The Felt Tip Pens Have Quit!

Year 2 were shocked to receive a letter from the felt tip pens last week. They have all quit due to their reported careless ways! The children are now busy writing letters to persuade them to return. Fingers crossed.



London

Year 1 have created their own posters about how brilliant London is as our capital city. They think all the landmarks and transportation that it has compared to Ackworth is amazing!



Quote from "Mansfield Park" by Jane Austen:
"Self-care is never a selfish act—it is simply good stewardship of the only gift I have, the gift I was put on earth to offer others."

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Howard Family Celebration Worship
Gathering Together and Encouraging One Another

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: Isla (Rec), Rose (Y1), George (Y2), Bowen (Y3), Millie (Y4), Emilie (Y5), Molly (Y6)
- Living our Christian values: Eva (Rec), Jack (Y1), Mark (Y2), Poppy (Y3), Bella (Y4), Oliver (Y5), Josh (Y6)
- Living our school vision: Elodie (Rec), Joshua (Y1), Huw (Y2), Bradley (Y3), Greta (Y4), Lydia (Y5), Matilda (Y6)
- Living our school vision and flourishing: Toby Y – Showing compassion through determination and resilience.
- Golden (Play) Welly Award: Lucy and Millie (Y6) – Showing consideration and empathy to others.
- Reading Class Champions: Year 5

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

Michael Walker – Headteacher

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Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

