



Newsletter – Monday 4th March 2019
Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Attendance

Week ending 8th March:

Reception:	99.0%
Class 1	99.3%
Class 2	94.6%
Class 3	94.2%
Class 4	96.3%
Class 5	100%
Class 6	97.7%
Overall	97.3%

Attendance Champions:
Year 5
Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.



Orienteering Team



World Book Day

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 BODY, SPIRIT

On Thursday, the school celebrated World Book Day. Children and staff looked great in their costumes and activities such as author workshops, family member reading sessions, access to the book fair and reading trails took place. Prizes were awarded to children in each Key Stage for best costumes and a lucky winner was drawn from the hat of children who have read regularly at home since Christmas.



Inspire Sessions

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Reception held their Inspire Morning where children took part in a variety of activities linked to the story book The Rainbow Fish. Nursery also held their Inspire Stay and Play sessions during the week. Thank you for attending.

Sport in School

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Y4 girls took part in a competition against other schools to mark International Women’s Day last week. The children took part in a number of circuit activities and enjoyed the event despite the appalling weather.

A number of KS2 children took part in an orienteering competition and worked really well together as a team. Well done!

Congratulations to Isabella who competed in the West Yorkshire Cross Country event at Temple Newsam, Leeds, finishing 45th out of over 150 children and 3rd in the Wakefield section.

Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 took part in tennis taster sessions last week which were thoroughly enjoyed.

Howard also had his first outings as the teams sporting mascot!

Values for Life

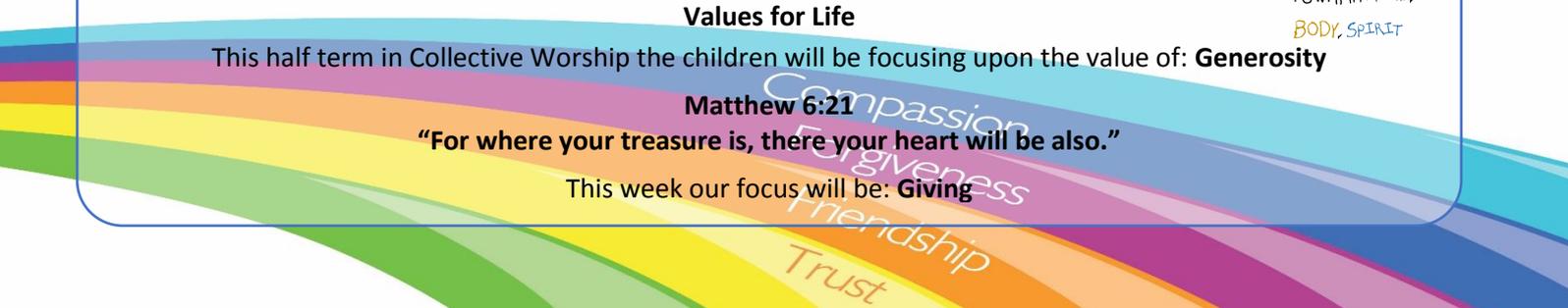
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This half term in Collective Worship the children will be focusing upon the value of: **Generosity**

Matthew 6:21

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

This week our focus will be: **Giving**





We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- TBC – Space Launch
- 12th March – Y2 Conisbrough Castle Visit
- 13th March – SEN Coffee Morning
- 15th March – Comic Relief
- 19th March – Governors Meeting
- 21st March – Y2 Class Worship
- 21st March – World Down Syndrome Awareness Day (Odd Socks)
- 28th March – Mother's Day Assembly (**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE 29TH**)

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Tanzania - Working With and Learning From **BODY, SPIRIT**

The welcome from our partner school, Mshikamano Primary School was incredible. Split into A & B, this is two schools in one where one school attends in the morning and the second in the afternoon due to numbers. Numbers are so high because school is now compulsory.

In honour of our visit, both schools with a total of 3500 pupils and 32 teachers were present to welcome us. We were overwhelmed and moved by the 'wave' of children that ran to meet us as we arrived.

In this school, the community works with the school and we could sense how much the adults care for the children there. The hope is that one day both schools will be able to be brought together and that children can have a full day of education.

Children can walk up to 3 hours to attend school and because there are no facilities to access water at the school, the children walk another 2km in school time to collect the water needed. They are also responsible for cleaning and tidying the school which reduces the spread of infectious diseases. The president of Tanzania incidentally has introduced an allocated time on a Saturday morning where communities sweep and clear their surrounding areas. This has reduced the spread of malaria by 1/3.

Mshikamano means 'solidarity' in Swahili and that value was clearly visible. Challenges for this school include building further classrooms in order to house all the children in this densely populated area. A bag of cement costs £8. A classroom around £8000. They also need teaching resources.

I was moved by the welcome, hospitality and especially the vision of the teachers there.



The final blog post has now been published. You can find out more about the visit here:

<https://www.leeds.anglican.org/tanzania-blog>

Comic Relief

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The school council have planned to have a non-uniform day (bright colour theme – suggested £1 donation) and a bun baking competition. If your children would like to enter, please deliver your buns in a named tin on Friday morning. There will be a prize for the winner. Buns will then be sold in school for 20p each.

50% of the proceeds from the day will go towards Comic Relief and the other 50% to the Tanzania Safe House project. All proceeds from the sale of red noses go to Comic Relief.

School Nurse Workshop

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Year 4 took part in a healthy lifestyle workshop delivered by the school nurse last week. Discussions were held around taking personal responsibility in relation to issues such as healthy eating and screen time etc. The children asked and responded to thoughtful questions.

Celebrating Us!

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The following children have been recognised by their class teachers for going above and beyond whether it be academic, socially or physically within the school week:

- Benjamin (Rec), George (Rec), Holly (Y1), Elijah (Y1), Myles (Y2), Sam (Y2), Ryan (Y3), Oliver (Y3), Elise (Y4), Alex (Y4), Lilly-Rose (Y5), Isabelle (Y5), Charlie (Y6), Heather (Y6).

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely week.

**Mr Michael Walker
Headteacher**



Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School - Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)