



Newsletter – Monday 21st January 2019

Attendance

Week ending 18th January:

Nursery:	95.0%
Reception:	99.0%
Class 1	99.0%
Class 2	98.1%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	97.7%
Class 5	94.8%
Class 6	99.3%
Overall	98.3%

Attendance Champions:

Class 3

Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.

'Please consult the attendance policy on the school website for details of procedures such as fixed penalty notices for holidays in term time.'



Pupil Voice – School Council

The School Council would like to introduce you to Howard Bear. Howard will be visiting space representing our school as part of a whole school project. A letter regarding this project was sent home on Friday.

Howard will spend time with children on trips, as a mascot for competitions and events and generally be looked after by the children.

The council also created another bear who will be a gift for our partner school in Tanzania. They named the bear Matumaini which is Hope in Swahili.



Ackworth Howard School council
Reaching the Top of the Rainbow



Ice Exploration

Nursery and Reception have been exploring ice as the colder weather has set in. They have been exploring different ways of melting ice and discussing the process.

'Hands melt ice because hands are warm.' Toby

Values for Life

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

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

Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

TBC – Space Launch
23rd January – Y2 Mosque Visit
5th February – Governors Meeting
5th February – Y3+4 Yorkshire Museum Visit
7th February – Year 5 Class Worship
8th February – Author Visit (Writing Workshops)
11th February – Y1 Parents Phonics Workshop
13th February – School Disco
15th February – School Closes for February Half Term
16th February – Mr. Walker travels to Tanzania.

Updates/Information:

We are currently **advertising for two Lunchtime Supervisors**. If you are interested in the position, please enquire at the school office.

Y6 Anxiety Workshop

Gemma McIntosh, the CAMHS Primary Practitioner we are working with through the Futures in Mind project undertook an anxiety workshop with Year 6 last week.

The children explored their worries and fears and undertook various activities and strategies to overcome them.

Pupil voice – Digital Leaders Fundraiser

The children are becoming increasingly skilled at computer science in school and we wanted to extend computing into the physical world by purchasing a 3D printer and some other computing gadgets.

Thanks to your support and the work of the Digital Leaders in school the children raised an incredible £1093, surpassing their target meaning they can purchase everything on their list!

Thank you so much for your generosity. We can't wait to share the work the children undertake with the new equipment!

School Vision

Thank you for the many responses we have had from the school vision survey. Your views will shape our new vision and values statement.

Sports

Year 1 and 2 have been undertaking specialist sports sessions with our partners Xcite. Year 1 have been developing skills in handball and Year 2 have been learning how to play hockey.

Celebrating Us!

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:

Arianna W (Rec), Frankie A (Rec), Grace N (Y1), Thomas T (Y1), Connie I (Y2), Leah W (Y2), Reuben J (Y3), Abbie J (Y3), Zakk H (Y4), Kasie W (Y4), Olivia B (Y5), Sol E (Y5), Heather M (Y6), Sylvie B (Y6).

Well done to the children who have been living our values.

Circus Skills

Well done to the children who shared the skills they have developed during the circus skills after school activity club last term. The children performed with confidence for the whole school and did incredibly well.

Positive Behaviours

Children who are following the school rules, being good role models and living our values are being recognised in worship by receiving special mentions.

Well done to everyone who works hard at this!

Howard Harriers

Howard Harriers have been well represented at the local Parkrun over the last two weeks. Participation is moving us up the schools leader board!

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to all of the children who were given a Headteacher's award during the last week for demonstrating outstanding learning behaviours – Well done!

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

Mr Michael Walker