



Newsletter – Monday 25th March 2019

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week ending 22nd March:

Reception:	97.7%
Class 1	95.0%
Class 2	96.2%
Class 3	96.5%
Class 4	99.7%
Class 5	95.5%
Class 6	98.7%
Overall	97.0%

**Attendance Champions:
Year 4
Congratulations.**

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.



House Points

(Red) Cirrus – 243
(Blue) Cumulus – 262
(Yellow) Stratus – 240
(Green) Nimbus – 178

Well done Cumulus!

Year 2 Class Worship

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Year 2 did a fantastic job when leading their class worship on Thursday. They shared learning from a wide variety of subjects including some excellent animations, historical research, singing, art work, poetry and even shared how they saved our school from an alien invasion!!! Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope you enjoyed it.



Fencing

Growth in MIND,
BODY

The children attending the fencing club have been enjoying learning new skills.

We still have a couple of places available if anyone is interested. (Y4-Y6)



Positive Behaviours

Growth in BODY

Children are really enjoying attending the afternoon tea which is the new reward to acknowledge the excellent behaviour and attitudes of children across school who achieve 'cool in school,' excellent behaviour or Headteacher awards.

This takes place on a Friday afternoon from 3pm with Miss O'Brien. Children get to enjoy a treat baked in the school kitchen and choose a reward from the behaviour box before returning to their classrooms.

Ackworth Howard V Crigglestone St. James

Growth in MIND,
BODY

The children had a great time playing football against Crigglestone St James at Durker Devils FC last Thursday.

This is a new school link developed through the Tanzania network and we are looking forward to working with the school on future activities.



Values for Life

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

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

2 Corinthians 9:11

'Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.'

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

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England

Upcoming Diary Dates:

TBC – Space Launch

28th March – Mother's Day Assembly 9:15am

29th March – Y4 Resilience Day (Ackworth School)

3rd April – Parents Evening

4th April – Easter Bonnet Parade and The Great Egg Race

5th April – Easter Service (St. Cuthbert's – Y3+4

Production 9:45am)

5th April – School Closes (Easter Break)

22nd April – Bank Holiday Monday

23rd April – School Reopens (Summer 1)

EASTER ACTIVITIES:

Please submit any decorated egg entries on the morning of Thursday 4th April. The Easter Bonnet Parade (Nursery – Year 2) and the Great Egg Race (Key Stage 2) will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 4th April – entries are welcome.

2pm – Easter Bonnet Parade.

2:30pm – Great Egg Race.

Governors Meeting

I would like to thank Chris Whitworth and Ian Hughes for their time, commitment and dedication to our school as parent governors over the last 4 years – thank you!

As their term of office has now ended, we have 2 vacancies on the governing body. You will have received a letter about this today.

Following last week's governing body meeting, INSET days (staff training) for the 2019-2020 academic year have now been confirmed:

Monday 2nd September, Monday 4th November,

Monday 6th January, Monday 1st June and

Monday 20th July.

Term dates are set by Wakefield local authority and can be found on our website or the Wakefield Council website.

Celebrating Us!

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

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:

Charlie (Rec), Max (Rec), Mason (Y1), Neive (Y1), George (Y2), Evie (Y2), Luke (Y3), Abbie (Y3), Zakk (Y4), Bella (Y4), Erin (Y5), Harrison (Y5), Darcy (Y6), Isabelle (Y6).

Buhemba Primary School

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Today in assembly we discussed the visit to Buhemba Primary School where we had the opportunity to hear from the Head Boy and Girl.

The 18 year old Head Boy gave a very moving speech about his life and the struggles he has faced but the adversity and courage he continues to show to reach his goals. He told us how he only started Primary school when he was 14 because before this he was living on the streets and didn't enjoy education. It was only when the Tanzanian government introduced the law of all children going to school that he realised the importance of education and the way this could change his life and support him on his journey to become a soldier and protect his country.

A number of children also had the opportunity to recreate an African dance and did a great job!



Author Visit

Growth in MIND

Conrad Burdekin, a local author was in school delivering writing workshops with all classes last week linked to their class topics. The sessions were interactive and inspiring and resulted in the children producing some fantastic pieces of writing!

World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

On Thursday, staff and children wore odd socks to help raise awareness of Down syndrome, what it means to have Down syndrome, and how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the book fair. The school earned commission of **£638** following the sales meaning we can purchase new books for school.

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

**Mr Michael Walker
Headteacher**



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