



Newsletter – Monday 3rd June 2019

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Summer 1 Half Term

Reception:	97.8%
Class 1	97.8%
Class 2	96.4%
Class 3	94.4%
Class 4	97.2%
Class 5	95.9%
Class 6	97.9%
Overall	96.8%

Attendance Champions:

Year 6

Congratulations.

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

Our attendance in school for the academic year so far is **96.8%**.



More information about attendance can be found on our school website:
<https://www.ackworthowardschool.co.uk/>

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Space Launch

A team of experts came into school and gave an engaging presentation about the science and engineering of space flight, delivered a question and answer session in classrooms, followed by an unforgettable near-space launch from our school field.

Our school mascot Howard was the astronaut and was dressed in our school uniform, sporting a bandana made from the African fabric purchased during his recent Tanzania visit.

The children have had a fantastic experience with one child stating 'this is the best day ever!' The work that has come from this so far has been inspirational and there is much more to come!



Inspire Sessions

Growth in MIND,
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During the last week we held our Y1/2 and Y5/6 Inspire Mornings. Thank you again for supporting and helping make these events such a success.

Y1/2 created African and Australian animals linked to their topics. They used a variety of exciting and messy materials to create sculptures which look great as an art installation.

Y5/6 created movie posters linked to our space launch earlier in the week.

Elmer Day

Growth in MIND,
SPIRIT

Nursery and Reception looked fantastic in their bright colours to celebrate Elmer's 30th birthday. They celebrated by having a party, reading lots of stories, finger painting and many other activities. The children really enjoyed the day.

Values for Life

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BODY, SPIRIT

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

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1 Corinthians 13:13

Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit.

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- 7th June – Y2 Fairburn Ings Visit
- 7th June – School Nurse Health and Wellbeing (Y6)
- Wk Beg 10th June – Y1 Phonics Screening
- Wk Beg 10th June – Northumberland Residential
- 12th June – Father's Day gift Sale
- 12th June – Y6 Transition Workshop (Road Safety Team)
- 19th June – SEND Coffee Morning
- 20th June – Y6 Class Worship
- 21st June – Sports Day / Family BBQ
- 24th June – Class Photo Day
- 25th June – Y3/4 Railway Museum Visit

Online Safety

Growth in **BODY**,
SPIRIT

PCSO Vicki Jackson of the Neighbourhood Policing Team visited Y6 to deliver an engaging and thought provoking online safety workshop on Friday. The children asked some excellent questions and found the session very useful.

Football Tournament

Growth in **BODY**

A selection of children in Year 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in a football tournament recently. The morning consisted of a skill session and the afternoon offered opportunity to compete against other schools.

Northumberland Residential

Growth in **MIND**,
BODY, **SPIRIT**

Year 5 children will be taking part in their residential visit to Northumberland next week. The children will enjoy visits to Alnwick Castle, Lindisfarne Castle and Holy Island and will take part in activities such as a seal safari boat trip.

If your child is taking part in the visit, please do not hesitate in contacting school with any questions you may have. Please can you also return any outstanding documents that need completing such as the medical forms.

ACT Mara Safe House

Growth in **MIND**,
BODY, **SPIRIT**

Today in our worship we discussed the Tanzanian Safe House. The children learned what the safe house is for, what challenges they face, what their priorities are, what it was like to visit and what we can do to help.

We then had a moment of reflection to think of our friends in Tanzania who show courage and bravery on a daily basis and to those who offer service going above and beyond to help and support others, changing lives for the better.

Linked to our vision in regards to developing the spirit, the children then considered injustices in the world that they feel passionate about and thought about what they could do to challenge and support in order to be 'agents of change.' It has been lovely to hear their ideas following the assembly.

I have become thoughtful at times since the visit and worry about some of the people I met. As a result of this I am raising money for the safe house and our partner school by completing a **TRI TRI TRI for Tanzania - A trio of triathlons!** If you would like to support this, please visit the just giving page or donate at the school office:



I hope that this initiative along with other inspiring social actions that have been undertaken by children in the school community inspire other children to challenge their own injustices that are so important to them.



Service – Bravery – Courage – Support – Hope

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)

Friendship
Trust