



Newsletter – Monday 12th October 2020

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 9th October

Reception	98.3%
Class 1	98.9%
Class 2	95.5%
Class 3	95.8%
Class 4	97.3%
Class 5	98.7%
Class 6	95.3%
Overall	97.1%

Attendance Champions:

Class 6

Congratulations.

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

Our accumulative attendance for the academic year so far is 96.4%



Values for Life

This half term in collective worship the children will be focusing upon the values of:

RESPECT AND REVERENCE

This week our focus is DIGNITY

Matthew 25:35 - For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.



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Parent Surgery:

Mrs Jones (Learning Mentor) is available to **support/discuss any behaviour, social and emotional welfare concerns.**

Mrs. Jones can be contacted by telephone/email initially.

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Harvest Festival

It was lovely to have so many people able to join us for our virtual harvest service, we hope that you enjoyed it. The children enjoyed sharing their harvest reflections amongst other classes and the wider school community.

I was very sorry to hear that a number of parents were unable to access the service due to the Zoom session reaching capacity. I was not aware that there was a limit of 100. We will look into how we can sort this for our next event.

It is really important that the children feel reconnected as a school group and that we continue to re-establish a sense of community and belonging.

Harvest is a time to come together, celebrate the food grown on the land and share with others who are not so fortunate. Thank you for the food donations that have been sent into school. These were gratefully received by Ackworth Foodbank.



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Upcoming Diary Dates:

October:

- Black History Month
- Mon 12th – Flu Vaccinations (R-Y6)
- Mon 12th – World Mental Health Day (Non-Uniform)
- Thu 22nd – Year 6 Class Worship (Zoom – Y6 Parents Invited)
- Fri 23rd – School Closes (October Half Term)

November:

- Mon 2nd – School Reopens (Autumn 2)

Mental Health and Wellbeing:

Today we are holding a Mental Health and Wellbeing Day to raise awareness of this important issue.

As a school, one of our goals this year is to increase our focus and investment in mental health.

Our dedicated website page illustrates our mental health strategy and offers a number of support and resource signposts.

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/wellbeing/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

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Pupil Leadership

Our Digital Leaders organised and undertook a recruitment process for appointing the new Year 4 Digital Leaders.

They organised the whole process themselves, designing and printing an application form, distributing it to Year 4, then evaluating and shortlisting the candidates before selecting the new members, which they announced on Zoom in our celebration worship.



Compassion
For given
Friendship
Trust

Mixed Media Images

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Year 6 have been enjoying their art project this half-term. They have been investigating mixed media images. During this project they have looked at textures, patterns and shading. Here is an example of a canvas picture based on the topic of evolution.



Composer of the Month

The composer of the month for October in school is Mozart.

Mozart has over 200 compositions. Many are not known by name, but instantly recognisable. His most famous being A Little Night Music.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVTXIRxVdEY>

He also composed Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bK9h12Qdvs>

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Dinner Debate

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

'How can we all help to look after our world?'

Music Lessons

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It has been wonderful listening to the music lessons around school recently. Sounds that have been missed! African drumming, ukulele playing, singing... It's nice to have it back.

Stone Age Houses

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It was lovely to see Year 3 using the Makerspace last week as part of their DT unit of work. They have been designing and making Stone Age houses, applying their Historical knowledge.



Insulators and Conductors

Year 4 have been exploring insulators and conductors as part of their electricity unit of work in Science. They created circuits and tested different materials with interesting results.

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West African Adinkra art

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Year 5 have enjoyed their study of African adinkra symbols. The children have designed their own symbol that represents something personal to them, inspired by the West African Adinkra art and they look wonderful. The children have used techniques such as printing, material selection, designing and cutting.



Safeguarding – Early Help Wakefield District

This autumn the Our Family Our Future project have funded free activities for children in the Wakefield district over the October school holidays. All sessions will provide a free meal for the children with an opportunity for the family to have access to early help support, above and beyond the fun filled activities. Support around mental health and wellbeing, confidence building, COVID 19, financial/debt management, progress into work will be accessible. If you are interested, you can find out more on the link below. I do believe that places are limited.

<http://earlyhelp.wakefield.gov.uk/our-family-our-future/>

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Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements within the school week:
Lincoln (Rec), Zach (Y1), Arianna (Y2), Layla (Y3), Riley (Y4), Jacob (Y5) and Josh (Y6).
- Living our Christian values:
Bowen (Rec), Alice (Y1), Oliver (Y2), Tom (Y3), Heath (Y4), Alex (Y5) and Jack (Y6).
- Living our school vision:
Viktoria (Rec), Emilia (Y1), Aiden (Y2), Ewan (Y3), Abigail (Y4), Amelia (Y5) and Alex (Y6).



Congratulations to Poppy who received the school vision award for always being kind and caring and showing a very mature level of empathy to others.

Covid-19 Update:

As I am sure you are aware from my letter on Sunday, we have now had a positive covid case in school. I know that you may find this concerning but I am continuing to monitor the situation and am working closely with Public Health England. The letter is on our website and informs you of the current situation and provides advice on any necessary steps needed to be taken.

Thank you for your continued support, I hope that you have a lovely week.

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher



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