



Newsletter – Monday 12th April 2021

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 26th March:

Reception	99.3%
Class 1	97.3%
Class 2	97.9%
Class 3	97.8%
Class 4	97.6%
Class 5	95.9%
Class 6	96.2%

Overall 97.5%

Attendance Champions:

Reception

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

Growth in **SPiRiT**

Values for Life



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

COURAGE

This week's focus will be:

Courage

1 Corinthians 16:13

'Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.'

A Journey Through the Bible:

Exile and Prophets: Elijah
(1 Kings 18)

Growth in **MiND, BoDY, SPiRiT**

Global Citizenship Thread

Last half term the children focused on **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**. This half term our whole school Thread is **RESILIENCE**.



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*****Dinner Debate*****

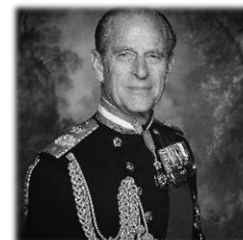
This week's question to debate with family and friends at home:

'What is the most important human right?'

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school, I hope that you have all had a lovely Easter with your families.

It is with sadness that we all learnt over the weekend of the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and we add our prayers to those of the nation for him, the Queen and the Royal family as they grieve for his loss. If you wish to sign the [book of condolence](#) it can be found by clicking the link.



The Church of England have provided us with a wonderful worship entitled 'A Life Lived Well' and I will be sharing this with the children today as well as engaging in a moment of reflection.

An opportunity has been provided through Wakefield UKYP (Youth Parliament), for young people to be involved in discussions about Wakefield's Climate action plan. There will be opportunity for young people to join a climate change group, that will empower them to help make changes in Wakefield to help the district reach their zero emissions targets. Cllr Jack Hemmingway will be introducing the climate change plan and will be happy to respond to questions and suggestions.

The webinar will take place via Zoom and is aimed at children and young people aged 8 – 19 years old (and up to 25 for those with SEND). Parental consent will be needed for younger participants.

The webinar will take place at **4:30pm today (12th April)** If you are interested in booking a place – please email:

buildourfutures@wakefield.gov.uk

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!

STOP CLIMATE CHANGE

You are invited to attend an exciting webinar on zoom with guest speakers, to be part of stopping climate change!

MONDAY 12TH OF APRIL
4.30-6.30pm

TO ATTEND PLEASE EMAIL
buildourfutures@wakefield.gov.uk

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Diary Dates

- 19th – 22nd April – Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 5)
- 26th April – Eucharist Teaching Opportunity – Rev. Charlene
- 28th April – Parent Consultation Meetings
- 29th April - Transition to High School Interactive Session (Wakefield Road Safety Team)
- 4th May – Bishop Tony Robinson Eucharist Admittance Service
- 11th May – Transition Workshop for Year 6 Parents (Led by Futures in Mind)
- 21st May – Year 2 Class Worship
- 28th May – Year 5 Class Worship

Two letters are now available on our website and will be distributed this week. You can find them by clicking the associated links below:

- [Parents Consultation Meetings](#)
- [Engaging in Eucharist](#)

After school activity clubs will begin next week (Wk Beg 19th April) and will follow the same format as communicated for Spring 1. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

With a Passion for Giving
Friendship
Trust

Pupil Leadership

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

It was a very busy week for pupil leadership leading up to the Easter break. School Council representatives led a Zoom meeting to share with another school's newly formed council how they operate. They shared their procedural and leadership tasks and activities as well as showcasing some of the projects they have worked on. They did a fantastic job not only in the meeting but also presenting the outcomes to the wider school council where a number of other items were discussed including the [school lunch menu](#) selection which is now available on our website.



Farming

Year 2 were visited by local farmer, Jack Walker, who works on Mrs. Thorpe's farm. He drove his tractor to school to talk to the class about farming in Ackworth. The children asked some fantastic questions and learnt a lot about farming in their local area. Thank you to Jack and Mrs. Thorpe for their time. The children have also been making comparisons between farming in Ackworth and Tanzania.



Mr Men and Little Miss

Growth in MIND,
BODY

Year 1 have been reading the Mr Men and Little Miss books as it is the 50th Anniversary this year of Mr Tickle - the first character introduced. The children have enjoyed reading stories about the different characters, writing sentences and in Art have drawn their own created characters in pastels and painted them.



Pneumatic Systems.

In Year 3, the children enjoyed getting into the Makerspace to build their toys with pneumatic systems before the Easter break. There was a lot of resilience and perseverance on display as some of the children had to adapt their plans when things went wrong! They did a fantastic job and worked through the process very creatively.



Easter 2021

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As a consequence of the pandemic, we have been unable to invite you into school for our traditional Easter activities again this year but we are really pleased that the children were able to enjoy them. It is important to us that the children continue to experience these long-standing school traditions and to help them feel reconnected, promoting a sense of belonging in our school community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Bonnet Parade, the Great Egg Race and the Decorated Egg Competition. It is always wonderful to see the end result of everyone's hard work. There were some very innovative ideas and designs!

In the lead up to Easter, the children also participated in a worship led Reverend Charlene, a worship led by Year 1 who shared the Easter story, Reverend Paul delivered an Ackworth Easter Trail activity sheet and there were also a number of other class and curriculum activities that took place.

Video highlights are available on our website:

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/news/2021/march/easter-traditions>



Practical Creativity

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It was an extremely busy week in Year 6. As part of our design technology curriculum, the pupils cooked a three course meal consisting of: stuffed peppers, salmon teriyaki with pak choi and brown rice, and pineapple upside down cake. They developed their cutting, cooking and cleaning skills in this project.



In Science they have been investigating the components of the blood. They recreated blood using everyday food. They created plasma using water and yellow food colouring, nutrients from salt, red blood cells using Cheerios and red food colouring, marshmallows for white blood cells and platelets from pasta and purple paint.



Easter Nest Buns

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SPIRIT

Children in EYFS have been making Easter Nest Buns. The children helped to melt the chocolate, mix in the cereal and then decorate them with a chocolate egg before putting them in the fridge to set. They then added little chicks.



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

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher

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



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