



Newsletter – Monday 12th July 2021
Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Attendance

Week Ending 9th July:

Reception	99.0%
Class 1	97.6%
Class 2	98.5%
Class 3	99.3%
Class 4	97.1%
Class 5	98.7%
Class 6	100%
Overall	98.6%

Attendance Champions:
Class 6 - Congratulations

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

Dear parents/carers,

Following recent announcements that schools will most likely be able to make changes to their safety measures from the 19th July, I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that we won't be making any changes for the last week of term. I believe that changing this for 5 days would cause unnecessary disruption during a period of escalating infection rates in Wakefield.

On Friday we had to close Nursery due to a positive Covid-19 case and we also have a small number of children and staff isolating at the moment. We need to try and get to the end of term with a conservative approach to avoid further disruption. We have done so well and worked so hard over the last 16 months and no one wants to isolate over the summer break if we can help it!

The weather is looking good for the end of the week and into the final week of school so I will write to year 6 parents later this week with a plan for how we may be able to deliver the Year 6 production outside to limited numbers. I will also write to you all later in the summer break as to our approach in September however I hope this will be a return to some normality!

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Diary Dates

12th-16th July – Artist in Residence

16th July – Pastor Ashley Guest Worship (Ackworth Community Church)

16th July – Musical Extravaganza (Video Recording)

16th July – Reports Issued to Parents

20th July – Year 6 Production (Please See Y6 Events Letter – 4:30pm)

23rd July – Year 6 Leavers Service (9:15am Zoom) / Leavers Picnic

23rd July – School Closes for Summer

Growth in SPIRIT

Values for Life

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

CREATIVITY

This week's focus will be:

ARTISTRY

Ecclesiastes 3:11
‘He has made everything beautiful in its time.’

Robinwood Residential

After all the uncertainty the Robinwood visit took place last week where the children made memories that will last a lifetime. The children enjoyed activities such as archery, team building exercises, a 3G swing, zip wires, trapeze, canoeing, piranha pool, dungeon of doom, crate challenge and much more. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time so that the children could enjoy this wonderful experience! You can find more photos on our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

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

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

Yesterday Richard Branson flew to the edge of space in a passenger rocket plane kicking off a new era of space tourism (obviously inspired by our very own Howard).

‘What would it feel like to visit space?’

Spinderella

Nursery and Reception have been reading ‘Spinderella’ by Julia Donaldson. They decided to make their very own Spinderella muffins. They carefully threaded sultanas onto eight cocktail sticks to make the legs and pushed them into the muffin. They then used icing to stick on the edible eyes and added a red icing smile.

In Nursery, their class butterflies have also emerged! They will be released this week.

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Expressions of the Christian faith

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SPIRIT

We have been exploring different expressions of the Christian faith and have begun inviting leaders from other Christian denominations to lead collective worship again.

Last week we worked with Reverend Naomi Kaiga and Matt Burland (Family and Youth Worker) from Ackworth Methodist Church. The children engaged in a worship about bravery on Monday and the following day Year 6 visited the Methodist Church to explore the difference between the Anglican Church and the Methodist Church in more detail. They explored the Church and asked excellent questions.



July For Jude

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It has been lovely to hear about a charity challenge that several of our Howard children are undertaking this month to support a Howard family!

"July For Jude" is a challenge to run/walk/cycle or swim 1 mile per day every day in July to raise money for The Schinzel-Giedion Syndrome Foundation. The mission is to provide support for families caring for a child with SGS and to facilitate and support medical research that will help find better treatments to improve the quality and length of life of children living with SGS.

You can find out more about the challenge and the family or donate by visiting the Just Giving page and reading their story.

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/JulyForJude>



European Championships

Growth in
SPIRIT

The children showed their support for the England team on Friday in the lead up to the final wearing red, white and blue and engaged in a number of activities.

In Year 3 the children analysed and discussed the meaning of the lyrics from Three Lions. They also recorded a video of the children singing the song in class! This can be seen on the [Facebook page](#).



Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

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Year 1 had had a fantastic day at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. They enjoyed exploring the park, seeing many animals. They especially loved the 'Into Africa' area – zebras, giraffes, lions, tigers and meerkats. They also saw the polar bears briefly in the Polar project. The children also had lots of fun in the Jungle play area and a lovely picnic lunch under the pyramid tent.

The 'Aren't Animals Amazing' workshop was very interesting and the class impressed the ranger with their knowledge of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

The children demonstrated excellent behaviour and were a credit to the school!

You can find more photos on our [website](#).



#WeLoveCPD

Our school has been recognised as a CPD Champion for our ongoing investment in staff development

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

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamo (Solidarity) Primary School -

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

