



Newsletter – Monday 15th November 2021

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 12th November:

Reception	93.0%
Class 1	93.3%
Class 2	96.3%
Class 3	94.0%
Class 4	98.3%
Class 5	98.7%
Class 6	97.0%

Overall 95.8%

Attendance Champions:

Class 5 – Congratulations

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:

HUMILITY

This week's focus will be:

ACCEPTING

1 Peter 3:8

'Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.'

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Dinner Debate

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

This half term our whole school curriculum thread is Values and Perceptions



'What values are most important in our world?'

Dear Parents/Carers,



This week we will mark the annual Anti-bullying week within school and encourage our whole school community to reflect on the philosophy we uphold at Ackworth Howard towards Anti-bullying. The theme for this year is 'One Kind Word,' and we will launch our week with a special worship this morning, celebrating our uniqueness (wearing odd socks) and thinking about how we can have a positive impact on each other through a 'Kindness Calendar' activity from the Anna Freud Mentally Healthy Schools website.

We understand the impact the pandemic has had on our school community's mental health and wellbeing, and celebrating Anti-bullying week is one way in which we are actively promoting positive attitudes and self-esteem. As a school, we are undergoing expert training in becoming a 'Trauma Informed' school to fully equip ourselves with the tools and knowledge to provide timely and specific support to individuals and the school community.

We continue to adapt and review our school approach to meet the needs of everyone in our school. Up to date policies on Behaviour, Anti-bullying and Mental Health and Wellbeing can be found on our website, here:

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/wellbeing/our-anti-bullying-philosophy>

We also have referral forms for parents and carers, as well as children, that can be completed if any individual feels they have been the victim of some form of bullying, with clear information on what to expect during and after the investigation.

Although we take a whole school stance on Anti-bullying and positive behaviours, we have selected representatives in each class, from Year 1 to Year 6 who take on the role of encouraging friendship and positive relationships within their class and at break/lunch times. These children form our Anti-bullying ambassadors and will have an active role in pupil leadership and role model the behaviours we seek to promote to ensure an environment where bullying is not only not tolerated, but actively challenged.

Remembrance

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On Thursday, school observed a minutes silence to mark Armistice Day at 11am. Classes undertook activities to remember those who have fought in conflicts around the world. As in previous years, Year 5 created thoughtful wreaths with images and words from what they understand about why we remember. They walked to the memorial and laid their wreaths on behalf of the school.



Diary Dates

November

- 15th – KS2 Quaker Visit
- 18th – Dodgeball Competition (Y6)
- 19th – Children in Need
- 22nd – Rev. Paul Worship
- 24th – Parents Consultation Meetings
- 25th – School's Community Council Meeting
- 28th – Christingle Service (St. Cuthbert's)

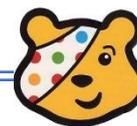
December

- 6th – Pantomime (5:30pm)
- 6th – Rev. Paul Worship
- 9th – Year 6 Class Worship
- 10th – Christmas Jumper / Dinner Day
- 14th/15th Christmas Productions
- 17th – KS2 Carol Concert
- 17th – School closes for Christmas

These dates/events may change in response to any changes to Covid-19 control measures.

Children in Need

Another important event taking place this week is Children in Need. This will take place on Friday and the School Council have decided that they would like to raise money for the charity through a non-uniform day with the theme 'clothes that make you happy.' A suggested donation of £1 to Children in Need would be welcomed.



Great Fire of London

Growth in MIND,
BODY

Year Two have been learning about the causes of the Great Fire of London and how the materials used to build houses in the past were one of the reasons that the fire spread so quickly. They found out that in September 1666 London was 'tinder dry' and enjoyed using flint to create sparks and make their own fires in their forest school lesson!



Governors Meeting

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BODY, SPIRIT

Governors met last Tuesday evening. In the meeting Governors were updated on the current position of the school in a variety of aspects and approved a number of policies. As well as the policies listed below, the Designated (Looked after Child) Teacher and ECT Induction policies were also approved.

Updated policies reviewed and approved by governors and available on our website:

- [Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy](#)
- [Behaviour Policy](#)
- [Anti-Bullying Policy](#)
- [SEND Policy](#)
- [SEN Information Report](#)
- [Accessibility Plan](#)

Within the meeting, Governors also discussed the recent School Development and Finance Committee meetings.

Staffing

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I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Judit Kerepeczki has been appointed to the role of Kitchen Assistant and will start shortly. This will add capacity to the kitchen but also the dining hall at lunchtime.

We still have active job adverts which include Lunchtime Supervisor, Cleaner and Breakfast Club Assistant. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions or would like some more information, please do contact school.

Please find links to two recent letters distributed:

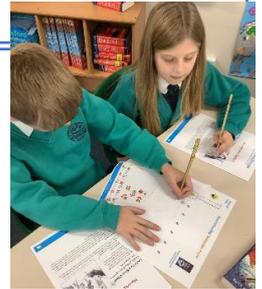
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- Parents meetings will be offered through a blended approach as we would really like to see you in school so that you feel connected and have an opportunity to visit but we are also aware that some of you may feel anxious about coming into school given the Covid-19 rate in Wakefield at the moment.**
- We are pleased to be able to offer a phantomime which will be Sleeping Beauty with M&M Productions again for children in Reception to Year 6. Tickets can be purchased on the School Money system.**

The World of Magic

Growth in MIND

Year 4 entered the world of magic last week in English! They have been looking at what they need to include in their news reports on the latest news from Queendom. Their magical wands have been helping them with the task at hand!



Vegetable Soup

Growth in MIND, BODY

In EYFS last week, the children were reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French. Linking to the story, they made some delicious vegetable soup. The children helped to prep and chop the vegetables before using a soup maker to cook the soup. It was delicious and warmed their tummies!



Fossils

Growth in MIND

In Science, Year 3 have been learning about how fossils are made. They loved examining the school's collection for fossils!



Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:
Evie (Rec), Carter (Y1), Poppy (Y2), Jensen (Y3), Max (Y4), Samuel (Y5) and All of Y6.
- Living our Christian values:
Huw (Rec), Bowen (Y1), Grace (Y2), Lydia (Y3), Alannah (Y4), Connie (Y5) and Darcie B (Y6).
- Living our school vision:
Daisy (Rec), Corey (Y1), Emie (Y2), Frankie (Y3), Charlie (Y4), Lailah (Y5) and Mia (Y6).

Congratulations to Charlie H who consistently demonstrates the qualities of an excellent role model in school - kind, caring and hard working.



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

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher

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Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

