



Newsletter – Monday 18th October 2021

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Attendance

Week Ending 15th October:

Reception	98.0%
Class 1	90.1%
Class 2	94.8%
Class 3	96.2%
Class 4	91.3%
Class 5	97.3%
Class 6	86.0%

Overall 93.4%



Attendance Champions:

Reception – 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:

THANKFULNESS

'Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!'
(2 Corinthians 9:15)

Growth in BODY

Maths Anxiety

This week we wanted to tell you about three free things about maths anxiety created by a Maths author and Educational Psychology Lead.

The link below takes you to more information about a free webinar for parents on helping Maths-anxious children, a free course for Maths-anxious Parents and a course for Maths anxious children.

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/news/2021/october/maths-anxiety>

Parent Governor

2 nominations have been received to fill the vacancy, which means there will be an election by ballot. Today I have distributed a letter explaining this process – thank you.

Dear parents/carers,

We have been in a period of thankfulness this half term and it was wonderful to see how the children have been celebrating the harvest in the service last Tuesday. We had over 100 viewers at one point during this and it was lovely to be able to share the celebration event with parents. It was also great to see the donations provided which will really help people in crisis locally – thank you.

Bringing good news – Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, to bring freedom, healing and justice in a needy world. Christians are called to continue Christ's mission to the world.
(Luke 4.16-20)

A few weeks ago I informed you that we are embarking on a programme called OPAL 'Outdoor Play and Learning' and over the next 18 months will be looking to develop both our outdoor space and the play opportunities we offer.

In order to support us in the initial stages of this journey, we have now undertaken parent and pupil surveys which have provided us with useful information about your own play experiences as a child and ideas you have for improving play at our school. The ideas supplied were fantastic and we will genuinely be acting on many so thank you for the contributions and detailed responses!

The parent survey clearly showed that you feel playtime for your children is important which is great and the children thought this too! I particularly enjoyed reading your answers reflecting on your own childhood and the things you felt benefitted you from these experiences.

We have been working behind the scenes on preparing for developments and we are almost ready to make some bigger changes that will be noticeable to the children and we can't wait to share these with you!

If anyone has any unwanted dress up outfits that are no longer needed anymore (Disney, superheroes etc.), they would be gratefully received by school for use by the children at break times. Over the weekend I searched my own children's wardrobes to start us off! Thank you in advance.

Safeguarding Update: Inappropriate Viewing/Gaming

We are aware that a number of children are mentioning Squid Games on Netflix. If you are not aware of this programme it is highly inappropriate and is now also linked to a number of games and apps. Please follow the link which will provide more information through the [National Online Safety](https://www.nationalonline-safety.org/) website. It is also a good reminder to us all to check device and TV app settings to ensure children are not viewing inappropriate content for their age. If you are unsure of how to do this, as always we are happy to help you.

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Diary Dates

October

Black History Month
18th – Rev. Paul Worship
19th – Y6 Statutory
Assessment and Robinwood
Parents Meeting
20th – Year 3 Class Worship
(9:15am Parents Invited into School)
22nd – School Closes for
October Half Term

November

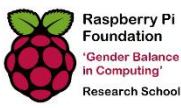
1st – School Reopens
3rd-5th Y6 Robinwood
4th – Fire Engine Visit (Y2)



After School Activity Clubs Autumn 2

I am pleased to confirm that we have again been able to put together a programme of after school activity clubs for Autumn 2. We have tried to increase our offer as much as we can as we know that after school activity clubs are popular. Bookings open at 4:30pm on Thursday and the distributed letter can be found here:

[After School Activity Club Letter](#)



Electrical Circuits

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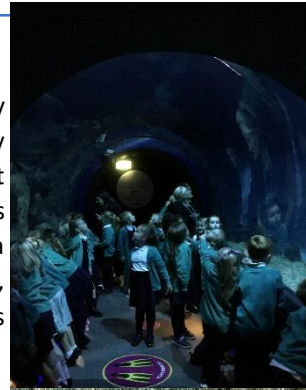
In year 4 they have transformed into Electrical Scientists exploring electrical circuits and what materials are conductors or insulators of electricity.



The Deep

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Year two visited The Deep last week where they took a trip with Kal the Killer Whale on a journey around the oceans of the world to explore the effect of plastics on the ocean, thinking about the actions that they could take to help our planet. They had a fantastic day observing the magnificent sharks, turtles, jellyfish and penguins as well as the UK's only Green sawfish in the spectacular aquariums.



Community Council

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Reuben and D'arcie attended the first community council meeting of the year on Thursday alongside councilors from Mill Dam, Bell Lane and Oakfield Park where they discussed projects to work on together to benefit the community.

Autumnal Walk

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In Nursery, the children went on an autumn walk around school to collect autumnal items. They then came back to nursery and sorted the items into different groups.



Textile Club

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In textiles club this half term, the children have been making fabric pencil toppers which I am sure you will agree look fantastic!



Volunteers

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We are currently recruiting volunteers to work in school and are particularly looking for people who would like to listen to children read and anyone who has an interest in gardening with the children. If you are interested, please get in touch as we would love to hear from you - thank you.

Healthy Bolognese

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Last week saw the culmination of Year 5's efforts in Design Technology with completing the cooking of their adapted healthy Bolognese recipes. They have worked wonderfully as a group to prepare the food, practising safe cutting techniques and good food hygiene. We have some budding chefs and they certainly understand how to plan and create a healthier meal! Bon Appetit!

Mixed Media

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Year 6 have been using mixed media techniques in art to create pictures based on the theme of Evolution.



Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: Daisy (Rec), Corey (Y1), Greta (Y2), Max (Y3), Josh (Y4), Dexter (Y5) and Ryan (Y6).
- Living our Christian values: Isaac (Rec), Bradley (Y1), Grace (Y2), Florence (Y3), Ewan (Y4), Sam (Y5) and Bobbie (Y6).
- Living our school vision: Charlotte (Rec), Annie (Y1), Poppy (Y2), Lydia (Y3), Elijah (Y4), James (Y5) and Lily (Y6).



Congratulations to Dexter (Y5) who has demonstrated excellent compassion and attitude towards his peers.

Phonics in Reception

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The children in Reception have been working very hard in their phonics sessions. They are enjoying learning lots of new letter sounds and practicing their segmenting and blending skills along with developing their letter formation. The children are very proud that they now have reading books to take home with words in.

Thank you for your continued support, take care and have a lovely half term with your families.

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher

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Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

