



Newsletter – Monday 19th October 2020

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 16th October

Reception	97.3%
Class 1	97.4%
Class 2	99.0%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	98.4%
Class 5	97.3%
Class 6	97.3%
Overall	98.1%

Attendance Champions:

Class 3

Congratulations.

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

Our accumulative attendance for the academic year so far is 96.7%



Values for Life

This half term in collective worship the children have been focusing upon the values of:

RESPECT AND REVERENCE

Leviticus 19:3 'Each of you must respect his mother and his father...'

This week the children will be bringing home a 'home school values' sheet to reflect upon this half terms Christian value.



Growth in SPIRIT

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.

Growth in BODY

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, I wanted to thank you all for your support and understanding over the past few weeks. Navigating the challenges of teaching, working and learning in a Covid-19 secure way has not been easy for the children and staff and the positive relationships between school and home have been more vital than ever over the past few weeks. The children have adapted brilliantly to the new routines and although those frequent reminders are still necessary, we are all working together to ensure that our school can remain as safe as possible. I would like to thank each and every staff member who has shown grit and determination during this challenging time. Whatever guidance has been received, whatever the new demands placed on them, they have risen to it, adapted their practice and kept going as they have done throughout this pandemic – thank you!

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Forest School Adventures...

It was lovely to see the children in Key Stage 2 so excited on Thursday during their weekly forest school lesson. The fire lighting session is always really enjoyed by the children.

- Year 3 were introduced to flint and steel and they tried to make their own sparks with fire by friction.
- Year 4 tried to light their own piece of cotton wool in a fire hole.
- Year 5 and 6 learnt about the fire triangle and what is needed to keep a fire burning, exploring the woodland to try and find different fuels to keep a fire burning for 10 minutes.

You can find out more about why we do forest school lessons on our website:

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/learning/forest-school>



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Upcoming Diary Dates:

October:

Black History Month
Thu 22nd – Year 6 Class Worship
9:15am (Zoom – Y6 Parents Invited)
Fri 23rd – School Closes (October Half Term)

November:

Mon 2nd – School Reopens (Autumn 2)

Act NOW if you have Covid-19 symptoms:

- High temperature
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - New continuous cough
- Isolate immediately - get tested**

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House Points – Last Week

Cirrus – 224
Cumulus – 188
Stratus – 103
Nimbus – 111
Well done Cirrus!



Luke Howard:
'Namer of the Clouds' (1772–1864)

Road Safety:

I have had a number of parents express concern about the safety of our school community on surrounding roads. Please be mindful of our pupils and parents during this busy time - thank you.

Curriculum Focus – School Threads *Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT*

We have developed our new curriculum around 6 whole school threads that we believe enable pupils to become positive global citizens. The 6 threads are all characteristics of human beings who make moral informed choices and aspire to make a difference in the world. Interwoven with our PSHE scheme they provide opportunities for our pupils to broaden their understanding of global topical issues, help them understand the world and evaluate choices people make.



Global Citizenship Thread:

This half term the children focused on **DIVERSITY**. Next half term our whole school theme will be **VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS**.

	Autumn 2 – Values & Perceptions
EYFS	How do we celebrate special events?
YEAR 1/2	Can I understand that people have different values?
YEAR 3/4	Can I understand how our values affect the way we live?
YEAR 5/6	Can I understand how collective values build society?

Finance Governors Meeting

Last week I met with the finance and resources governor committee. During the meeting we elected the new committee chair (Mr Andy Davies), conducted a budget review which included the impact of Covid-19, signed off spending proposals including the use of sports, pupil premium and catch up funding and discussed various health and safety and safeguarding developments.

I have updated the website with this year's strategic plans in the accountability section.
<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/accountability>

Dinner Debate

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

'What is respect and how can we show it?'

What can I smell?

In Science, Year 1 have been learning about the senses and last week explored their sense of smell. The children investigated a number of hidden smells which included toothpaste, cinnamon, garlic, lemon and vinegar and recorded their findings.

Early Years

In Nursery and Reception, the children have been exploring 'our world' and have recently been looking at transport. The children have enjoyed making vehicles out of 2-D shapes.

Settlements

Year 4 have been learning about settlements in Geography this half term. They have explored different types of settlements, settlement patterns and have studied Ackworth and Lindisfarne. This will take the children through to their Vikings topic next half term where they will look at why the Vikings settled on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

Running Stitches

Year 2 have been practicing their sewing skills recently. They have been learning how to create a running stitch in preparation for their project, making a coin pouch for Samuel Pepys.

Farm to Fork

In Year 5, the children have been looking at recipes and the ingredients used in a bolognaise as part of their DT unit of work. The children have had the opportunity to discuss and debate various topics as part of this such as the ethical and moral side of eating meat, the use of local produce, organic produce and the importance of supporting small and local businesses. The children will be using their developed knowledge to adapt recipes and make them healthier before cooking their own bolognaise.

Howard Family Celebration Worship

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements within the school week: **Bradley (Rec), Emie (Y1), Ernie (Y2), Jason (Y3), Liberty (Y4), Sam (Y5) and Ava (Y6).**
- Living our Christian values: **Lily (Rec), Phoebe (Y1), Harry (Y2), Elijah (Y3), Lottie (Y4), Jessica (Y5) and Florence (Y6).**
- Living our school vision: **Annie (Rec), Grace (Y1), George (Y2), Tom (Y3), Connie (Y4), Alex (Y5) and Connor (Y6).**



Congratulations to Jasmine for making a positive contribution to our shared school community and being an excellent role model.



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

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher

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

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust