



Newsletter – Monday 19th April 2021

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 16th April:

Reception	98.0%
Class 1	99.2%
Class 2	99.3%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	98.6%
Class 5	98.7%
Class 6	98.7%

Overall 98.9%

**Attendance Champions:
Class 3**

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:

Steadfast

Joshua 1:6

'Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.'

A Journey Through the Bible:

Exile and Prophets: Elisha and Naaman (2 Kings 5)

Dear parents/carers,

It was wonderful to see and hear of the different way's children demonstrated our value of courage last week. Today the children will be bringing home a Home School Values poster so that you can continue the discussions at home.

The DFE have updated the Covid guidance for schools and have stated that should stage 3 of the roadmap commence as planned on May 17th, residential visits will be possible. This means that as we stand, we are anticipating that Year 6 will be attending Robinwood in July.

We have now published what the children will be learning this half term on our website – [What Are We Learning?](#)

A letter will be issued today regarding proposed changes to the PE uniform. It is our intention to propose a change to our current PE uniform at the next Governing body meeting on the 18th May 2021. Before we do this, we want to consider the views of parents/carers and pupils in relation to this. You can find the letter here - [Parent Consultation – School Uniform \(PE\) Proposal.](#)

Growth in **MIND,**
BODY, SPIRIT

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
 21st May – Year 2 Class Worship
 28th May – Year 5 Class Worship



Growth in **MIND,**
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Try a New Sport Campaign

On Wednesday Mr Barstow launched our 'Try a New Sport' Campaign. It links the 33 different Olympic sports and encourages children to try as many sports as possible. They can earn points depending on how easily accessible the sports are. The aim is to get all our pupils active again after many youth sports clubs and activities were halted during the pandemic. With the Olympics now less than 100 days away we want to see the children engaging in sports they have never tried, and hopeful find a love for something new.

The competition will include prizes for all that take part, as well as those who are the most creative and active. A letter has gone home with the record sheet for children to have signed when they try a new sport. We are encouraging children to send in their photos to the school Facebook page. The competition will run from now until September. Taking part in many activities can be free and local clubs and communities often offer free taster sessions.

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT**

Dinner Debate

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

'What does it mean to show courage?'

Torches

In Design Technology, Year 4 have designed and made torches using recycled materials. The children used their previous knowledge of circuits from their Science lessons to ensure the success of their projects with fantastic results.

Growth in **MIND**



Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust

Three Little Pigs

In EYFS, the children have been reading The Three Little Pigs. In their craft areas, they have been using different materials and tools to create collages of each Pig's house.



Growth of an Amaryllis Bulb

Throughout the last half term Class Two have been closely observing the growth of an amaryllis bulb as part of their science topic, measuring the height each day and carefully recording their data. The children were fascinated by the rapid growth of the plant and during last week they worked hard to produce some excellent bar charts to present their information.



Cycling Training

It was lovely to see Reception children taking part in their Balanceability training last week. They were working hard to master the skills and do so regularly in school.

Cycle North will be in school this week delivering Bikeability training to Year 5 pupils.



The Royal Family

Year 1 enjoyed learning all about the Royal family last week as part of their History topic. They read the story The Queen's Hat in English and there were many links to the History of the Monarchy. The children used pastels to draw portraits of the Queen and sketching pencils to draw Buckingham Palace in their Art lesson.



Our New Chickens

Great news! We have provided a home for 4 chickens and they are settling in really well. The children have all had the opportunity to suggest names and a draw took place to choose the winners. Our chicken's names are – **Waffle, Speckle, Jemima and Alexa.**

Not only will the children learn about the world and how they can care for living things, but they will be rewarded with a flock of funny, inquisitive, life-enriching feathered friends to enjoy. It won't be long before they are back to full health and relishing the delights of free range retirement, hopefully laying an occasional egg in gratitude for their second chance in life!

A big thank you to the British Hen Welfare Trust and the Letwell rehoming point for their support and guidance. They find caring homes for tens of thousands of ex-commercial laying hens every year. Without them, these wonderful creatures would otherwise be destined for slaughter.

You can find out more about the British Hen Welfare Trust here:

<https://www.bhwt.org.uk/>



Stuffed Toys

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed designing and creating their stuffed toys, which were inspired by their Rainforests unit in Geography. They have worked tirelessly to thread needles; develop different stitches and we are very impressed with their end result! They will now evaluate their end product and reflect on what went well, and areas they could make some improvements to.



Howard Family Celebration Worship

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:
Sebastian (Rec), Isla (Y1), Layla (Y2), Max (Y3), Elliot and Lola (Y4), Bobbie (Y5) Alex (Y6).
- Living our Christian values:
Bowen (Rec), Ava (Y1), Aiden (Y2), Holly (Y3), Grace (Y4), Sam (Y5) Kasie (Y6).
- Living our school vision:
Evan (Rec), Toby (Y1), Charlie (Y2), Joe (Y3), Heath (Y4), Reuben (Y5) Tomomi (Y6).



Congratulations to Josh for demonstrating courage whilst at the same time showing the strength and thoughtfulness to help other people.

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)

