



## Newsletter – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

*Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'*

### Remote Education Attendance

Week Ending 12<sup>th</sup> February:

- Reception – 93%
- Class 1 – 96%
- Class 2 – 93%
- Class 3 – 100%
- Class 4 – 97%
- Class 5 – 97%
- Class 6 – 97%
- Overall - 96%**

### Remote Learning Champions: Class 3 - Congratulations.

96% remote learning attendance – Well done.

Growth in MIND

### World Book Day

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. A digital £1 book token will be issued to families and a number of activities will be taking place. Children are welcome to dress as their favourite book character both in school and at home (optional).

Growth in SPIRIT

### Values for Life

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

James 4:17

**'So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.'**

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

### \*Dinner Debate\*

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

**'Can you always tell when you are dreaming?'**

Dear parents/carers,

*Welcome to the second half of the spring term. Like me, I am sure you are all awaiting the Prime Ministers announcement later today where he is set to reveal England's road map out of lockdown.*

*It is suggested that school may reopen from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Once the guidance from the government is available to school, I will update you further on the situation.*

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BODY, SPIRIT

### Staff Covid Testing:

Since the last newsletter we have processed 49 tests in school - 49 were negative.

The intention is to disrupt infection pathways and generally help reduce the impact of the virus should we have any positive cases.

A big thank you to the staff engaging with testing.

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BODY, SPIRIT

### Tanzania – Working with and Learning From (2 Years On)

Two years ago, I had the privilege of representing our school during a visit to Tanzania. The welcome from our partner school, Mshikamano Primary School was incredible. Split into A and B, this is two schools in one where one school attends in the morning and the second in the afternoon due to numbers.

In honour of our visit, both schools with a total of 3500 pupils and 32 teachers were present to welcome us. We were overwhelmed and moved by the 'wave' of children that ran to meet us as we arrived.

The community works with the school and we could sense how much the adults care for the children there. The hope is that one day both schools will be able to be brought together so that all of the children can have a full day of education. Mshikamano means 'solidarity' in Swahili and that value was clearly visible.

Children can walk up to 3 hours to attend school and because there are no facilities to access water, the children walk another 2km in school time to collect the water needed. They are also responsible for cleaning and tidying the school which reduces the spread of infectious diseases.

A special moment for our school was when we found out our fundraising had enabled our partner school to build a much needed classroom. The cement, sand, stone and paint were paid for through our fundraising money. The community were so grateful for our support that they came out to help build the classroom. This is the reason this project was realised so quickly. The community worked so hard knowing that we were working with them shoulder to shoulder.

During the visit we inspired hope. They really appreciated our gifts, prayers and thoughts. Since then, our Tanzanian partnership has been an important part of life in our school. We have undertaken enterprising activities, school events, child led initiatives, fundraising days, sporting activities and learned from our Tanzanian friends.



### Tanzania Link:

You can find out more about our Tanzania partnership on our [website](#).

A worship video is also now available on the Google Classroom/Tapestry.

Friendship Trust



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England

### Safer Internet Day

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BODY

Before the half term break, school marked Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was: An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world. The local police supported school through some very useful presentations and virtual workshops that families could access. You can also find out more about keeping children safe online on our [website](#).

### RSPB Big School Bird Watch

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SPIRIT

The children in Reception have been making bird feeders in school. They put them outside and undertook some bird watching as part of the RSPB's Big School Bird Watch.

### Chinese New Year

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SPIRIT

Reception looked at how the festival is celebrated and completed a number of activities such as making dragons and creating a dragon dance. Year 1 read a story about Chinese New Year and created some setting description illustrations.

### Spanish

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BODY

Year 2 have been learning some Spanish with Miss Winnie, our teacher training student. They have been learning language related to food as part of their healthy living unit of work in Science.

### Balanced Argument in English

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BODY

Year 5 have been exploring the question: 'Is too much screen time making children lazy?' as part of their unit on balanced arguments. Miss O'Brien is extremely impressed with the quality of writing and ideas that the children have produced so far. They have thoroughly enjoyed refining their debate and role play skills and immersing themselves in the different views on this very relevant topic. A very special mention to Danny and Elliott for their very convincing portrayal of an enthusiastic BBC Reporter and concerned parent - they definitely got the point across to their audience - Well done!

### Parental Consultation

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BODY, SPIRIT

We have now set up a [new website page](#) which highlights our approach to delivering PSHE and RHSE.

As a part of your child's education at Ackworth Howard, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

Please take time to explore the information in the guides and the PSHE policy on our website. We would then ask that you complete the survey to provide us with feedback and help us to structure next steps in this area of the curriculum - thank you.

#### Diary Dates

4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
19<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief  
25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Bonnets, Decorated Eggs and the Great Egg Race  
26<sup>th</sup> March – School Closes for Easter  
12<sup>th</sup> April – School Reopens (Summer 1)

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Later this week, some extra curricular activities will be shared on the Google Classroom/Tapestry. These include active videos from our sports coach and some Acro/Zumba sessions from Mrs Garbett.

### Design and Technology

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Year 3 and Year 6 have been designing and making their own toys both at home and in school out of cardboard. The children worked hard in the design process whilst planning, adapting and developing. They also developed new skills such as using joints.



#### House Points Last Week:

Cirrus – 246  
Cumulus – 317  
Stratus – 299  
Nimbus – 319

Well done Nimbus!



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

### Howard Family Celebration Worship

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:  
Thomas (Rec), Sophia (Y1), Leo (Y2), Lucie (Y3), Poppy (Y4), Danny (Y5) James and Harry (Y6).
- Living our Christian values:  
George (Rec), Phoebe (Y1), George (Y2), Ilaria (Y3), Grace (Y4), Emma (Y5) and Elijah (Y6).
- Living our school vision:  
Annie (Rec), Elizabeth (Y1), Imogen (Y2), Charlie (Y3), Dominic (Y4), Oscar (Y5) and James (Y6).



Congratulations to Lailah who received the school vision award for her inspiring work ethic. Working hard at home and in school whilst supporting others and helping out.

Thank you for your continued support, take care and keep safe.

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher



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

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