



## Newsletter – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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

### Attendance

Week Ending 25<sup>th</sup> September

Reception	92.1%
Class 1	93.3%
Class 2	97.6%
Class 3	90.9%
Class 4	93.8%
Class 5	87.3%
Class 6	97.7%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>93.2%</b>

**Attendance Champions:**

**Class 6**

**Congratulations.**

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

**Our accumulative attendance for the academic year so far is 95.9%**



### Values for Life

This half term in collective worship the children will be focusing upon the values of:

**RESPECT AND REVERENCE**  
**This week our focus is GRACE**

**Psalm 103:8 - The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**



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### 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.

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

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BODY, SPIRIT

Well done to all our pupils who have completed another week in school. The children are now used to the new routines and are working hard. There were certainly a few tired faces on Friday! Hopefully the children have had a restful weekend.

As you are no doubt aware, the start of the Autumn term is normally a key point in the academic year when children are susceptible to picking up illnesses. As we find every September, we do have a number of colds doing the rounds. In terms of suspected coronavirus symptoms, our guidance is the same as the NHS. The main symptoms are:

- a new, persistent cough
- change in sense of taste and smell
- high temperature

Children should not be in school if they demonstrate one or more of these symptoms.

As you will appreciate, our staff are not medical professionals so are not able to provide comprehensive medical advice over the phone. If you have

any queries or concerns about your child's symptoms, please call 111 and then notify us of your course of action. You will also have received a letter from Public Health England this week via email. A copy is also available on our website.

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### Year 6 Parents Meeting

On Wednesday, Mr. Barstow will be leading a Year 6 parents meeting to discuss SATS expectations and high school transition. A Zoom link will be sent to parents on Wednesday morning using the email system.

### Howard Heritage Day/Macmillan Coffee

On Friday we marked the rich history of the school during our annual Heritage Day. The children enjoyed learning facts about how the Howard School came to be and how it has changed over its 187 years. A number of projects were undertaken and some wonderful work produced for our display.

As a consequence of the pandemic, we were unable to invite you into school for our usual Macmillan Coffee Morning. So, it was lovely to have a number of parents join us for a Zoom session where each class shared what they had been learning about during the day as well as enjoying a drink and a snack.

It is really important that we help children feel reconnected to the normal of school and that we re-establish a sense of community and belonging. It is therefore important that we try to find alternatives to delivering our usual events programme. We will try our best to do this.

You can still donate to Macmillan Cancer Support through school via our dedicated Macmillan page - <https://thyg.uk/BUU004286467> - Thank you.

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### Upcoming Diary Dates:

**September:**

**Tue 29th** – WMDC Road Survey

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Parents Meeting (Zoom – Y6 Parents Invited)

**October:**

Black History Month

**Thu 1st** – Languages Day

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Pupil Photo Day

**Thu 8th** – Harvest Festival (Zoom – Families Invited)

**Mon 12th** – Flu Vaccinations (R-Y6)

**Mon 12th** – World Mental Health Day

**Thu 22nd** – Year 6 Class Worship (Zoom – Y6 Parents Invited)

**Fri 23rd** – School Closes (October Half Term)

**November:**

**Mon 2nd** – School Reopens (Autumn 2)

## Slingshot Cars

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BODY

Y4 started their DT work making use of the new Makerspace facility where they made car chassis. They learned that a car chassis is like the skeleton of a car and that it has to be stable in order for the rest of the car to be effective and strong. They showed excellent listening and safety skills when they were using the hot glue guns to glue together their model chassis. Next, they're going to add a mechanism to make their slingshot car.



If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are  
not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP

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\*\*\*Dinner Debate\*\*\*

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

*'If you could choose one thing to change about the world, what would it be?'*

#GetBritainTalking

## Playground Equipment

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As a result of the restriction in place in school, we have purchased a range of equipment that children can use on the playground. These have been put into boxes for each bubble for easy access and provide a bit more fun for the children!



## #Unselfie

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Teachers and pupils have been set a challenge to nominate people who put others before themselves. It has been lovely to see and hear about the acts of kindness being undertaken in school as a result of this.



## Stone Age – Skara Brae

Year 3 have been using Google Street View to explore Skara Brae in the Orkney Islands as part of their history unit of work. They enjoyed learning about the Stone Age settlement and are looking forward to exploring this topic further.

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## Investigating Materials

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Year 2 have been investigating the materials that houses were built out of in 1666 and considering their part in the Great Fire of London. They have also investigated materials around school.

## Year 6 Studies

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Year 6 have been busy recently. They have been debating whether World War 2 was inevitable and in Science they have been studying the theory of evolution and how offspring get their inherited traits.

## Cooking and Nutrition

As part of their DT topic, Year 1 have been sorting and tasting fruit and vegetables. They are looking forward to designing and making their fruit smoothies.



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If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of coronavirus

Book a test

## Safeguarding – tiktok

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Yet again, concerns over the use of tiktok have been reported by parents. If you have not recently done so, please take time to read the online safety advice. We have revisited this issue with the children.

Advice for parents tik tok;

<https://parentinfo.org/article/tiktok-what-parents-need-to-know>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

## Individual School Photographs

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We have still been able to arrange for pupil photographs to be taken this year. Due to current restrictions we will only be able to organise individual pupil photographs this year in school.

The planned date for photographs is this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

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

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher



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

Compassion  
Forgiveness  
Friendship  
Trust