



## Newsletter – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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

### Attendance

Week Ending 24<sup>th</sup> September:

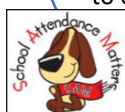
Reception	91.0%
Class 1	97.7%
Class 2	91.5%
Class 3	97.0%
Class 4	99.3%
Class 5	94.8%
Class 6	98.7%

**Overall 95.7%**

### Attendance Champions:

**Class 4 – 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

This week's focus will be:

### RESPONSE

*'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I give thanks to him in song.'*

**Psalm 28:7**

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

**Our whole school curriculum thread of diversity is running through class worship, reflection areas and the wider curriculum this half term. Children are focusing on specific key questions.**

### What makes us special?

**Can I recognise the beauty of different people and places?**

**Can I find out what draws groups of people to certain places?**

**Can I appreciate different perspectives of global issues?**

Dear parents/carers,

**We are passionate about a pupil led culture and value the work of our pupil leaders in school. It has been wonderful to see the children taking up the increased opportunities now that restrictions have been lifted.**

**The School Council met for their first meeting last week where they elected key roles such as the Junior Headteacher, Deputy, Chair and Clerk. They discussed various things included their choice for a year long campaign. Through their discussions they decided that children of their age were most concerned about global warming and so they are keen to undertake some work on this.**

**Other groups were re-established with some new members including Digital Leaders, the Worship Committee, Foundation Friends, Reading Ambassadors, Chicken Crew, Family Dining Servers...**

**The aim of the various teams and opportunities within school is to enable children to develop leadership skills relevant for their futures, ensuring that their voices and opinions are heard and where children visibly see how pupil voice contributes to improvements in school. It also crafts confident and articulate leaders who can share their views to any audience and apply skills to real life situations.**

**Any pupil, even if not allocated to a specific role in school can undertake a pupil leadership role through the 'initiative leader' responsibility. If children have an idea about something that will make a positive contribution to school then they are encouraged to explore this. The most frequent examples of this include litter picking, collecting eggs from the chickens and tidying bookshelves.**

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### Diary Dates

#### September

27<sup>th</sup> - Rachel Howard / School Heritage Day  
27<sup>th</sup> MacMillan Coffee Morning

29<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Wilderness Camp (Overnight)

30<sup>th</sup> - School's Library Service (Training for the Reading Ambassador Pupils)

#### October

1<sup>st</sup> – Individual Pupil Photos

7<sup>th</sup> - Ackworth School's Community Council Meeting (Rescheduled)

12<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival

13<sup>th</sup> – The Deep Visit Y2

20<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Class Worship

22<sup>nd</sup> – School Closes for October Half Term

#### November

1<sup>st</sup> – School Reopens

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Y6 Robinwood

4<sup>th</sup> – Fire Engine Visit (Y2)

### SEMHW (Social, Emotional, Mental Health and Wellbeing Advocate

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Mrs Thorpe has made an excellent start to her new Family Advocate role as part of the Inclusion Team in school. As well as supporting families from day 1 she has devised a wellbeing walk within school for children to undertake as part of their support. Here is also a link to a health walk in the local community:

[Family Wellbeing Weekend Walk – Purston Park to Castle Syke Hill](#)

### Tennis Event

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It was great to see the long awaited return to children taking part in off site sports activities last week and it was the Year 3 girls who were first to showcase our new active wear during an event at Ackworth School. The children undertook a circuit of tennis activities and games alongside other local schools. The children were excellent role models for school and really enjoyed the opportunity.

### Opportunity to Join the Team

**We are currently undertaking a recruitment process for a teaching assistant with lunchtime responsibilities attached. If you are interested or know anyone that might be, you can find further information on the Wakefield Council website:**

[Teaching Assistant with Lunchtime Responsibilities Advertised Post](#)

### Creation Story

Growth in MIND,  
SPIRIT

The children in Reception have enjoyed listening to the Creation Story in the Bible. They drew posters to show all of the amazing things that God has created for us. They discussed how we can all help to care for God's wonderful world.



### Under the Sea

Growth in MIND,  
BODY

Year 2 have been enjoying their dance lessons where they are thinking about life under the sea, developing their creative ideas using words from their class mind map as a stimulus to create a class motif.

### First Aid Course

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BODY, SPIRIT

Key Stage 2 children undertook a first aid programme last week. The aim of the course was to increase pupils' knowledge and skills, in a safe friendly manner, ensuring that if they are ever in an emergency situation they will know how to react safely.

The First Aid programme included:

- How to make a clear and efficient call to the emergency services
- Keeping safe in an emergency
- Dealing with some common injuries and treatment, such as Cuts and bleeding, head injuries
- Airway Obstruction: Choking
- Lifesaving skills including how to perform CPR
- When a defibrillator might be needed - also a chance to have a go on a practice AED.

The children have really enjoyed the sessions and it has been wonderful seeing them practicing their new skills during the course.



### Algorithms

Growth in MIND

In year 4 the children have been using their immersive learning techniques in English to describe the story 'Journey' By Aaron Becker.



### Fruit and Vegetables

In DT, Year 1 have been learning all about fruits and vegetables. Last week they tasted a variety of different fruits and vegetables and described their tastes and textures. They described pineapple as tasty, juice and sweet and they described celery as earthy and crunchy!



### Reading Ambassadors

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BODY, SPIRIT

Wendy Mitchell from the School's Library Service visited us last week to deliver some training to our Reading Ambassador children. The children developed important library skills and skills that will help the children in their role. Wendy will be returning this week to train the children in leading story telling sessions in school.

### Howard Family Celebration Worship

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BODY, SPIRIT

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:  
Julia (Rec), Bowen (Y1), Toby (Y2), Sam (Y3), Martha (Y4), Lola (Y5) Emmi-Rae (Y6).
- Living our Christian values:  
Isaac (Rec), Lily (Y1), Daisy (Y2), Oliver (Y3), Layla (Y4), Poppy (Y5) Jacob (Y6).
- Living our school vision:  
Freddie (Rec), Viktoria (Y1), Grace (Y2), Harry (Y3), Ewan (Y4), Evie (Y5), Oliver (Y6).



Congratulations to Harry (Y3) for demonstrating his kind and caring nature to others – Growth in Spirit.

Living Our Vision Award

### What Could be Healthier?

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BODY, SPIRIT

In DT, Year 5 have been exploring the farm to fork process and analysed the nutritional value of products including spaghetti bolognese recipes. They have created their own nutritional labels for healthier options and look forward to making their versions in the next couple of weeks.

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)

