



Newsletter – Monday 4th October 2021

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 1st October:

Reception	91.3%
Class 1	95.6%
Class 2	87.0%
Class 3	96.9%
Class 4	98.3%
Class 5	70.3%
Class 6	93.8%

Overall 90.5%

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:

GRATEFUL

'In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Growth in **MiND, BOdy, SPiRiT**

Dinner Debate

Our whole school curriculum thread of diversity coincides with Black History Month. Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

'Is it acceptable to have an opinion even if it hurts other peoples' feelings?'

'What if racism never existed?'

'Is it right to always talk about racism in the news?'

Dear parents/carers,

Growth in **MiND, BOdy, SPiRiT**

We are currently in a period of thankfulness in school as our termly value and this fits perfectly with our Harvest celebrations. Each class is currently learning about the Harvest and singing some Harvest songs as part of our collective worship routines. We would like to share this with you on the 12th October during our Harvest Celebration Worship via Microsoft Teams. A link will be distributed to parents at 8am on the morning and the service will start at 9:15am.

We will be working with Pontefract Foodbank this year supporting them to provide help to people in crisis in the local area. Donations can be dropped off at school on Monday 11th October.

Urgently needed – Toiletries (shower gel/shampoo), jam, cereal (children's), bread, soap, cartons of milk (long life). They've got plenty of – Pasta, rice, beans, soup and tea.

Parenting Provision

We are currently able to support the running of a range of parenting courses. Please contact us if you are interested. Courses include:

- **Positive Parenting – A focus on what children need and also what helps them to grown into resilient people.**
- **Growing in Confidence – A positive and supportive course which will explore several ways of improving personal confidence and wellbeing.**

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

It has been wonderful to welcome our families into school again and for such a fantastic cause too! We have been overwhelmed by your support during our Macmillan Coffee Morning, thank you so much. An incredible £406.31 has been raised. Thank you to the staff who supported the event, the adults and children who contributed and the Year 6 helpers who did a brilliant job!



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Wilderness Camp

To prepare the children for their residential trips to Northumberland in Year 5 and Robinwood in Year 6, Year 4 took part in a Wilderness Camp last week. This one night camp provided the children with the experience of a night away from home with their friends in a familiar setting to prepare them for the later off site experiences.

The camp offered a unique opportunity for an outdoor experience and once sat around the crackling campfire, toasting marshmallows and following a fairy light trail to their safari tents, the children soon forgot where they are!



Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust

Diary Dates

October

Black History Month
7th - Ackworth School's Community Council Meeting (Rescheduled)
7th National Poetry Day
8th Flu Vaccinations
12th – Harvest Festival
13th – The Deep Visit Y2

15th – School Nurse Workshops (Y1 Handwashing / Y3 Dental Hygiene)
19th – Y6 Statutory Assessment and Robinwood Parents Meeting
20th – Year 3 Class Worship
22nd – School Closes for October Half Term

November

1st – School Reopens
3rd-5th Y6 Robinwood
4th – Fire Engine Visit (Y2)



Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Children's Parliament - Climate Change

We are very excited to be part of the Children's Parliament. Constituencies around the country will be represented by 650 young people and will include our very own Children's MP Reuben (Y6) who has been successfully assigned to the Hemworth constituency, represented by Jon Trickett .

The School Council met on Friday to discuss with their peers their main concerns regarding climate change generating answers to a number of questions to propose to the Children's Parliament so that everyone has a voice.

The event has received national interest. Children's opinions will be collated for publication both in the media and to the delegates at the COP26 Climate Change Conference!

Opportunity to Join the Team

We are currently undertaking a recruitment process for two lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested or know anyone that might be, you can find further information on the Wakefield Council website: [Lunchtime Supervisor Post](#)

Investigative Maths

Growth in MIND

Year two have been busy using their newly replenished Numicon resources to investigate place value in Maths. They have worked hard using part - whole models to show different ways of partitioning two-digit numbers and are developing their reasoning skills, becoming more confident when explaining to their peers how they have found their solutions to problems.

Equality and Diversity

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

In class worship, Year 5 have been discussing the Black Lives Matter movement in relation to our Global Citizenship thread Diversity. They were eager to discuss equality and debated the role the British Empire had in the history of the slave trade.

Free Gardening Equipment for School

We are collecting Morrison's Grow Tokens. School will be able to exchange these tokens for free gardening equipment for the children to use.



School Heritage Day

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

On Monday we celebrated the rich history of our school during our annual Heritage Day. The children enjoyed learning facts about how the Howard School came to be and were fascinated to learn about how it has changed over its 188 years.

Parents also had access to the school archives during the coffee morning and it was wonderful to see some of them finding old photos of themselves attending the Howard School and hearing some new stories!



We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Growth in MIND

In Nursery, the children have been reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and have made their own bear collages.



Stone Age Cave Paintings

Growth in MIND, BODY

In art, Year 3 recreated Stone Age cave paintings using charcoal pencils on crumpled sugar paper. To get in the mood, they drew them in the dark with cave sounds in the background!



Hockey

Growth in MIND, BODY

In Year 6, the children have been learning attacking skills in hockey. They have learnt how to dribble, pass, and beat a defender.



Using Conjunctions

Growth in MIND

In Year 1 they have been reading the book 'Perfectly Norman' and using the conjunction 'because' to answer questions about the book. They have worked hard to make sure that their answers have got capital letters, full stops and finger spaces too!

The Button Box

Growth in MIND

As part of their Maths learning, the children in Reception have enjoyed sharing the book 'The Button Box'. The children explored a box of buttons before sorting buttons into those which were the same and those which were different. The children were very good at deciding the different criteria (colour, shape, size) for sorting the buttons.

Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: **Freddie (Rec), Zachary (Y1), Alice (Y2), Florence (Y3), Charlie (Y4), James (Y5) Amelia (Y6).**
- Living our Christian values: **Isaac (Rec), Bowen (Y1), Grace (Y2), Heidi (Y3), Isla (Y4), Neave (Y5) Amelia (Y6).**
- Living our school vision: **Elsie (Rec), Freddie (Y1), Zack (Y2), Arianna (Y3), Layla (Y4), Heath (Y5), Stephen (Y6).**

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)

