



Newsletter – Monday 5th July 2021

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 2nd July:

Reception	88.6%
Class 1	93.5%
Class 2	98.6%
Class 3	97.9%
Class 4	92.1%
Class 5	92.0%
Class 6	94.0%

Overall 93.8%

Attendance Champions:

Class 2 - 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:

CREATIVITY

This week's focus will be:

INVENTION

Genesis 1:1

'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.'

A Journey Through the Bible:

Exile and Prophets:

Daniel and the Fiery Furnace

(Daniel 3)

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPiRiT**

*****Dinner Debate*****

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

'What is the greatest invention?'

Dear parents/carers,

Growth in **MIND,**
BODY, SPiRiT

At a recent public health meeting I was informed that:

- **The Delta variant now makes up the overwhelming majority of cases locally.**
- **Case rates are rising fast.**
- **The variant is more transmissible.**
- **Lots of disruption currently in schools such as bubble closures, contacts self isolating etc.**
- **Mainly seeing mild illness in children – hayfever symptoms, cold, sore throat, muscle aches...**

There is no doubt that we are now in a surge area, and we need to continue to be vigilant and maintain the control measures in place.

The aim now is to get to the end of term without massive disruption. It is very much the case now that we need to continue a conservative approach in the run up to the summer break to avoid any risk of closing bubbles which are now clearly evident in a number of local schools. We want to avoid this so that school services and children's education and wellbeing are not further affected. We have done so well and worked so hard over the last 15 months and no one wants to isolate over the next few weeks if we can help it.

Public health have advised that we promote these preventative measures:

- **All adults over 18 are now eligible to get vaccinated.**
- **Where you can, exercise caution out of school.**
- **Be vigilant for symptoms, even mild ones. Isolate and get tested.**
- **Get a PCR test if anyone in your household is suffering from the symptoms.**

It is difficult to predict what the situation will be in September at the moment as the school's guidance from the government has not been updated since the 24th May, however, Gavin Williamson (Education Secretary) recently told MPs:

'Our priority throughout the pandemic has been to keep children in school. They shouldn't face greater Covid restrictions compared to the rest of society. We expect to be able to confirm plans to lift restrictions, including bubbles, as part of Step 4 of the roadmap out of lockdown.'

Artsmark Gold Award

You may be aware that we have been working on the Artsmark journey for a few years now. Artsmark supports schools to develop and celebrate their commitment to arts and cultural education.

We submitted our final application recently and our Statement of Commitment and Statement of Impact have been assessed and we are delighted to inform you that our school has been awarded an Artsmark Gold Award!

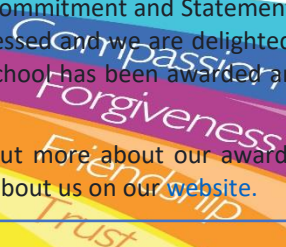
You can find out more about our award and what artsmark said about us on our [website](#).



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
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Diary Dates

- 5th July - Revd Naomi Kaiga Worship (Ackworth Methodist Church Worship)
- 6th July – Year 1 Wildlife Park Visit
- 6th July – Y6 Methodist Church Visit
- 7th-9th July – Y6 Robinwood
- 12th-16th July – Artist in Residence
- 16th July – Pastor Ashley Guest Worship (Ackworth Community Church)
- 16th July – Musical Extravaganza (Video Recording)
- 16th July – Reports Issued to Parents
- 20th July – Year 6 Production (Please See Y6 Events Letter – 4:30pm)
- 23rd July – Year 6 Leavers Service (9:15am Zoom) / Leavers Picnic
- 23rd July – School Closes for Summer





House Points
House Points Last Week:
Cirrus – 235
Cumulus – 281
Stratus – 269
Nimbus – 262
Well done Cumulus!



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

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Sports Day 2021

The weather and atmosphere was wonderful for the children during their sports day on Friday.

Year 5 opened the event with their African drumming as is now tradition and we quickly realised that this was the first time we had been together as a school since before the pandemic. This was a special moment and we all gave a round of applause and a cheer!

Classes took part in events such as sprinting, egg and spoon, sack races, kangaroo jumping and relays. Well done to everyone who took part.

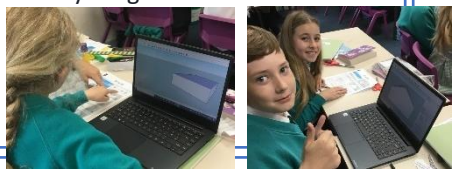
As parents were unable to attend, we have shared photos of every race on our [website](#) so that you can share them with your children.

Thank you to Mr. Barstow who planned and organised the events during the afternoon.

SketchUp

Growth in MIND

Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying their current computing topic creating 2D drawings and 3D models using the software SketchUp. They have started using this to create 3D models of houses and will continue to add detail and manipulate 3D models using a variety of tools. We have young architects in the making!



Community Council Meeting

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On Thursday, the School's Community Council met virtually to review recent initiatives and look to the next academic year.

The children discussed the scarecrow festival, community litter pick and the 10-minute step challenge where we have competed against Bell Lane Academy to achieve the greatest class average step count! We are awaiting the results.

The group reflected on how they have worked to benefit the community by making a difference and they have done an incredible job during this year with their initiatives.

Ellie and Archie have done a wonderful job this year representing our school so articulately and leading on the initiatives in school with the wider school council.



Class Worship

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Year 1 and Reception led their class worships last week and it was lovely to see how proud and enthusiastic they were throughout them.

The children did a wonderful job in sharing some of their recent learning and favourite songs with such confidence and extremely clear voices that they should be very proud of.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. We hope that you enjoyed being part of our worship.

Transition

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Children in school will be provided with an opportunity to spend time with their new class teachers in September on Wednesday the 14th and 21st July.

During the transition sessions, the children will also experience breaktimes which will be of particular benefit to the current Year 2 and Reception children as this will be very different for them as they move into Key Stage 1 and 2.



Thank you for your continued support, take care and have a lovely week.

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher

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Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

