



Newsletter – Monday 8th November 2021

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 5th November:

Reception	92.7%
Class 1	96.3%
Class 2	97.4%
Class 3	98.7%
Class 4	92.3%
Class 5	87.3%
Class 6	99.3%

Overall 94.8%

Attendance Champions:

Class 6 – Congratulations

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



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Values for Life

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

HUMILITY

This week's focus will be:

SERVANTHOOD

1 Peter 2:16

'Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.'

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Dinner Debate

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

This half term our whole school curriculum thread is Values and Perceptions



'How do collective values build society?'

Dear parents/carers,

Last week was another busy week but wonderful to see our pupils flourishing, particularly with the excitement of Year 6 attending Robinwood and Year 5 beginning their swimming lessons at Normanton Swimming Pool.

During this half term, we will be looking at Courageous Advocacy and your children will have seen a display developing in the hall as a start to this. This showcases courageous advocates through time, how children in school are supported to be advocates in school and there is also a section to share how children demonstrate this behaviour at home. If you feel your child has shown courageous advocacy outside of school, please do let me know and I can add them to the display.

When using the term, we are referring to the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard. Speaking out, at whatever level this takes place, requires an element of courage!

Becoming a courageous advocate for change, therefore, must involve being informed about an issue and it must move beyond simply knowing, to saying and doing. Courageous advocacy embodies an ethos of action-taking, challenging injustice and becoming agents of change in the transformation of ourselves, our relationships and our communities from the local level to the global.

We have many courageous advocates in our school and provide many opportunities for pupils to develop skills in this area. It is a big part of our vision!

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Diary Dates

November

- 8th – Rev. Paul Worship
- 9th – Governors Meeting
- 11th – Remembrance Day
- 15th – 19th – Anti Bullying Week
- 15th – KS2 Quaker Visit
- 18th – Dodgeball Competition (Y6)
- 19th – Children in Need
- 22nd – Rev. Paul Worship
- 24th – Parents Consultation Meetings
- 25th – School's Community Council Meeting

December

- 6th – Pantomime (5:30pm)
- 6th - Rev. Paul Worship
- 9th – Year 6 Class Worship
- 10th – Christmas Jumper / Dinner Day
- 14th/15th Christmas Productions
- 17th – KS2 Carol Concert
- 17th – School closes for Christmas

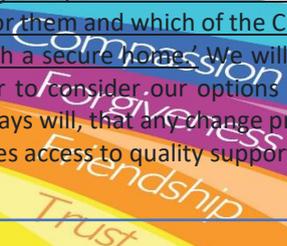
These dates/events may change in response to any changes to Covid-19 control measures.

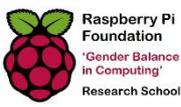
Parent Governor Election

We recently held an election for the Parent Governor vacancy at our school. There were more nominations than there were available places on the Governing Board, therefore an election from amongst the parents of the school was held. In the circumstances, Mr Craig Emmerson has been elected to become the parent governor. Thank you to everyone who showed an interest.

National Agenda - Academisation

You may be aware of the changing landscape in education from the news regarding schools and academisation. I recently received the updated diocese Academy Strategy and Policy which states that the Church of England now expects schools to, 'meaningfully review their position on academy conversion during 2021/22 and to understand what joining a Multi-Academy Trust will mean for them and which of the Church Trusts in the diocese could provide them with a secure home.' We will therefore be carrying out a due diligence in order to consider our options moving forward but my priority remains, as it always will, that any change protects the unique identity of our school and ensures access to quality support and development.





School Applications

The local authority is now taking applications for school places for the next academic year (2022/23). If you know of any child born between 1/9/17 and 31/8/18 then their parents need to be applying for a place now. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.

Parents can apply online by visiting: <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/schools/admissions>



Road Safety Team Workshops

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The Wakefield Road Safety Team were in school last week delivering a number of workshops in school.

The Year 2 workshop focused upon the Be Bright Be Seen initiative, Year 3 covered aspects of pedestrian safety, Year 4 discussed in car safety and Year 5 looked at cycle safety.

The children were excellent in their sessions as commented on by the external team, listening and contributing well to the information.



Ghost Bananas

In Reception and Nursery, the children have extended their Halloween theme and made their own ghost bananas.

The children chopped bananas in half and stuck a stick into the bottom of the banana. They then dipped the banana in icing and added 2 edible eyes and a raisin for the mouth to create a ghost.

The children all enjoyed their banana ghosts during snack time, as they couldn't leave the bananas too long before eating!



Robinwood

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Year 6 took part in their Robinwood residential visit last week where the children made memories that will last a lifetime. The children enjoyed activities such as archery, team building exercises, a 3G swing, zip wires, trapeze, canoeing, piranha pool, dungeon of doom, crate challenge and much more. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time so that the children could enjoy this wonderful experience! You can find more photos on our [Facebook page](#).



Poppy Appeal

Snap bands, wrist bands, reflective poppies and other Remembrance Day memorabilia continues to be on sale as we have requested more due to selling out!



What are we learning this half term?

You can now find an overview for each class on our website:

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/curriculum/what-are-we-learning-term>

Domestic abuse is a local issue that has been on the increase particularly through the pandemic. If needed, please contact school as we can offer early help.

The WDDAS helpline number (Domestic Abuse) 0800 915 1561

Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: **Freddie (Rec), Betty (Y1), Phoebe (Y2), Isaac (Y3), Oliver (Y4) and Dominic (Y5).**
- Living our Christian values: **Isabelle (Rec), Corey (Y1), Emilia (Y2), Lewis (Y3), Ewan (Y4) and Dexter (Y5).**
- Living our school vision: **Mia (Rec), Alex (Y1), Hallie (Y2), Layla (Y3), Joseph (Y4) and Lottie (Y5).**

Congratulations to **Connie** for always going above and beyond to help in class and around school – always going the extra mile!



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)

