



## Newsletter – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

*Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’*

Growth in **MIND,**  
**BODY, SPIRIT**

### Remote Education Attendance

Week Ending 5<sup>th</sup> February:

- Reception – 93%
- Class 1 – 96%
- Class 2 – 93%
- Class 3 – 100%
- Class 4 – 97%
- Class 5 – 100%
- Class 6 – 97%
- Overall - 97%**

### Remote Learning Champions: Class 2 - Congratulations.

97% remote learning attendance – Well done!

**198/205 children accessed our remote education regularly last week.**

(Figures include pupils accessing learning in school and at home)

### Mental Health and Wellbeing

You can find information, support and resources about mental health and wellbeing on our dedicated [webpage](#).

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#### Values for Life

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

#### COMPASSION

Colossians 3:12

‘Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.’

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#### \*Dinner Debate\*

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

**‘What does it mean to be fair?’**

Dear parents/carers,

*We have almost reached the end of another busy half term. Certainly not the half term any of us expected! This 3rd lockdown is taking its toll on everyone and we know that things are difficult at the moment. Families and staff have been working extremely hard together to keep everyone learning the best they can and this has been incredible.*

*Thank you for the help and support that you continue to provide to your children and the school during these challenging times. As yet, we don’t have any further information about when or how schools are going to reopen but I will continue to keep you updated as information becomes available.*

*Last week we marked Children’s Mental Health Week through a variety of activities including a no screen day. We hope that the children enjoyed and benefited from this. It is more important than ever for us all to recognise the importance of mental health and to make sure we are looking after ourselves. A number of staff are currently being trained as Mental Health Champions which will be a great addition to our pastoral work.*

*Pupils eligible for FSMs will be provided with a voucher payment of £15 per child per week to go towards the cost of food bills during the half term break. Letters including instructions on how to redeem voucher codes, will be received by families this week. Please note that these vouchers will be distributed via the Council and not by school directly.*



**Staff Covid Testing:**  
In the last week we have processed 57 tests in school - 57 were negative.

The intention is to disrupt infection pathways and generally help reduce the impact of the virus should we have any positive cases.

A big thank you to the staff engaging with testing.

*Tomorrow is Safer Internet Day and this year’s theme is: An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world. The local police are supporting schools with Safer Internet Day this year. They are delivering some very useful presentations and virtual workshops that families can access. You can find the information and links below but they will also be available on Tapestry and the Google Classroom. Support includes:*

- A video where children are delivering online safety messages in line with the Safer Internet Day theme - ([Link](#))
- A presentation delivered by a PCSO-Cyber officer. PCSO Luke Carson is part of a team, educating children, teachers and parents around online safety. The presentation will be delivered at 10.30am on the 9th Feb and all 750 primary schools across West Yorkshire are invited. ([Link](#))
- A Facebook Live session at 1pm for 30 mins, will also take place on the day. Officers trained by the NSPCC will deliver safer internet information to parents/carer and will also offer a Q&A session. ([Link](#))

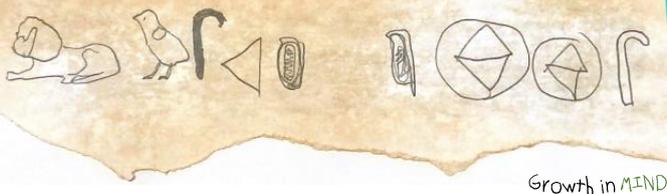
You can also find out more about keeping children safe online on our website which offers a range of support, guidance and resources:

<https://www.ackworthhoward.sch.uk/wellbeing/online-safety>

Compassion  
Forgiveness  
Friendship  
Trust

### Ancient Egyptian Writing

Year 3 have been continuing their History focus on the Ancient Egyptians. Lucie wrote her name in hieroglyphics on some papyrus paper for their history lesson last week at home and it looks fantastic!



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**Diary Dates**  
School closes for half term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and reopens for the children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
To assist with contact tracing during the half term break, if anyone attending school tests positive, please email [covid@howard.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:covid@howard.wakefield.sch.uk)

### Healthy Food

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Class 2 have been designing and making healthy wraps both at home and in school as part of their work in Science and Design and Technology. The children have been exploring what it means to have a balanced diet and have considered healthy options throughout their learning.



### Rapunzel

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Children in Nursery and Reception have been enjoying the story of Rapunzel. In school the children followed instructions to make cheese straws and tried to plait the dough to make Rapunzel's hair. The children in Reception both at home and at school have been learning how to measure Rapunzel's hair.



### House Points Last Week:

- Cirrus** – 210
- Cumulus** – 217
- Stratus** – 213
- Nimbus** – 200

Well done Cumulus!



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

### Still I Rise by Maya Angelou

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Last week, Year 4 studies a poem called Still I Rise by Maya Angelou which they interpreted as being about overcoming difficult situations or maybe discrimination. They explored the structure of the poem in preparation for writing their own inspired by this. They also researched Maya Angelou's life to find out why she might have written the poem and created posters about how to rise up after bullying for Children's Mental Health Week.

### Windmills

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Year 1 have been constructing windmills as part of their Design and Technology topic. They have explored the importance of stable structures, designed their windmill collecting suitable resources and then constructed their own windmills with turning turbines which they have tested. They look great!



### Persuasive Letters – Social Justice

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Year 6 have been writing persuasive letters to the managing director of Harrods. They found a newspaper article suggesting that they only allowed customers who spend £2,000 in store to visit Santa's Grotto at Christmas. They have been developing their arguments for the store to make it accessible for every child no matter what their financial background. The writing has been incredible!

### Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:  
**Noah (Rec), Bella (Y1), Lewis (Y2), Layla (Y3), Abigail and Evie (Y4), Pippa (Y5) and Sam (Y6).**
- Living our Christian values:  
**Zachary (Rec), Emilia (Y1), Charlie (Y2), Thomas (Y3), Dexter (Y4), Eden (Y5) and Ellie (Y6).**
- Living our school vision:  
**Isabelle (Rec), Daisy (Y1), Oliver (Y2), Jason (Y3), Heath (Y4), Jacob (Y5) and Scarlett (Y6).**



A special mention to all the children learning in school and at home for working hard and living our vision and values.

**Thank you for your continued support, take care and keep safe.**

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher



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

