



Newsletter – Monday 9th November 2020

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 6th November

Reception	98.3%
Class 1	100%
Class 2	99.2%
Class 3	99.0%
Class 4	100%
Class 5	91.2%
Class 6	84.4%
Overall	96.5%

Attendance Champions:
Class 1 and 4
Congratulations.

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

Our accumulative attendance for the academic year so far is 95.9%



Values for Life

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

FORGIVENESS

Acts 17:30: The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

This week's focus will be:

Repentance



Global Citizenship Thread

Last half term the children focused on **DIVERSITY**. This half term our whole school theme will be **VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS**.

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Dear parents/carers

Growth in SPIRIT

We have entered a time of remembrance and reflection. I hope that you found the information regarding the streamed service on Sunday and the opportunity to visit St. Cuthbert's to lay a wreath and invitation to pray useful.

We will be holding a minute's silence on Wednesday as part of class worship and the Year 5 children, who normally attend a service at the war memorial, will still visit the memorial to lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

Year 6 Class Worship

On Friday, Year 6 hosted our first ever live streamed class worship via Zoom. It was a fantastic opportunity for collective time for the whole school and Year 6 grown-ups – thank you to everyone who participated.

The children adapted well to the new expectations of presenting to an online audience rather than in the hall. It was very impressive!

It was wonderful to see the impact of our new curriculum on what the children know, remember and can do and they clearly articulated the whole school theme of diversity when sharing a variety of learning across a range of subjects.

They even provided opportunities for children from other classes to interact which was brilliant! Well done Year 6.

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT



Upcoming Diary Dates:

November:

- Mon 9th** – Inter House Dodgeball Competition Y1, 2 and 3
- Wed 11th** – Remembrance Day
- Fri 13th** – Children in Need
- Mon 16th** – Inter House Dodgeball Competition Y4, 5 and 6
- Mon 16th – Fri 20th** – Anti-Bullying Week

- Wed 25th** – Parent Conferences
- Wed 25th** – Year 3 Class Worship (9:20am Zoom)

December:

- Tue 1st – Fri 4th** – Inspire Celebrations (Zoom)
- Tue 8th** – School Nurse Flu Vaccinations (Additional Visit)
- Fri 11th** – Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 11th** – Christmas Dinner
- Thu 17th** – Christmas Extravaganza (9:30am Zoom)

Primary School's Community Committee Meeting



School Council members took over Mr Walker's office on Thursday afternoon to take part in the first Community Council meeting of this academic year. In the meeting the children across the schools in Ackworth discussed ideas for community projects local schools could undertake together in the run up to Christmas. The School Council met following this to discuss Children in Need and various other agenda items.

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Act NOW if you have Covid-19 symptoms:

- High temperature
- Loss of taste or smell
- New continuous cough
- Isolate immediately - get tested**

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Anti-Bullying Week

Growth in **BODY**

During the week beginning Monday 16th November, the school will be marking anti-bullying week.

The children will take part in many activities during the week utilising resources from the anti-bullying alliance and the NSPCC's Speak Out... Stay Safe programme with the help of Ant and Dec!

Our updated Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policies will also be shared during this week with the children and parents/carers.

On Monday 16th we are asking children and staff to come into school **wearing odd socks** to raise the profile of diversity and inclusivity, celebrating what makes us all unique.

Stable Structures

Growth in **MIND**

Year 2 have been debating what makes a stable structure and thinking about 3-D shapes in preparation for making a chair for Baby Bear as part of their DT unit of work.

Classifying Rocks

Growth in **MIND**

In Science, Year 3 have been looking at the classification of rocks and studying the terms sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. A number of children have used Minecraft at home and so utilising what the children new about Obsidian which features in Minecraft, a dark purple block known for its high blast resistance and strength, most commonly found when water flows over lava, was an instant hook!

Moki Challenge

Growth in **BODY**

Congratulations to Year 6 who have been the first class to complete the Land's End to John o' Groats challenge using the Moki tracker bands. They have now started their new challenge – an individual marathon!

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Pumpkin Soup

In Nursery and Reception, the children have been reading Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper they then had a go at making their own pumpkin soup which went down a treat



Growth in **MIND**

Composer of the Month

The composer of the month for November in school is Beethoven, a German composer from the classical period into the romantic era.

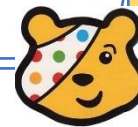
Here are some of the clips we are using during collective times, some of his most popular pieces:

Fur Elise is a very well know piece and a composition most pianists want to learn to play: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wff0zHeU3Zs>

Another very popular Beethoven classic is Beethoven's 5th symphony - often used in films: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IRMYuE1hI>

His famous quote is, 'To play a wrong note is insignificant, but to play without passion is unforgivable'

Growth in **SPIRIT**



Warm Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Fiona Garbett who has extensive experience of working in schools and a dance teaching background. She has now been appointed as a Lunchtime Supervisor.



Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT**

Dinner Debate

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

'Can we have happiness without sadness?'

Children in Need 2020

During the School Council meeting, the children shared a number of ideas and also reflected upon how current restrictions would affect some of them.

The children have decided that on Friday (13th), children can come into school wearing non-uniform and offer a suggested donation of £1 to donate to Children in Need.

Children will also be issued a brick template and provided with an opportunity to reflect on this years Children in Need theme, 'together we can...' The bricks will then be used to construct a display wall.

Together we can...

Children in Need

What are we learning this half term?

You can now find an overview for each class on our website: <https://www.ackworthowardschool.co.uk/curriculum/what-are-we-learning-term>



Thank you for your continued support, I hope that you have a lovely week.

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher



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