



**Newsletter – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
*Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’*

**Attendance**

Week Ending 6<sup>th</sup> March

Reception	94.1%
Class 1	96.7%
Class 2	98.7%
Class 3	97.0%
Class 4	99.4%
Class 5	98.0%
Class 6	99.3%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>97.6%</b>

**Attendance Champions:**

**Class 4**

**Congratulations.**

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

Our attendance in school for the academic year so far is **96.9%**.



**Orienteering**

40 children from KS2 competed in the Wakefield School Games Orienteering competition on Thursday.

They were recognised as excellent team players and some of the children even qualified to compete in the West Yorkshire School Games competition on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulations everyone!



**Tanzania Celebration**

Today we held an assembly to celebrate a proud and special moment for our school. We are very pleased to share with you that our fundraising has enabled our partner school to build a much needed classroom. The cement, sand, stone and paint were paid for through our fundraising money. The community were so grateful for our support that they came out to help build the classroom. This is the reason this project has been realised so quickly.

The visit last year inspired hope to our Tanzanian friends. They really appreciated our gifts, prayers and thoughts. Since then, our Tanzanian link has been an important part of life in our school. Fundraising such as enterprising activities, school events, child led initiatives, fundraising days and sporting achievements have ensured this project could happen.

The government, villagers, school staff and children are so grateful for what we have done. It has had a huge impact in the village not just in the school but further afield. Canon Arthur from Tanzania has sent a message of thanks to all within our school community who generously donated towards this project. The community have worked so hard knowing that we were working with them shoulder to shoulder. The Headteacher of Mshikamano has sent us some cloth to say thank you which is on our display.

Well done everyone! The community are so happy and we have genuinely transformed lives. We are looking forward to further projects as we continue ‘working with and learning from.’



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**Upcoming Diary Dates:**

- 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Sport Relief (Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dress in Sports Kit – Suggested Donation £1)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – School’s Community Council Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar – West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals (**Date Change**)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Pontefract Castle Visit (Y2)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Tag Rugby Championships
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Irish Theme Lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Governors Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mother’s Day Gift Sale
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y2 Class Worship
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mother’s Day Assembly (9:15am)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y4 Visit to Methodist Church - Ackworth
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – West Yorkshire Orienteering Finals
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Tanzania Celebration Singing Event (Y5) and Visiting Schools



This week’s value: **Gratitude**

Friendship Trust

## World Book Day

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On Thursday, children dressed as their favourite book characters and looked fantastic!

A range of class activities took place, the book fair has visited and a big thank you to governors and Wendy from the School's Library Service who took the time to share their favourite stories in story telling sessions.

Prizes were awarded for winners of the spring reading challenge and the summer reading challenge was launched which will run until the end of August.



## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

The Standards and Testing Agency have published a leaflet for schools to share with parents explaining the new year 4 multiplication tables check. This information along with information regarding other statutory assessments can be found on our website.

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### \*\*\*Dinner Debate\*\*\*

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

*'Are the best things in life free?'*

#GetBritainTalking

## Pupil Leadership – School Council

*'When we went to London, we learnt how laws were decided in the House of Commons. The clerk rings a bell and the members have 8 minutes before the doors lock to be able to vote aye or no. We are now doing the same thing in school. It was very exciting to set our own laws.'*

(Sol – Junior Headteacher)



KS2 Fruit Tuck Shop starts this week £1 per week for a piece of fruit each day – no change available. Thank you (School Council)

## Citizenship Ceremony

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Year 5 recently attended Wakefield Councils Citizenship Ceremony. The ceremony celebrated the significance of becoming a British citizen and welcomed new citizens into the Wakefield community.

The citizenship ceremony was held in the Old Court Room at Wakefield Town Hall. During the ceremony, citizens swore or affirmed an oath to the Sovereign and made the pledge of Citizenship. The Certificate of Naturalisation was presented at the event by the Mayor. The children were also invited to join in singing the National Anthem.

As the Mayor of Wakefield was in attendance, the children also had the opportunity to view the Mayor's parlour and Civic Regalia.



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

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School

## Inspire

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Thank you for attending our recent Inspire Morning sessions. The children have enjoyed producing some fantastic work alongside friends, staff and family members.

Nursery and Reception completed activities based on the author Julia Donaldson. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed using their DT skills to create moving pictures to tell the stories of The Dragon Machine and Jack and the Beanstalk.



House Points – Last Week

Cirrus – 149  
Cumulus – 186  
Stratus – 405  
Nimbus – 349  
Well done Stratus!



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

## Celebrating Us!

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The following children have been recognised by their teachers for their outstanding achievements within the school week:

Etta (Rec), Millie (Rec), Finley (Y1), Ella (Y1), Millie (Y2), Lucie (Y2), Evie (Y3), Emilee (Y3), Sam (Y4), Danial (Y4), James (Y5), Ellie (Y5), Neve (Y6) and Ryan (Y6).

Well done also to the children who were recognised to be living our vision and values.

Congratulations to Jessica who received the school vision award recognising her commitment to the value of service.



Happy Birthday (February)

Trustship