



Newsletter – Monday 11th July 2022

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 8th July:

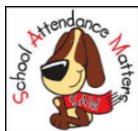
Reception	89.7%
Class 1	91.4%
Class 2	91.2%
Class 3	98.7%
Class 4	99.3%
Class 5	90.6%
Class 6	94.3%
Overall	93.7%

Attendance Champions:

Class 4

Congratulations.

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



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

'Howard is our school mascot – how many mascots can you name from other places?'

Growth in SPIRIT
Values for Life

This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: **HOPE**

This week's focus will be:
FAITH

'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.'
2 Timothy 4:7



Dear parents/carers,

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

It was lovely to see all of the children enjoying their transition sessions last week. There will be another opportunity for the children to meet their new teachers today.

The Year 6 SATs results were issued to schools last week and what a fantastic team effort!!! Considering these children have been through a pandemic they should be commended on their performance. Well done everyone! We have been on a journey these last few years and tried to sustain as much consistency as possible for our children. Thank you to all the staff, children and parents (particularly maintaining remote education) who have contributed to these positive results – Well done Y6!!!

I am very pleased to confirm, that after a recruitment process, we have been successful in appointing a new teaching assistant for September. Kira Bryan will be joining us with a wealth of experience.



Global Citizens

The children in Year 3 have embraced their roles as global citizens by carrying out a litter pick in the local area. They managed to fill several bags of litter. Afterwards, they analysed what type of litter they had found, where they'd found it and who might have dropped it. They considered ways to reduce litter pollution in their local area.

It was clear from the children's responses that they understood how small local actions can inspire and promote change on a global level.

Ben said, *"every piece of plastic thrown away has a negative impact on the world. People reading our newsletter could help the planet by doing their own litter pick or recycling more at home."*



School Partnership Sports Day

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It has been wonderful to be in communication with our partner school, Mshikamano, who have undertaken their own sports day activities at the same time as us. The photo shows the overall winners in Tanzania! Videos of our partner school are on the [website](#).

The sports day house competition winners (at Howard) received their medals last week. Stratus (yellow) house were the overall winners of the team event.

Children also received their rewards for taking part in last summer's Olympic challenge and were introduced to this summer's Commonwealth Games challenge.

Diary Dates



July

- 11th – Whole School Class Transition Morning
- 12th-14th – Year 5 Northumberland Residential
- 15th – School Reports Issued
- 15th – Y6 Ackworth Methodist Church Visit
- 20th – Y6 Production (Parents/Carers Invited 4:30pm)
- 21st – Y6 Leavers Trip (Nandos and Laser Zone)
- 22nd – Year 6 Leavers Service (Parents Invited 9:45am)
- 22nd - School Closes for Summer
- 25th – INSET Day
- 26th – Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday Re-allocation. Summer
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'Children look like they are enjoying their sports day in Tanzania just like we enjoyed our sports day.' (Nursery Child)



Compassion
For All
Trust

Fingerprints

In Heart Smart, Nursery have been learning that their fingerprints are all unique - just like us.

They carefully looked at the different patterns on their fingerprints and talked about how no two fingerprints are the same.

The children then used their fingers and paint to decorate a tree to remind us all that each one of us is special.

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BODY, **SPIRIT**



Team Building

Year 1 have been working on their team work and listening skills in PE. They have enjoyed developing an understanding of what it takes to make a good team!

Growth in **MIND**,
BODY



Where do we belong?

As part of their RE topic, the children in Reception have been learning all about Christian Baptisms/Christenings. They have learnt about the roles of parents and godparents and about items used during the service such as the font, holy water, oil, christening gown etc. The children shared their experiences and tried really hard to use the new vocabulary they had encountered. Well done.

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SPIRIT



Safeguarding – Digital Wellbeing

A Current Concern...

It has been brought to our attention that a character named 'Huggy Wuggy' is being viewed by children online, some as young as nursery. The character can easily be viewed on YouTube, Roblox and TikTok and is a teddy bear with razor sharp teeth that sings songs about hugging whilst including inappropriate content.

Because of its name it is able to infiltrate firewalls and filters and is even accessible on YouTube for Kids.

What are the risks?




There are multiple risks that can arise from children and young people being exposed to frightening content before they are prepared.

- Added anxiety and stress.
- Intrusive thoughts could cause children to lose focus or sleep and could interrupt family rest cycles.
- New fears – Reduced sense of security.

What can we do?

- Please be vigilant of what your children are viewing/accessing online.
- You can find a useful guide with tips and further information by following this link:

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/04/04/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/>

 STOP what they are doing and turn off their screen/device	 PAUSE to take a breath and try to stay calm	 THINK about something else that makes them happy	 TALK to an adult they trust about what they saw and how it made them feel
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Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

Discovery Centre

Year 3 visited the Discovery Centre in Leeds last week. In the morning they took part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop where they were able to explore the lives of Ancient Egyptian people and handle objects from over 3000 years ago.

In the afternoon, they were taken on a tour of the centre's storage rooms, which house over a million objects from the museums around Leeds. The children's favourite objects were a 100 million year old meteorite and the bones of an extinct dodo!

Throughout the day, staff at the centre were impressed with the children's vast historical knowledge, and fantastic behaviour!

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Howard Family Celebration Worship

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:
Mia (Rec), Matilda (Y1), Poppy (Y2), Emily (Y3), Dexter (Y4), Riley (Y5) and the whole class (Y6).
- Living our Christian values:
Elsie (Rec), Alex (Y1), Alice (Y2), Leo (Y3), Layla (Y4), Heath (Y5) and Amelia (Y6).
- Living our school vision:
Julia (Rec), Ollie (Y1), Phoebe (Y2), Fraser (Y3), Layla (Y4), Leah (Y5) and Abbie (Y6).
- Living our school vision weekly champion:
Sebastian A (Y1) for demonstrating positive manners and polite attitude.
- Golden (Play) Welly Award:
Evan (Y1) for embracing sensible play and demonstrating improved ball skills.
- Go Read Class Champions:
Year 2

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Sun Safety Reminder
Children should attend school in a sun hat and with sun cream applied before they leave home – thank you.

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)