



Newsletter – Monday 13th November 2023

Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 10/11/23:

Reception	95.4%
Class 1	97.1%
Class 2	97.9%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	98.2%
Class 5	98.3%
Class 6	97.4%
Overall	97.7%

**Attendance Champions:
Class 6 - Congratulations**

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

Cumulative (2023-24) total so far – 96.1%

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

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



This week's focus will be: **REPENTANCE**

*‘Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.’
Proverbs 28:13*

Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS**

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

*****Dinner Debate*****

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

‘What values are most important in our world?’

Dear parents/carers,

At 11 o'clock on the 11th November 1918, the guns of the First World War fell silent. Over 100 years later, we continue to mark this significant moment in history and pay our respects to the brave armed forces members who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We've had meaningful discussions with the children about the importance of remembrance and how we've been commemorating this in school. It has been heart-warming to see children engaging in various reflective activities, including in our forest school.

We have recently been exploring the concept of courageous advocacy, a vital aspect of character development. We've been discussing what it means to speak up for what is right and just, drawing inspiration from the life and work of individuals like Lewis Hine and St. George. Our worship sessions have provided a platform for thoughtful reflection and meaningful conversations. It's been truly impressive to witness our children's responses and thoughts, as they engage with these important topics. We're dedicated to equipping them with the skills and knowledge to challenge injustices, fostering a sense of responsibility and empathy within our school community.

A big thank you to Mr. Barstow, Mrs. McLoughlin, and Mrs. Devine for their participation in the Newby Hall (PGL) residential last week. It's been delightful to follow their adventures through the range of activities shared on our Facebook and X pages, and most importantly, to see the joy on the children's faces!

We'd also like to extend our gratitude to everyone who supported the book fair. Your contributions make a significant impact as the school will receive a commission from each sale. These funds will be put to good use in acquiring new books for school, benefiting all our children.

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Diary Dates



November

- Mon 13th – Fri 17th Anti-Bullying Week
- Tue 14th – Governors Meeting / Stay and Learn
- Wed 15th – Stay and Learn
- Thu 16th – Y6 British Dodgeball Competition
- Fri 17th – Children in Need / Y3&Y4 Football V Badsworth
- Mon 20th – Parents Evening
- Thu 23rd – Parents Evening / Police Visit
- Fri 24th – Christmas Fair
- Thu 30th – Y5&Y6 Football V Badsworth

Key Dates 2023-24



Forest School Remembrance

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The children enjoyed a forest school remembrance session on Wednesday. They read a story about fallen soldiers and remembrance, then created poppies out of sticks and coloured thread. Children even created some art work using burnt wood as a medium.

Anti-Bullying Week

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This week is Anti-Bullying Week, where we unite to promote kindness, respect, and inclusion throughout our school community. Parents received a letter recently detailing the 'Stay and Learn' sessions focusing on our school-wide approach to anti-bullying. Throughout the week, there will be a variety of engaging activities, many of which have been thoughtfully designed by our pupil leaders. We kick off today with 'Odd Socks Day', a fun and meaningful way to start our collective efforts.

Plan Ahead...

- Tue Dec 19th – Christmas Productions (N+R 9:30am / Y1+2 2pm)
- Wed Dec 20th – Christmas Productions (Y1+2 9:30am / N+R 2pm)
- Fri Dec 22nd – KS2 Carol Concert (St. Cuthbert's 9:45am)



Inclusive

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT**

Equality and Diversity

We are dedicated to providing a nurturing and inclusive environment for all our pupils. I would like to share with you the recently updated "[Equality and Diversity Policy](#)" that reinforces our commitment to these principles.

Aligned with the Equality Act 2010 and our school vision, this policy serves as a testament to our belief in the equal worth of every individual within our community.

Our approach to equality is built upon the following fundamental principles:

- **Equal Value for All:** We recognise that every child is unique and equally valuable.
- **Celebrating Differences:** Embracing diversity and promoting respect for all backgrounds.
- **Fostering Unity and Belonging:** Creating an atmosphere where every child feels they belong.
- **Fair Staff Recruitment:** Ensuring equitable staff recruitment, development, and retention practices.
- **Reducing Inequalities:** Continuously striving to eliminate disparities and create equal opportunities.
- **High Expectations:** We hold high expectations for the success of each and every child.

Our updated policy includes provisions to gather and analyse data on protected characteristics and other vulnerable groups, allowing us to proactively address issues of disadvantage and underachievement. Our goal is to provide a level playing field for all our children, regardless of their background.

We invite you to explore the updated policy by visiting our school [website](#). By understanding and embracing these principles, you can join us in creating an inclusive and welcoming school community.

We believe that strong partnerships between school and home are essential in providing the best education for our children. Your support and engagement in these principles are invaluable as we work together to foster an environment where every child can thrive.

Thank you for being a part of our community, where equality, diversity, and inclusion are at the heart of everything we do.

Newby Hall - PGL

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT**

Year 6 took part in their Newby Hall (PGL) 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 giant swing, zip wires, laser tag and even a silent disco! You can find more photos on our Facebook page.



Sewing Skills

Year 2 had a challenging DT lesson as they practised threading needles and tying knots in preparation for sewing a running stitch. They were extremely determined!



School Vision

Each piece of artwork captures the essence of our schools' vision. Crafted with creativity and insight, these pieces are a testament to our children's understanding and interpretation. It's great to see our vision come to life. Thank you for supporting this!



Amazing Autumn

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT**

In Nursery, they have started their new topic 'Amazing Autumn'. They have enjoyed using some of their autumn walk findings to explore different ways of making marks by creating some leaf rubbings.



Reading Fluency

Growth in **MIND**

Year 2 have been working hard on their reading fluency. They have been enjoying The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark. Super focus and concentration!



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Howard Family Celebration Worship

Gathering Together and Encouraging One Another

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: **Jack (Rec), Jack (Y1), Lillie-Mae (Y2), Lincoln (Y3), Poppy (Y4), Heidi (Y5)**
 - Living our Christian values: **Henry (Rec), Sienna (Y1), Mia (Y2), Viktoria (Y3), Ernie (Y4), Jasmine (Y5)**
 - Living our school vision: **Elodie (Rec), Sofia (Y1), Edison (Y2), Evan (Y3), Sophia (Y4), Florence (Y5)**
 - Living our school vision and flourishing: **Sophie L – Flourishing as a result of her patience, helpfulness, forgiveness and many other qualities.**
 - Golden (Play) Welly Award: **Evan R – For offering service and helping others.**
 - Reading Class Champions: **Year 2**



Explosive Art

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT**

The children in Reception have been learning about Bonfire Night and Remembrance. They have also been learning about the artist Jackson Pollock who invented 'drip painting'. They used Pollock's technique to create colourful firework pictures.



What are we learning?

At Ackworth Howard we believe in nurturing our pupils through their personal development journey to achieve readiness to become global citizens, equipped with the tools for life long living and learning.

LINK: [What are we learning this half term...](#)



Stay safe, well and keep the faith – your support is greatly appreciated.

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School



Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)



We will be having a SPOTacular Children in Need Day on Friday. Children can support this by wearing something spotty or simply just feel SPOTacular! (Suggested donation £1) Thank you.





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Church of England (VC) Junior & Infants School



Christmas Fair



- * Wreaths and cards for sale
- * Bespoke gifts
- * Local small businesses
- * Refreshments available



- * Children's Activities
- * Hamper Raffle

Friday 24th November

Outside stalls open at 2.45pm and inside stalls open from 3.15pm until 5pm

Ackworth Howard School Hall



* Event organised by Howard School Association, helping to raise funds for school projects. *