



## Newsletter – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

*Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'*

### Attendance

Week Ending 11<sup>th</sup> March:

Reception	96.5%
Class 1	95.0%
Class 2	99.3%
Class 3	96.0%
Class 4	96.7%
Class 5	95.3%
Class 6	98.0%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.6%</b>

**Attendance Champions:**  
Class 2 - Congratulations.



Growth in SPIRIT

### Values for Life

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

**GENEROSITY**

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

*'You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.'*  
**Psalm 65:11**

### Willow Castle

Thank you to our resident willow weavers who have now completed the final installation, a willow castle. It is lovely to see that the willow tunnel planted first has sprouted!



Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT  
\*\*\*Dinner Debate\*\*\*

**This week's question to debate at home:**

**'How do we know the Sun, Earth and Moon are spherical?'**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Growth in MIND,  
BODY, SPIRIT

*Today I shared with the children an update on our partner school from Canon Arthur, the Education Officer in the Diocese of Mara. He confirmed that there are now 2367 pupils and 30 teachers at our partner school Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School.*

*I asked Arthur if there were any projects that we could try and support with. He was very excited to say that the school now has some electricity and a priority for them would be to purchase 2 desktop computers for the children to use and a photocopier so that they can prepare for their exams themselves rather than having to use a stationery shop in town. Other needs which are also important to them are sports gear, footballs, netballs, sports clothing and minor renovations to the school buildings.*

*During the visit to Tanzania 3 years ago, electricity lines were being fitted in towns, however it was up to people to connect to the system themselves at cost. It is wonderful and very exciting to hear that the school is now on the grid!*

*Another encouraging update is that a toilet block is in the process of being built as can be seen in the photo.*

*It is great to see the children of our partner school learning from Standard 1-7 (Reception to Year 6 equivalent) and if you look closely in each photo you can see Matumani (Hope), the partner bear to Howard which was gifted during the visit 3 years ago. It is lovely to see that they value this offering still as a symbol of our partnership/friendship.*

*I can remember during my time at Northfield Middle School as a pupil and the day we got our first BBC Computer, a period of excitement I will never forget. How times have changed for us! Imagine giving the children of our partner school this opportunity...*

*If you would like to find out more about our Tanzania link, please visit our website:*

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/curriculum/tanzania-partnership>



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BODY, SPIRIT

### Comic Relief

Red noses are now on sale for £1.50 and are 100% plastic free – proceeds will go to Comic Relief. The school council have also planned to have a non-uniform day. This year's theme is all about the power of humour, having a laugh for Comic Relief (suggested £1 donation). 50% of the non-uniform day proceeds will go towards Comic Relief and the other 50% to our Tanzania partner school.

Comic Relief helps people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination and this year includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border.

### Diary Dates

#### March

- 14th – Mission to Mars Day
- 14th–17th – Year 5 Bikeability Training
- 18th – Comic Relief
- 18th – Y5/6 Cyber Crime Workshop (Cyber Crime Police Officer)
- 21st – Rev. Paul Worship
- 23rd – HSA Mother's Day Gift Sale
- 29<sup>th</sup> Author Visit – M.P. Robertson
- 30th – Class 2 Worship (Parents Invited – 9:15am)
- 31st – Class 5 Worship (Parents Invited – 9:15am)

#### April

- 4th – Rev. Paul Worship
- 4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultation Meetings
- 7th – Y3/4 Easter Production (St. Cuthbert's Church 9:45am – Y3/4 Parents Invited)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Easter Bonnet Parade and The Great Egg Race

**COMIC RELIEF**

Compassion Forgive us Friendship Trust

2021-2022	
Stravinsky Firebird 1911	
Camille Saint Saen Carnival of the Animals 1922	
Prokofiev Peter and the Wolf 1936	
Bing Crosby White Christmas 1952	
Leonard Bernstein West Side Story 1957	
Aretha Franklin RESPECT 1967	
Bill Withers Lean on Me 1972	
Queen Bohemian Rhapsody 1975	
Oasis Don't Look Back in Anger 1995	
U2 Beautiful Day 2000	
Adele Hello 2015	

**Musician Journey**  
Each month our worships introduce a new artist and genre. Planned in a chronological order the journey is sequenced to show the history of music through time. A two-year cycle ensures a variety of artists, composers, singers and musicians are exposed to the pupils.

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT  
**Tag Rugby**  
In PE, Year 3 have been learning tag rugby skills. They loved wearing the tags and playing different games to develop dodging and movement skills. Every single one of them showed great teamwork skills and supported each other during the lesson!



**Fractions**

Growth in MIND

Year 4 have been looking at fractions recently and discussing and using stem sentences to complete mathematical challenges.



**Dear Zoo**

Growth in MIND

In EYFS, they have been reading 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. The children have created their own extra page for the book. The children in Reception have written their own sentences and the children in Nursery have drawn pictures of the animals.

**WOW!**  
As a result of commission from the recent Scholastic Book Fair, we have received **£765.98** in rewards to spend on books for school.



**Mechanisms**

Growth in MIND

In DT, Year 1 have been learning about mechanisms and focusing on sliders to make their favourite books more interactive!



**Peer Buddies**

Growth in MIND, SPIRIT

Year Two have been working with enthusiasm to write their own stories about 'Little Red and the Troll'. They had some fantastic ideas and were able to edit and improve their writing with the help of their Year 5 buddies.



Growth in BODY

**World Down Syndrome Awareness Day**

**House Points Last Week:**

- Cirrus – 433
- Cumulus – 300
- Stratus – 173
- Nimbus – 280

Well done Cirrus!



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

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March marks World Down Syndrome Day. We invite everyone in school on this day to wear odd socks if they would like to.



**World Sleep Day – 18<sup>th</sup> March** Growth in BODY

The theme this year is "Quality sleep, sound mind, happy world". It is an opportunity to promote the importance of sleep for our physical and mental health.

It's also a great opportunity to think about our own sleep habits and whether we can put in place some changes to improve our sleep.

You can find lots of resources on child sleep on the CAMHS resources page as well as information and resources on a range of mental health and wellbeing topics:

<http://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/wakefield-camhs-resources>

The Sleep Charity also provide advice and support to empower the nation to sleep better. <http://sleepcharity.org.uk/>

**Henry Moore**

Growth in MIND

Year 6 have now completed their unit of work on Henry Moore. During the unit they learnt about depth, cross hatching, shading and light. They produced a final piece based on the drawings of Henry Moore during World War 2 of underground stations. For this they used a wax resist technique to create light and shadows.



**The Golden Welly Award this week goes to:**

Jasmine for supporting others in their play and caring for others.

**Howard Family Celebration Worship**

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: Isabelle (Rec), Reuben (Y1), Isla (Y2), George (Y3), Dexter (Y4), Molly (Y5) and Sam (Y6).
- Living our Christian values: Freddie (Rec), Lily (Y1), Jax (Y2), Jenson (Y3), Holly (Y4), Leah (Y5) and Reuben (Y6).
- Living our school vision: Boston (Rec), Lottie (Y1), Isaac (Y2), Emily (Y3), Holly (Y4), Neave (Y5) and Jessica A (Y6).

Congratulations to Daisy for being an excellent role model with a positive attitude.



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)