



Newsletter – Monday 15th July 2024

Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 12.7.24:

Reception	95.7%
Class 1	92.0%
Class 2	94.7%
Class 3	98.3%
Class 4	95.2%
Class 5	98.0%
Class 6	93.7%
Overall	95.3%

**Attendance Champions:
Year 3 – Well Done!**

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

Cumulative (2023-24) total so far – 95.3%

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

This half term we are focusing upon the value of: **CREATIVITY**

This week’s focus will be:

CREATIVITY



Genesis 1:27

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them.”



Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **ASPIRATIONS**

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

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

‘What is freedom?’



Dear parents/carers

Another school year is almost complete and it is wonderful to reflect on all of the experiences we have been able to share together as a school community this year. There are so many successes and achievements to be proud of, including our excellent SIAMS and Ofsted inspections, which are a direct result of our team, the children, and you as parents/carers – thank you.

Just like our vision expects from us all, we have seen many examples this year of members of our school community ‘striving to provide wisdom, guidance, restoration, and comfort just like the loving shepherd. Offering protection and educating against dangers, ensuring positive global citizens and the safety of all God’s children.’

We are extremely proud of our Year 6 children who are leaving shortly to join their secondary schools. We hope that the children have enjoyed their time here at Ackworth Howard and are well-prepared for the next stage of their education. We wish them luck and all the best for the future.

The children achieved excellent results in their SATs, but at the Howard School, we believe that there is so much more to learning, to education, to flourishing and enjoying ‘life in all its fullness’ than national tests can ever represent. Thank you to all of the governors, staff, parents, and other members of the school community for remaining committed to giving those things to our children during their school journey and providing them with care, nurture, and inspiration. We do not forget the efforts of everyone – thank you.

Congratulations and Celebrations...

Congratulations to Mrs Thorpe and Mrs McConnell for completing the Attachment Lead course through Touch Base Education with flying colours. They are now accredited attachment leads, bringing valuable expertise to our school. Well done!

I am also pleased to share that I have passed all elements of the SIAMS inspector training and have been granted my own inspector number, allowing me to conduct inspections and generate income for the school.

Best of luck to Mr Barstow, who will be umpiring hockey at the Paris Olympics this summer. I am incredibly proud of him and look forward to seeing his performance. Well done, Dan – a monumental achievement!

Finally, Mrs Bloomer will soon be starting her maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the happiness in the world.

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Calendar



July
Tue 16th –
 Governors Meeting
Wed 17th – Y6
 Summer
 Production
Fri 19th – Y6
 Leavers Service
 at St.
 Cuthbert’s
 (9:45am)
Fri 19th –
 School Closes
 for the
 Summer
 Holidays

September
Mon 2nd / Tue
3rd – School
 Closed INSET
 Day
Wed 4th –
 School Opens
 for the
 2024/25
 Academic Year

Reminder:
 School hours
 will change
 starting in
 September,
 with the day
 running from
8:50 am to
3:20 pm. This
 does not affect
 Nursery
 session hours.





Safeguarding Update Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

West Yorkshire Police is supporting the NWG and Sport England's Safe to Play campaign.

The campaign aims to raise awareness around tackling CSE in sport, so that children and adults can enjoy physical activity safe from harm and abuse.

They are encouraging parents, coaches and children to know the signs that something isn't right and have the confidence to report it.



Find out more:

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/SafeToPlay>



Year 6 Final Trip

Year 6's final visit with us included a trip to Xscape in Castleford where they enjoyed time in the amusements, ate at TGI Friday's, and had fun in Laser Zone. A big well done to them all; they really deserved this reward.

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Leeds Museums and Discovery Centre

Year 3 had a wonderful time at the Leeds Museums and Galleries Discovery Centre, putting their knowledge of Ancient Egyptian chronology to good use! They enjoyed their Walk Like an Egyptian workshop, getting hands-on with real Ancient Egyptian artefacts. They also had a behind-the-scenes tour of some of the museum's one million objects.

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Computing

Year 1 enjoyed their computing lesson. They have all now mastered logging on and off and opening different apps. Linked with our school value of creativity this term, the children had fun creating something on the paint app. Well done, everyone!

Growth in MIND



Converting Time

Year 4 are working hard on converting time from analogue to digital and also using 24-hour time!

Growth in MIND



Euros 2024

To show our support for England reaching the final of the Euros against Spain, we invited children to wear non-uniform on Friday. The children showed great unity in celebrating this achievement, fostering a sense of national pride and excitement throughout the school.

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Class Worship

We are so proud of our Reception children who led their class worship last week. Thank you to everyone who attended. They shared their 'under the sea' topic, sang songs about friendship and recycling, and ended with a video showcasing their journey and activities throughout the year. Well done, everyone!

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Check in Time...

Some of our Year 1 children have been working hard to make bug hotels at lunchtime! They have enjoyed spotting bugs like slugs, snails, and worms wanting to check in!

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Kenya

Year 2 have been researching tourist attractions in Kenya and have found some fascinating facts about the Big Five. They especially enjoyed playing African animal tennis!

Growth in MIND



Bouncy Castle...

Children are receiving this reward following earning points from the safety monitors, who have been working all year to promote and model our behaviour policy and routines - such as 'Terrific transitions.' The learning attitudes and behaviours of children in the school has seen them earn numerous previous rewards and contributed to a visual totaliser in the hall. The children achieved their ultimate goal this Friday. Well done!



A Huge Thank You!

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the amazing volunteers who have supported our school this year. From listening to children read, sharing your expertise with classes, contributing to wider school life, and many more incredible time-giving initiatives - we couldn't do it without you. Thank you!

A special shout out also goes to the parents of the Howard School Association for your unwavering support with a range of projects, events, and initiatives. Your dedication makes a significant difference.

A school community together - thank you all!



Mental Health and Well-being

Should you or your child need any well-being or mental health support over the summer break, you can access this via the button on our website home page.

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/>

We would also like to direct you to the Anna Freud Mentally Healthy Schools Programme's Summer leaflet, which includes a number of useful resources and activities:

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/media/files/mentally-healthy-schools-primary-selfcare-toolkit.pdf>

Stay safe, well and keep the faith – your support is greatly appreciated. Have a great summer!

Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

