



Newsletter – Monday 18th July 2022

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

THANK YOU!

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT



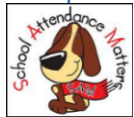
Attendance

Week Ending 15th July:

Reception	94.3%
Class 1	96.2%
Class 2	96.2%
Class 3	98.0%
Class 4	92.7%
Class 5	90.7%
Class 6	98.0%
Overall	95.1%

Attendance Champions:
Class 3 and 6
Congratulations.

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



Dear parents/carers,

Another school year is almost complete and we could be forgiven for thinking we've had a normal year given the wonderful experiences we have been able to share together as a school community. It is however only April 1st that Covid restrictions were lifted and as recently as January when we had a significant number of Covid cases in school.

It is worth therefore reiterating why this year has been so successful. Despite the ongoing challenges, there are so many successes and achievements to be proud of. That is 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.'

This is also reflected in the recent parent, staff and pupil surveys. The results can be found here – [Survey Analysis](#)

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Miss Parker and Mrs Fletcher who will be leaving us at the end of this week. Mrs Fletcher has made significant contributions over many years to school life here at Howard, having a positive impact on many children's lives. I am sure you will join me in thanking them both for their commitment and dedication to our school and wish them well in their next steps.

We are extremely proud of our Year 6 children who are leaving us this week 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.

Thank you to all of the staff, parents and other members of the school community who have supported the children during their time in our school.

Diary Dates



July

- 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

September

- 5th – School Closed to Pupils (INSET Day)
- 6th – School Closed to Pupils (INSET Day)
- 7th – School Reopens (Autumn 1)

Good luck to all the children taking part in their mock exams in Mshikamano to prepare them for their national exams (NECTA) which are expected to take place in September. Passing the exam is required for access to public secondary education in Tanzania.

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Values for Life

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

'Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit.'
1 Corinthians 13:13



Global Citizenship Thread

Last half term the children focused on **RESILIENCE**. This half term our whole school Thread was **ASPIRATIONS**.



Reflection Point of Interest – Dinner Debate

Recently, international collaboration gave us the most powerful space telescope ever made, and the deepest infrared views of the universe ever seen. **Imagine what can come from this now!**

Behind the curtain of dust and gas in these 'cosmic cliffs' are previously hidden baby stars, now uncovered. **Just take a second to admire the Carina Nebula in all its glory.** It's like looking back in time to the dawn of the universe.



On warm days, stay out of open water
Cold water shock and under-water currents can kill, and you don't know what's lurking beneath the surface

#ColdWaterKills #WaterSafety wakefieldcouncil

Extreme Heat Weather Warnings - Adaptations to school provision.
Please click: [Predicted Extreme Heat Weather Warnings Letter Link](#)





Collaboration Football Cup

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Year 6 had an excellent day competing in the Collaboration Cup. They played extremely well and learnt a lot. Well done to everyone!



Water Safety

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BODY



During the current heatwave, we're urging everyone to be aware of the risks of cooling off or playing in ponds, lakes, and flooded quarries. Swimming in open water is extremely dangerous as hidden dangers can lurk beneath the surface. We wanted to share this video with parents which shows the tragic consequences that can occur - <https://youtu.be/Ile-FwNEafk>

We're urging people to call 999 immediately if anyone is in danger.

Could they be getting bullied online?

Understand the risks of online networks, gaming, and exploitation. Visit wakefieldscp.org.uk.



Mountains, Earthquakes and Volcanoes

Growth in MIND

Year 4 have been learning about mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes. They have learned about different types of mountains and how these are formed, how a volcano is created and the parts of a volcano. They have also looked into the dangers of earthquakes and where these are most likely to happen in the world, alongside the physical and human geographical features that change due to this.

Pupil Leadership

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You may remember that the School Council took part in the recent Children's Parliament following on from last year's world record breaking event. They debated the topic 'How Do We Make the World a Safer Place?' Discussions were around remedies for war, online grooming, county lines drug running and knife crime. The children also addressed environmental catastrophe, food and water shortages and pandemic response.

We have now received the Executive Summary of the event which is a very interesting read, reflecting the voices of our children across the nation.

[Children's Parliament Executive Summary](#)

Where do we belong?

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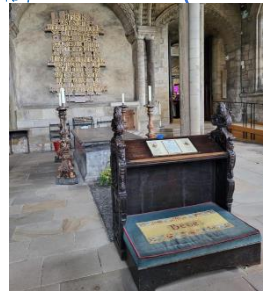
In R.E Year 2 have been thinking about how many religions follow the 'Golden Rule'. The children have created posters to show how the world would be a better place if we treated others as we would like to be treated ourselves.



St. Cuthbert Residential – Northumberland

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Year 5 had a great time in Northumberland during their residential visit. They graduated in their broomstick flying training from the Howard School of Witchcraft and Wizardry at Alnwick Castle and enjoyed a sunset cruise exploring the Farne Islands and learning about seals and rare bird breeds on their first day.



On the second day, we visited The Holy Island of Lindisfarne. After Travelling across the causeway, we visited St. Cuthbert's Isle and shared our school prayer in the ruins of the medieval chapel, we then explored Holy Island on foot, enjoyed an ice cream (or cookie) treat, explored rock pools and created rock stacks. Seahouses was next on the agenda to visit the gift shops, followed by a trip to the beach in Bamburgh for the evening to play games and enjoy some paddling.



Methodist Church Visit

We have been exploring different expressions of the Christian faith and have invited various leaders from other Christian denominations into our worships over the last few years.

Year 6 have been working with Reverend Naomi Kaiga from Ackworth Methodist Church. They visited the Methodist Church to explore the difference between the Anglican Church and the Methodist Church in more detail. They explored the Church and asked excellent questions.



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



Mr Michael Walker, Headteacher



Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust