



Newsletter – Monday 21st March 2022

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 18th March:

Reception	99.7%
Class 1	97.0%
Class 2	98.9%
Class 3	98.0%
Class 4	95.7%
Class 5	98.3%
Class 6	98.0%
Overall	97.9%

Attendance Champions:

Reception - Congratulations.

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



Growth in SPIRIT

Values for Life

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

GENEROSITY

This week's focus will be:
GRACIOUS

'The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.'

Psalm 103:8



Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

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

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

'Would you rather be a king or a wizard?'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Generosity is our value this half term. Through Red Nose Day, we are helping people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border as well as our friends in Tanzania. We can make a difference!

School has sold £360 worth of red noses with an additional £168 raised through the non-uniform day (£84 to Comic Relief and £84 to our Tanzania partner school). Well done everyone!



COMIC RELIEF

Easter Events

I wanted to outline for you the plans for our Easter events this year. It will be wonderful to have parents join us for these for the first time since 2019! The children I am sure will love the experience:

- **Children are asked to submit any decorated egg entries on the morning of Thursday 7th April.**
- **The Year 3/4 Easter Production will take place at St. Cuthbert's Church on the morning of Thursday 7th, commencing at 9:45am. Reception-Year 6 will walk to Church and Year 3/4 parents/carers are invited to attend.**
- **The Easter Bonnet Parade (Nursery – Year 2) and the Great Egg Race (Key Stage 2) will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 7th April on the front playground – parents are welcome to attend:**
 - **2:20pm – Easter Bonnet Parade.**
 - **2:40pm – The Great Egg Race.**

Cybercrime Workshop

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On Friday, PC Claire Allison of the Force Cyber Team delivered a cybercrime workshop to children in Years 5 and 6. The age appropriate discussion aimed to cover a range of topics such as online safety, cyber bullying, mental health, protecting personal information and positive cyber choices.

Governor Committee Meeting

The Personnel, Finance and Premises Governor Committee Meeting met recently. During the meeting we discussed the school's finances, monitored the budget, submitted spending proposals, updated Governors on Pupil Premium, Sports Funding and Catch Up Funding spending, updated Governors on Safeguarding and Health and Safety and submitted policies for approval including: [Administering Medicines](#), [Charging and Remissions](#), [Data Protection](#) and [Pupil Premium](#).

Diary Dates

March

- 21st – Rev. Paul Worship
- 21st - World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Everyone is Welcome to Wear Odd Socks
- 23rd – HSA Mother's Day Gift Sale
- 29th 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
- 4th/6th – Parent Consultation Meetings
- 7th – Y3/4 Easter Production (St. Cuthbert's Church 9:45am – Y3/4 Parents Invited)
- 7th – Easter Bonnet Parade and The Great Egg Race

Parents Consultations Meetings

On Monday 4th April (2:45pm-5:30pm) and Wednesday 6th April (2:45pm-5:00pm), we are holding our Parent Conferences. These will again be offered through a blended approach.

A letter has been distributed to parents/carers and can be found on the school website: [Parent Conferences Letter](#)

Compassion
of Friendship
Trust



Author Visit

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BODY, SPIRIT



On the 29th of March, the famous author of The Egg stories, M.P Robertson, will be visiting school to work with pupils across the school through an assembly and illustration workshops that will then inspire writing. Children are able to buy books on the day or by pre-ordering using a form which will be distributed shortly. £1 of each sale goes towards school's costs for the visit.

Bikeability Training

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Year 5 were a credit to the school whilst undergoing their Bikeability training. They demonstrated their resilience and listened extremely well to the instructors as they navigated through different levels, including some of the children successfully completing Level 2, where they took to the roads and showed a good understanding of how to cycle safely using appropriate hand signals and reading road signs. Well done!



Cricket

Growth in MIND, BODY

Year 4 have been practising their fielding and striking skills in cricket. They have enjoyed applying their new skills.



Cross-Stitch

Growth in MIND

In Year 3, the children have been practicing applique and cross-stitch techniques in DT. Although many children found it difficult, there was lots of resilience and perseverance on display and everyone managed to create something they were pleased with!



Elmer

Growth in MIND, BODY

Last week Nursery and Reception were reading 'Elmer' by David McKee. They enjoyed making their own Elmer biscuits using food colouring to add colour like Elmer. They tasted delicious.

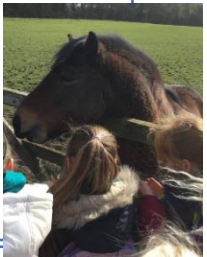


Rhyddings Farm

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Class 2 visited Rhyddings Farm last week where Mrs Thorpe helped them to learn exactly why Ackworth is such a successful area to farm. The children enjoyed their walk through the village to the farm, visiting a livestock farm along the way and talking to the farmer about his cattle.

At Rhyddings farm, Jack told the children how the farmers use machinery today to plant seeds and harvest the crops and they were able to see the wheat beginning to grow in the fields. They also got to meet some of the farm animals such as ducks, horses and the goat!



Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: Edward (Rec), Thomas (Y1), Whole Class (Y2), Aiden (Y3), Joseph (Y4), Lottie (Y5) and Elliot (Y6).
- Living our Christian values: Freddie L (Rec), Raven (Y1), Greta (Y2), Frankie (Y3), Neave (Y4), Liberty (Y5) and Connor (Y6).
- Living our school vision: George (Rec), Lincoln (Y1), Erin (Y2), Finley (Y3), Isla (Y4), Emilee (Y5) and Danny (Y6).

Congratulations to Isla L for always leading by example – helpful, caring, considerate, polite and a joy to have in school

The Golden Welly Award this week goes to:
Florence P for exceptional creativity in play.



LOW ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

FUN DAY

SUNDAY 8TH MAY 11-2PM

PIZZA VAN
BAR
BOUNCY CASTLE
FACE PAINTING
ICE CREAM
MUSIC
FOOTBALL, GAMES, STALLS & MORE

FREE ENTRY!
MONEY RAISED GOES TO THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILD



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Safeguarding – Healthy Relationships

As a school, we strive to educate our children on how to create and maintain healthy relationships, therefore we feel it is our duty to inform you that we are experiencing an increasing number of reports that some children are using inappropriate sexual language which they may not necessarily fully understand.

It is important that we work in partnership to resolve any issues of this nature. School provides lessons about this using appropriate resources ([Please see PSHE policy and curriculum](#)). **Please can you also support us by accessing the following website which provides practical and supportive advice on what to do if you have any concerns on this particular topic:** [Healthy Development in Young People](#)

We can offer further support through agencies that work with the school and signpost you to the most appropriate resources where required. Please contact us if you would like to access this.

Thank you for working with us to keep our children safe.

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)