



Newsletter – Monday 4th April 2022

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Attendance

Week Ending 1st April:

Reception	94.3%
Class 1	89.0%
Class 2	90.4%
Class 3	93.7%
Class 4	94.7%
Class 5	87.7%
Class 6	96.0%
Overall	92.3%



Attendance Champions:
Class 6 - 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:
CHARITY

'Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.'
Hebrews 13:16



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

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

'What makes a successful species?'

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this is the last newsletter before the end of term break, I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter. I hope that you enjoy the time with your families.

I would also like to send our best wishes to our brides to be, Miss Hunter and Miss Duckett (and their prospective husbands), for their upcoming weddings. After the Easter break Miss Hunter will be known as Mrs Bloomer and Miss Duckett as Mrs Thompson - Congratulations to both of you!!!

School's Covid Guidance

The school's Covid-19 guidance was withdrawn on the 1st April in line with the Government's directive and will now be managed in line with any other respiratory infections. The focus of hygiene and ventilation remains in place as this is good practice. The Government have released new guidance called '[Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#)' if you would like to read the recommended actions.

Refurbishment

Over the Easter break, the Key Stage 1 shared area and toilets will be refurbished.

Parents Consultation Meetings

Meetings will take place today and on Wednesday, again through a blended approach. If you are accessing your meeting virtually, the letter below contains the required Zoom links.

[Parents Consultation – Letter 2 Zoom Links](#)

Caretaker Post

The Caretaker vacancy has now been re-advertised on the Wakefield Council website.

Mr Johnson will continue to undertake the role temporarily until we can appoint the right person for our school.

Easter Events

Please submit any decorated egg entries on the morning of Thursday 7th April. The Easter Bonnet Parade (Nursery – Year 2) and the Great Egg Race (Key Stage 2) will take place also during this day and entries are welcome. Parents are welcome to attend on the front playground:
2:20pm – Easter Bonnet Parade.
2:40pm – The Great Egg Race.
The HSA will also be selling raffle tickets during Wed/Thu morning.

Exploring Senses

Year 1 have been on a trip to the woods in school. The children explored what they could see, hear and feel in the woods and will be using this to write a recount shortly.



Class Worship

During last week, Year 2 and Year 5 led their class worships. They shared a wonderful variety of learning across a range of subjects and did so incredibly well!!!

It has been fantastic to welcome parents/carers into school again to join in our worships.



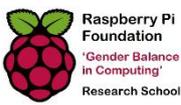
Diary Dates

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
- 8th – School Closes for Easter
- 25th – School Reopens (Summer 1)

May

- 2nd – Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)



The Robinson Crusoe Cabbage Tree

As part of their plants topic in science, Year 3 have been aiming to germinate some of the rarest seeds in the world! The Robinson Crusoe Cabbage Tree is critically endangered, with only three plants reportedly left in the wild -all found on a tiny island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. They're hoping to be possibly the first school in the country to successfully grow them, and play a part in keeping the species alive for future generations.

Mr Nunn brought in a specimen he grew last year, and the children were keen to use all their botanic knowledge to think about how they can be successfully germinated and grown.



We're Going on a Lion Hunt

The children in EYFS have enjoyed listening to the story 'We're going on a lion hunt' by David Axtell. The children have acted out the story, made dens to keep the lions safe in the construction area, learnt lots of facts about lions and have painted pictures of lions.

After School Activity Clubs
I am pleased to confirm that we have again been able to put together a programme of after school activity clubs for the summer term. A letter was distributed on Friday and bookings will open at 4:30pm today.
[After School Activity Club Letter - Summer](#)



Governors Meeting

On Tuesday, the Governing Body met and we discussed a number of agenda items. These included the sharing of reports from the Personnel, Finance and Premises Committee and School Development Committee, Governor Monitoring, The Headteachers Report, Safeguarding and Health and Safety.

A number of policies were also approved and are now available to view on our website:

- [Photography and Filming Policy Statement](#)
- [Parent/Carer Code of Conduct](#)
- [Managing Violent and Abusive Visitors](#)
- [Complaints Policy](#)
- [Attendance Policy](#)
- [Health and Safety Policy and Policy Statement](#)

Author Visit – M.P Robertson



Famous author of The Egg stories, M.P Robertson, has visited school to work with the children through an assembly and illustration workshops that have inspired writing.

During the assembly, Mark shared his books with the children and the creative process he goes through when writing them. He then discussed his love of dragons and the evidence he had that they were real. M.P Robertson then shared a video with the children from an incident that had happened that very morning. Poor Mrs Albaya was attacked by a dragon!!! She is ok though and you can see the video on our [website](#).

The workshops provided an opportunity to share with the children the process and skills involved in illustrating books and the resulting dragon illustrations from the children were excellent!

Mark held a book signing after school which was very well attended.

All in all, a very inspiring day!



Judaism

Year 4 have been learning about what it means to go on a journey through life. They have been focussing on Judaism and bar mitzvah's and have enjoyed testing each other's knowledge through the playing of a board game.



House Points Last Week:

- Cirrus** – 651
- Cumulus** – 545
- Stratus** – 411
- Nimbus** – 548

Well done Cirrus!



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

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Howard Family Celebration Worship

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: **Freddie (Rec), Lottie (Y1), Emilia (Y2), Heidi (Y3), Neve (Y4), Whole Class (Y5) and Whole Class (Y6).**
- Living our Christian values: **Freddie B (Rec), George (Y1), Daisy (Y2), Ophelia (Y3), Layla (Y4), George (Y5) and Oscar (Y6).**
- Living our school vision: **Kaleb (Rec), Bradley (Y1), Alice (Y2), Imogen (Y3), Joseph (Y4), Evie (Y5) and Faith (Y6).**

Congratulations to Viktoriya for her outstanding attitude, generosity and listening skills.

The Golden Welly Award this week goes to:

Dominic – Always showing compassion and care, being the first to offer help.



Thank you for your continued support, take care and have a lovely Easter.



Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher



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Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)