



## Newsletter – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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

### Attendance

Week Ending 1st July:

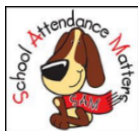
Reception	86.7%
Class 1	98.3%
Class 2	93.9%
Class 3	94.7%
Class 4	96.7%
Class 5	93.0%
Class 6	97.0%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>94.3%</b>

**Attendance Champions:**

**Class 1**

**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 we are focusing upon the value of: **HOPE**

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

*'I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'*

**Isaiah 41:10**



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### \*\*\*Dinner Debate\*\*\*

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

**'What is the greatest ever sporting achievement?'**

Dear parents/carers,

*It was lovely to welcome our new (and some current) parents of the incoming Nursery and Reception classes in September last week as they attended their first transition meeting of the summer. I am hopeful that they will enjoy becoming part of the Howard family.*

### Sports Day and Family Fun Event

*What a wonderful day we had on Friday! The children enjoyed their house sports competition in the morning competing in a variety of activities and in the afternoon, Year 5 opened up proceedings in our traditional sports day event by playing the samba drums. The weather held (apart from one dramatic down pour) which was a relief and the day's events culminated in the family fun day.*

*We hope that you all enjoyed the entertainment and refreshments and thank you so much for coming.*

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to the day's events with special mentions to Mr Barstow for planning the sporting activities, the parents of the HSA who ran the Bouncy Castle and to all the vendors and stall holders who supported – thank you.*

*Photos are now available on the school website – [Sports Day](#).*



*[Parent Questionnaire](#) - Thank you for all of your support over the year. As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to invite you to complete a parent survey. The views of parents at our school are extremely important to us and we are very grateful to everyone who takes the time to complete the survey that was distributed by text over the weekend.*

### Tanzania Link

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We have had a very informative update from our friends in Tanzania which was shared with the children in Worship last week. It is lovely to hear from our partner school Mshikamano and even more wonderful to see some of the progress that has been made to improve the lives of the children. You can find the update here – [Tanzania Update](#)

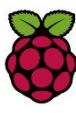


### Diary Dates



#### July

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Leeds Discovery Centre
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Transition Morning
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Party on the Green (Ackworth School)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Class Transition Morning
- 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Northumberland Residential
- 15<sup>th</sup> – School Reports Issued
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Ackworth Methodist Church Visit
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Production (Parents/Carers Invited 4:30pm)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Service (Parents Invited 9:45am)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - School Closes for Summer
- 25<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday Re-allocation.



Raspberry Pi Foundation  
"Gender Balance in Computing"  
Research School

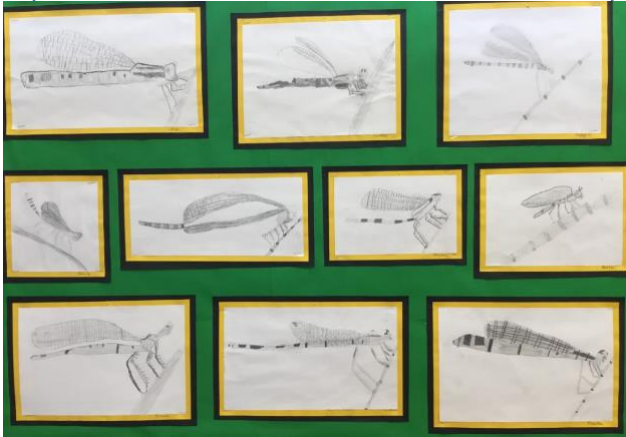


Artsmark Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts Council England

## Pencil Sketching

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On their visit to RSPB Old Moor, the children in Year 2 were enthralled by the damselflies emerging from the water in the pond habitats. On their return to school, they used the pencil skills taught throughout the year to produce these amazing close observational drawings.



## Early Years Maths

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In maths, Nursery have been looking at capacity. The children had a go at pouring their own cups of juice to show a full glass, a nearly full glass, an empty glass and a nearly empty glass. They did very well.

Continuing the Early Years maths theme, the children in Reception have been using the Numicon to learn about odd and even numbers.



## Yorkshire Wildlife Park

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Year 1 and 4 visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park last week. They enjoyed seeing a variety of animals and really impressed the staff and public with their polite manners and behaviour. The children particularly enjoyed asking a carnivore animal keeper questions about certain animals and displaying their amazing knowledge on life process, animal habitats and animals that are endangered. The children and Howard the bear really enjoyed the visit!

You can find more photos on our [website](#).



## Year 6 Transition

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Year 6 have begun the process of preparing for their transition to High School. On Monday the Wakefield Road Safety visited class to talk about getting to and from school safely and how to plan for potential problems such as missing the bus or the bus arriving late. On Tuesday they had a visit from Wakefield Health Team who talked about healthy lifestyles and development. Next week many of the children will begin their transition days.

If your child is about to move from primary to secondary school and they are feeling anxious or worried, you may find these strategies from Young Minds particularly useful.

- 1/ Chat about how they are feeling and how it will be different from primary - for instance bigger site, new people, changing teachers and rooms for subjects, more homework.
- 2/ Reassure them that nerves about starting something new are normal, as is some sadness at leaving familiar things, and that these feelings usually get easier with time.
- 3/ Be careful not to impose your own worries. Instead, try and focus on exciting opportunities - new subjects, activities and friends.
- 4/ Celebrate the milestone of finishing primary school, and all the ways they have grown. This can help to boost their self-esteem and confidence.

## Health and Wellbeing Champions

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The children have achieved the Wakefield Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Champions Award with a number becoming our schools Wellbeing Ambassadors. Here is a summary from them.

*'We are the Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors. We bring happiness to the school and give a positive environment to others. Here are the five ways to wellbeing...*

- 1- Keep learning
- 2- Be active
- 3- Sleep
- 4- Talk to others
- 5- Take notice

*We help you with your feelings and worries. We make sure what you're going through you're not going through alone.'*



## Tennis Achievements

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We work closely with local schools and sports club to develop our PE programme. This half-term year 1 and 3 have been learning tennis with coaches from Ackworth Tennis Club and Ackworth School. On Wednesday some of class 3 took part in a school competition. We are proud to say that they ended up winners of the competition!

*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)