



Newsletter – Monday 7th March 2022

Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Attendance

Week Ending 4th March:

Reception	94.7%
Class 1	89.7%
Class 2	94.8%
Class 3	97.7%
Class 4	98.7%
Class 5	91.7%
Class 6	98.0%
Overall	95.0%



**Attendance Champions:
Class 4 - Congratulations.**

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Values for Life

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

GENEROSITY

This week’s focus will be:
OFFERING

*‘Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.’
2 Corinthians 7*

Growth in *MiND, BODy, SPiRiT*

Curriculum Thread

Our Curriculum Thread last half term was Social Justice.

We considered justice in three forms - Personal, Social and Global.

This half term our Curriculum Thread is **Health and Wellbeing:**

EYFS – How can I look after myself?

Y1/2 – What do I need to be healthy?

Y3/4 – Can I recognise ways to improve my physical and emotional well-being?

Y5/6 – Can I understand the impact of positive and negative health choices?

Dear Parents/Carers,

Growth in *MiND, BODy, SPiRiT*

All of us will have been watching the terrible events taking place in Ukraine over this last couple of weeks and our thoughts are with those affected.

The compassion shown by our school community never fails to amaze me and inspired by the Good Shepherd we have hopefully offered some comfort to people during these darkest of days due to the overwhelming number of donations we were able to deliver.

Thank you for all of your support in this. It took two full cars to be able to deliver all of the kind donations.



We are seeking to appoint a Caretaker who is highly motivated and committed to the school. If you know anyone that maybe interested, please pass on the link ([Caretaker Post Advert](#)) - thank you.

What Are We Learning? – Spring 2

You can now find this terms document on our school website.

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/curriculum/what-are-we-learning-term>

Diary Dates

March

- 7th – Rev. Paul Worship
- 14th – Mission to Mars Day
- 14th–17th – Year 5 Bikeability Training
- 18th – Comic Relief
- 18th – Y5/6 Cyber Crime Workshop (Cyber Crime Police Officer)
- 21st – Rev. Paul Worship
- 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

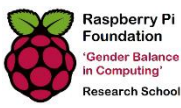
World Book Day

We hope the children enjoyed their World Book Day dressed as their favourite book characters.

Lots of activities were undertaken including a book trail and storytelling sessions with the Schools Library Service.

The Scholastic Book Fair remains open until Monday and we are excited to say that later in March the wonderful author M. P. Robertson will spend the day with us!





Mars Day

Growth in MIND

From launching Howard the Bear into orbit, to programming messages for the astronauts aboard the International Space Station, we love to take make our science learning out of this world - and 2022 is no different!



On Monday 14th, we will be taking part in Mars Day, sponsored by the European Space Agency and NASA. During the day, each class will have the chance to complete a variety of Mars Day-themed activities as well as take part in live events via video-link. The day is aimed at inspiring the children to develop their interest in science, space travel, and the universe.

Parental Controls – Online Safety

Growth in MIND, BODY

Keeping children safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing society today and it is all of our responsibility to ensure that children are educated to make positive, informed choices when they are online.

Please review and check you have all the privacy settings just right to keep your child safe. [The Internet Matters website](https://www.internetmatters.org/) is a useful starting point where you can select from a range of devices, games consoles, internet providers and social media apps to get a step by step guide for parents on how to check the settings are right for your child.

You can find a number of resource and guidance links on our website but if you need further support, please contact school for advice.

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/wellbeing/online-safety>

Science – Grouping Animals

Growth in MIND

In year 4 they have been grouping animals into different categories using venn and carroll diagrams. They have also enjoyed celebrating world book day



Character Education

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Given how important good character is for young people to succeed, we encourage the development of the mind, body and spirit through our vision. Social action is proven to develop key character strengths in young people. At the Howard School, this is something that we believe strongly in.

A focus for us during the Spring Term is to raise the profile of social actions with the children. We will be sharing examples of social actions which can be seen on the website as a downloadable document.

As this is a focus, we are developing a display in school where children can share examples of social actions that they have undertaken in their own time. The children will also be provided with a passport to log actions they have undertaken with certificates for achieving bronze, silver and gold (linked to the amount of actions undertaken).

Please visit our school website for more information on [Character Education](#).

Take part in school sports	Put your neighbours recycling away	Return books to the local library when in library	Get the top book collection list. Collect good children's books and donate them to the local hospital.	Make your own star board to share and put them on display in the school.
Take part in school sponsored activity for a local charity	Take a walk for your family	Offer to walk a neighbour's dog or walk after a cat	Organise a street party with your family	Offer to walk your neighbour's dog
Children without your own wear and donate them to the local charity shop	Collect newspapers and donate them to the local charity shop	Write a letter to an older resident of the local care home in an elderly home	Make a collection for the local care home in an elderly home	Offer to do the dishes
Offer a donation set of books for someone to read in your family or a local resident	RECYCLE YOUR OWN	Help your neighbour's car or offer to clean it	Help a neighbour's car or offer to clean it	Help a neighbour's car or offer to clean it
Offer to help a young brother, sister or cousin with their homework	Offer to help a young brother, sister or cousin with their homework	Offer to do some gardening for your neighbours.	Offer to do some gardening for your neighbours.	Offer to do some gardening for your neighbours.

Lighting Upgrade

In order to further protect our school community, we have invested in updating our outdoor lighting to energy efficient LED lights.

Cash for Clothes – HSA Adult/Children's – Clothes, Accessories, Paired Shoes, Handbags... (No Bedding/Towels)

The HSA will be collecting each day from today until Friday. Please drop any items off on the front playground – thank you.

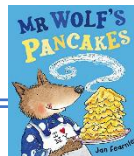
Pancake Day

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In Nursery and Reception, they have celebrated Pancake Day and what's a better way to spend it than eating delicious pancakes!

The children had a selection of toppings to choose from including chocolate spread, sugar, lemon juice, strawberry sauce and syrup. They added the toppings that they wanted independently, rolled up their pancake and enjoyed eating it at snack time.

They also enjoyed reading 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' by Jan Fearnley.



Computing

Growth in MIND

In Computing, Year 2 have been preparing to use Turtle Logo. This week they have been learning how to give and follow an algorithm to turn an object using Scratch.



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)