



Newsletter – Tuesday 7th June 2022

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

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| Summer Term 1 | |
| Reception | 93.4% |
| Class 1 | 95.1% |
| Class 2 | 97.5% |
| Class 3 | 97.7% |
| Class 4 | 96.5% |
| Class 5 | 96.3% |
| Class 6 | 97.6% |
| Overall | 96.3% |

Attendance Champions:
Class 3

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:
ENCOURAGEMENT

'We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.'
Romans 5:3-4

Global Citizenship Thread

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

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPiRiT**

Dinner Debate

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

'Would it be a good thing or a bad thing if we could hear people's thoughts?'

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the final term of the academic year. This year seems to have flown by so far!

As we are coming up to the end of the second year of our new curriculum, we undertook a review of our subject progression documents during the INSET day yesterday, refining our knowledge essentials to ensure that they meet the needs of the children and are mapped coherently from Nursery to Year 6.



It was lovely to welcome Reverend Karen Young as the new Rector of Ackworth and Badsworth on behalf of the children, staff, parents and governors in a special service recently led by The Right Reverend Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield. We are looking forward to working with her.

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPiRiT**

Diary Dates



May

27th – Queens Jubilee Celebration
27th – School Closes (Spring Bank Holiday)

June

6th – INSET Day (Teacher Training)
7th – School Reopens (Summer 2)
9th – Y4 Concert for Ukraine with Ackworth School
9th – Class Photographs
15th – Father's Day HSA Sale
20th – Year 1 Class Worship (Parents/Carers Invited 9:15am)
21st – Reception Class Worship (Parents/Carers Invited 9:15am)
21st – RSPB Old Moor Visit Y2
21st – Y3 Big Strum Event

July

1st – Sports Day
4th – Y3 Leeds Discovery Centre
12th-14th – Year 5 Northumberland Residential
15th – School Reports Issued
20th – Y6 Production (Parents/Carers Invited 4:30pm)
22nd – Year 6 Leavers Service
22nd – School Closes for Summer
25th – INSET Day
26th – Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday Re-allocation.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPiRiT**

On the 6th February this year, Her Majesty became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee 1952-2022, marking 70 years of dedicated service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, a number of activities and actions were undertaken in school and in collaboration with Ackworth Parish Council.

- The Queen's Green Canopy - Tree planted in school in recognition of the occasion.
- Commemorative gift to all children – Beebom wildflower seeds.
- Activities exploring and investigating the Queen throughout the decades, producing work representing each significant period of her reign as well as other class activities.
- Non-uniform day with everyone encouraged to dress in red, white and blue.



We also had our extra special lunchtime offering children the opportunity to experience a 'street party' on the front playground. The children enjoyed their special party food in honour of the queen and prepared by our wonderful kitchen staff. Before eating, we all performed the national anthem.

What celebration is complete without music? The children travelled back through time during the party by listening to a special playlist of songs from every decade the Queen has been on the throne. It even included a couple of the Queen's favourites!

You can see a video of the 'street party' on our [website](#).



Children's Parliament

Pupil Leadership

We are very proud of our School Council children who have now started to use their developed leadership skills to undertake their meetings independently, carrying out their roles extremely well!

Following last year's world record breaking event, our school was again invited to take part in the recent Children's Parliament. 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.

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Heart Smart

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Linking to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Nursery have been learning that we are all special and we are all important. They looked at a photo of the Queen's crown and talked about how the Queen is very important and special but that they are also.

They went around the circle during carpet time and talked about different ways each child in the class is special.

Using craft materials, the children then created their own crown to remind them that they are special and important too. Reception have also been designing and making a palace for the Queen!



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Scarecrow Competition

The children in Reception have worked with Mrs Fisher to create this year's entry to the Ackworth Scarecrow Competition. The theme this year is Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales and the children linked the project to their work on Little Red Riding Hood.



Oral Hygiene Workshops



Growth in MIND,
BODY

Dental Nurse and Oral Health Educator, Imogen, visited school to talk to children in a number of classes about the importance of oral hygiene. She discussed the importance of a healthy diet and the damage that sugar can do to teeth, demonstrated how to use a toothbrush correctly and Year 6 had fun with plaque disclosing tablets. Plaque disclosing tablets contain a purple dye that colours the plaque on your teeth, making it very easy to see. This highlighted areas the children may be missing with their brushing, so that they know where to concentrate in future.



Conscience Alley

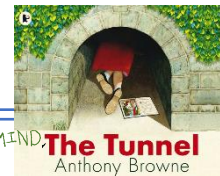
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Year 2 have been enjoying reading books by Anthony Browne. They read the story of 'The Tunnel' and then used 'Conscience Alley' to persuade the main character, Rose to either go or not go into the tunnel to rescue her brother. They had some excellent arguments which they were able to use to good effect in their persuasive letters.

Dear Rose,

I know you are scared, nervous and frightened but deep, deep down you are really worried about your brother. Please go in the tunnel, your brother could be seriously injured. You'll never forgive yourself if you don't. Thank you for reading this.

Your friend,
Grace



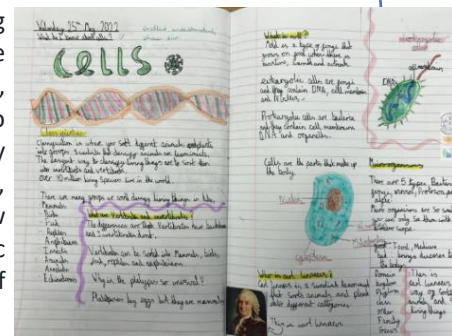
Cells and Microorganisms

Growth in MIND,
BODY

In Science, Year 6 have been observing cells and microorganisms. They have carried out an investigation on bread, recording how quickly mould takes to grow in different conditions. They found out that mould needs warmth, moisture and nutrients for it to grow quickly. On completion of the topic the children completed their end of unit assessments which are fantastic!

The Tunnel

Anthony Browne



Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:
Lucy (Rec), Viktoria (Y1), Daisy (Y2), Frankie (Y3), Molly (Y4), Samuel (Y5) and Chase (Y6).
- Living our Christian values:
Isabelle (Rec), Evan (Y1), Jax (Y2), Emily (Y3), Max (Y4), Sam (Y5) and Emma (Y6).
- Living our school vision:
Daisy (Rec), Raven (Y1), Jax (Y2), George (Y3), Millie (Y4), Zach (Y5) and Eden (Y6).

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)