



## Newsletter – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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

### Attendance

Week Ending 6<sup>th</sup> May:

Reception	95.8%
Class 1	94.6%
Class 2	100%
Class 3	97.5%
Class 4	97.5%
Class 5	98.3%
Class 6	100%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>97.6%</b>

**Attendance Champions:**  
Class 2 and 6  
Congratulations.

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



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### Values for Life

This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: **WISDOM**

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

*'A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.'*  
**Proverbs 15:1**



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

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

*'Is the mind more powerful than reality?'*

Dear parents/carers,

**On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, school will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Lunchtime will be extra special and will offer children the opportunity to experience a 'street party' on the front playground.**

**In classes, children will be exploring and investigating the Queen throughout the decades, producing work representing each significant period of her reign.**

**Non-uniform will also be permitted on this day with everyone encouraged to dress in red, white and blue.**

**We have also taken part in the Queen's Green Canopy initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee which invites people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". Thank you to Ackworth Parish Council for purchasing the tree for us and each school in the village and to S&D Landscapes for planting it for us.**



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### Pupil Leadership

Children across school demonstrated their courage and leadership skills with boundless enthusiasm last week. They led worship on Tuesday sharing the work they have completed to improve school for their peers and then also presented to governors in a committee meeting during the afternoon. The children shared their actions, impact and evaluations with confidence and were brilliant!

It was lovely to read comments and prayers by children in the whole school reflection book after the worship where they had commented on how they have been inspired by their peers:

*'Thank you for inspiring us and giving us courage.'*

*'I have been inspired to help the community and the school.'*

*'Help me be a courageous advocate and let me try to improve the world.'*

*'Thank you for helping others when they need it.'*

Pupil representatives also visited Oakfield Park School on Thursday to take part in a School's Community Council Meeting to discuss upcoming events and activities.



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### Diary Dates

#### May

- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATs Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Charles Waterton Workshop
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Rev. Paul Worship
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Queens Jubilee Celebration
- 27<sup>th</sup> - School Closes (Spring Bank Holiday)

#### June

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

#### July

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

### Geography Fieldwork

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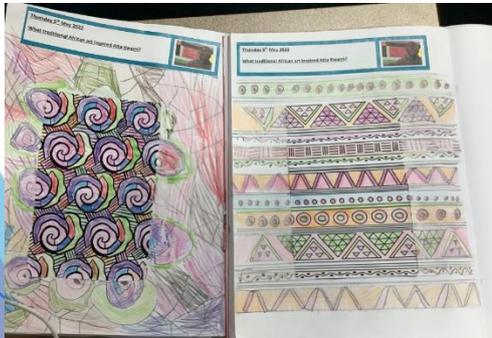
Year 1 have been on a walk in the local area looking for physical and human features as part of their Geography fieldwork. They saw lots of familiar features such as the park, Hinit's Bakery, a barn, fields and trees. They used Google maps to plan their route around the village and really enjoyed exploring.



### Atta Kwami

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In art in Year 3, they have been exploring the work of the Ghanaian artist Atta Kwami. They looked at traditional African art he was inspired by and noticed that all the patterns used repetition, geometric shapes and bright colours. This week, the children will be recreating some of Kwami's most famous works of art.



### St. Cuthbert's Church

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Year 2 have visited St Cuthbert's church as part of their work in R.E. to find out why the church is important to Christians. Rev. Paul talked to the children about the religious artefacts that they noticed in and around the building. The children asked lots of thoughtful questions about how these are used in the church and were able to suggest why the church is a vital part of the community.



### Chicken Licken

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The children in EYFS have been reading the traditional tale Chicken Licken. As chickens lay eggs, they decided to make some scrambled egg. They cracked the eggs into the bowl, added a splash of milk and whisked it all together. They then used a microwave to cook the eggs making sure to keep stirring. The children in Reception have also written instructions on how to make scrambled eggs.



The children also had an exciting visit from some chicks on Friday! Mrs Thorpe very kindly brought the chicks to school and told them all about them alongside a wonderful presentation from Heidi in Year 3. They even reenacted the story of 'Chicken Licken' by dropping a grape (acorn substitute) into the chicken box, as if the sky was falling. The chicks then began to run around like Chicken Licken does in the story before enjoying the grape as a treat. The children also asked lots of fantastic questions and enjoyed helping to restock the chicks' food and water supply.

### Statutory Assessments:

Please note that this year's statutory assessments are:

**Year 1 Phonics Check (Wk Beg 6<sup>th</sup> June)**

**Year 2 SATs (May 2022)**

**Year 6 SATs (Wk Beg 9<sup>th</sup> May)**

**It is expected that children attend school during these dates.**

### Year 6 SATs

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**This week is national SATs week as children in Year 6 across England take their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. We are very proud of the way that the children have continued their positive learning attitudes and shown resilience all year. It has been lovely to see them flourish as they have moved through school and they should be very proud of what they have achieved. They are a credit to the school!**

Date	Test	Time of Test
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Paper 1: short answer questions (45 minutes)	9:30
	Paper 2: spelling (approx. 15 minutes)	11:00
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	English reading (60 minutes)	9:30
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes)	9:30
	Paper 2: reasoning (40 minutes)	10:40
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Paper 3: reasoning (40 minutes)	9:30

### Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:  
**Arthur (Rec), Corey (Y1), Isla (Y2), Ewan (Y3), Jessica (Y4), Heath (Y5) and Whole Class (Y6).**
- Living our Christian values:  
**Nell (Rec), Lincoln (Y1), Grace (Y2), Florence (Y3), Molly (Y4), Sam (Y5) and Faith (Y6).**
- Living our school vision:  
**Julia (Rec), Finley (Y1), Jessie (Y2), George (Y3), Holly (Y4), Myles (Y5) and Connor (Y6).**

Congratulations to Connor for being polite and helpful.



### House Points Last Week:

**Cirrus – 704**

**Cumulus – 590**

**Stratus – 573**

**Nimbus – 610**

**Well done Cirrus!**

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

**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)**

