



### Reasons to celebrate...

At the end of each week, the school comes together to celebrate amazing achievements. It is becoming increasingly hard for teachers to identify individuals as many children are always learning and achieving at a consistently high standard. Well done everyone! This week, the children have been researching and producing artwork in the style of a famous artist. The children I have spoken to during lessons have been confident in providing facts about their class artist and have also been able to use technical vocabulary to describe their own artwork.

Our Key Stage 2 children have also had a visit from BAE Systems who collaborate with the Royal Navy and RAF. They presented a Magnetism Roadshow with a live demonstration on how magnetism works. It was a thoroughly enjoyable show and has hopefully enthused some upcoming scientists amongst our children.

If you haven't already done so, you can follow us on Twitter (@MackieHill) to see photographs from the school day.

### Upcoming Events

**24th January** - Creative Arts Week

**2nd February** - Robinwood Residential Visit

**7th February** - Dress to Express Day and the launch of Children's Mental Health Week

**9th February** - Herd Farm Residential Visit

**Friday 18th February** - School closes at 3:15pm for Half Term.

**Monday 28th February** - School opens

**Thursday 3rd March** - World Book Day. Further information on events will be shared next week.

## Framed Artwork

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already purchased framed artwork for their child to take home. We have had many requests since the closing date to purchase the artwork.

Mrs Bukowski will add a second date onto parent pay if you would like to place an order before the end of the half term.

*The frames are a simple A4 clip frame to keep costs at a minimum of £3.*



### Covid Updates

Despite the easing of restrictions in the wider community, we are still seeing rising cases of Covid-19 in all year groups in school amongst children and staff. Our preventative measures remain in place and this has been effective in stopping the spread of cases within school.

For the remainder of this half term, enhanced hand hygiene, increased ventilation and unnecessary mixing will remain in place. Thank you to parents for your swift communication and action to inform us of positive cases and collecting children from school.

If you need to report a positive case, you can do so by telephoning the school office between the hours of 8:30am - 3:45pm and using the email address [admin@mackiehill.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mackiehill.wakefield.sch.uk) outside of these times, including evenings and weekends.

### Attendance

Attendance in school continues to be a priority and will be monitored extremely closely. If your child is ill and will be absent from school, please telephone the school office and leave a message on the absence line from 8:15am. If further information is required, a member of the office will telephone you later in the morning.

If your child's attendance becomes a concern, you will initially receive a school letter, followed by a meeting in school with a member of the leadership team and the Educational Welfare Officer.

Term time school holidays will not be authorised, unless the holiday is deemed necessary in exceptional circumstances. If you take your child out of school you may be issued with a fine as per the local authority policy. If you have a query about the school holiday procedure, please speak to Mrs Cummings in the office.

## 'Dress to Express Day'

In support of Children's Mental Health Week, we are inviting children to come to school dressed in clothing to express themselves on **Monday 7th February**. Children who have PE lessons on a Monday can bring their PE Kit in a bag to change in to. There are no rules or restrictions (other than weather appropriate clothing) and bright colours are encouraged.

During the week, classes will be completing more mental health and wellbeing activities around the theme 'growing together'. Here is a photograph from last year if you would like some inspiration!



### Wow Moments!

*We have had a recent flurry of children sharing certificates, medals and trophies from their out of school activities. We love sharing these achievements with our school community and are incredibly proud!*

*If you have an achievement to share, please bring this to school on a Friday for our whole school assembly.*



*Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs. J Elliott.*