



## Wesley Methodist Primary School



### Weekly Newsletter: WC 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

It has been another fantastic week at Wesley, our children in Year 6 have begun applying for positions within the pupil leadership teams available to them and our youngest children in Reception have been settling in fantastically well with the new routines and expectations. We are very proud of all our children and they have shone like stars as children of God throughout all they have done this week. It is brilliant to walk around school and see all of the knowledge, skills and vocabulary of the children acquire at all times! We have some exciting developments within our curriculum which will ensure that every child gets every opportunity and is able to reach their full potential.

#### **Worship**

At Wesley we recognise the importance of collective worship and the impact that this has on our children. They have an opportunity to reflect upon their actions, join in song and prayer and to discuss important actions of being a good person. This is also explored further in the bible stories that are shared. We always reflect upon our school vision, "Shine like stars as children of God" and discuss how this can be accomplished. As a school we focus on using the Fruits of the Holy Spirit to help us achieve our vision, and this week we have focussed on "shining like a star with love". The children can articulate the importance of this and how it is shown throughout school. We also discussed that although, we can at times feel lonely, this does not mean that we are not loved. The children then discussed how they could make somebody who felt lonely feel loved and how we can ensure that everybody in our school community can be involved in all we do.



#### **Sunflower competition!**

During the summer term our wonderful Forest School lead, Mrs Seal, ran a competition to see who could grow the greatest sunflower. We have had a range of entries and all the children have done incredibly well. With most sunflowers growing over 2 metres in height, it has been an incredible challenge of which all the children have thoroughly enjoyed. We do have a winner and it is Scarlett, who was able to grow her sunflower to a whopping 286 centimetres which is 9 foot 4 inches high! An incredible achievement, well done Scarlett!

Throughout the year there will be plenty more opportunities to be involved in a range of events and competitions. The children will also have a wide range of opportunity to spend time at both our Forest School and our Allotment plot which will develop their green fingers further. We are very proud of our outdoor learning opportunities that our children get and will strive to give the children the very best experiences.



### Our wonderful PTA

Each year our PTA meet for their annual general meeting. This will be taking place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September in school. This will be to decide on positions within the PTA and all parents of Wesley are welcome to come along and join in the experience. This will also lead to future meetings to plan out what activities will take place over the year to the benefit of our children. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to ask and come along.



### September key dates:

We will aim to give you all of the key dates each half term so that you are aware of everything coming up. These are the key dates for the remainder of September. A separate letter with key dates for the Autumn term will have been sent out.



- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September: Breaking Barriers in to meet with Year 6**
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Freddy Fit to train play leaders in Year 6**
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September: Photo day**
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September: European Languages day**
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September: PTA meeting 3:30-4:15pm**
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September: Art Gallery Exhibition 3:30-4:30pm**

### Attendance matters: every day counts

*Why is it important to attend school regularly?*

School attendance is central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential. Higher attendance in school leads to; giving children the best possible start in life; the ability to keep up with their work; they achieve better results; and they will develop further friendships and social skills.

*Some key attendance facts:*

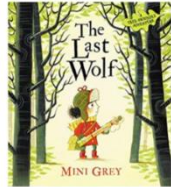
Attending 90% of the time or less will have a serious effect on learning; One day's absence every two weeks will give 90% attendance; Up to the age of 16, 90% attendance will mean losing over a year of school.

Number of days off school a year	Percentage attendance	Number of lessons missed	Level of concern
<b>0 days</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Perfection</b>
<b>2 days</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>10 lessons</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>5 days</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>25 lessons</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>10 days</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>50 lessons</b>	<b>Slight concern</b>
<b>20 days</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>100 lessons</b>	<b>Concern</b>
<b>30 days</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>150 lessons</b>	<b>Significant concern</b>

**This weeks attendance winners are: Year 3 Garvey with 99.4% - well done!**

**Author and picture book of the week!**

**This week's recommended picture book:**



The Last Wolf  
by Mini Grey



**This week's recommended author:**



Rashmi Sirdeshpande



Rashmi has written a range of picture books, some of which are entertaining and funny, such as the 'Never' dinosaur series, and some which are emotional and deal with feelings, like 'Dadaji's Paintbrush'.

Alongside this, she has written some brilliant non-fiction books which not only teach you new facts, but get you interested in new topics! These include Good News and How to be Extraordinary.

**Star Award**

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Jaxon S**

Reception Sissay: **Renee B**

Year 1 Peel: **Harley H**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Florence C**

Year 2 Rashford: **Ellie R**

Year 3 Garvey: **Lewis R**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Amber B**

Year 4 Lowry: **Ariya M**

Year 5 Boyle: **Ashton T**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Milania H**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Maisie E**



These children have done amazing:  
"shining like stars with love"

**Gold Award**

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Emelia S**

Reception Sissay: **Jenson T**

Year 1 Peel: **Alfie A**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Lily C**

Year 2 Rashford: **Teddy C**

Year 3 Garvey: **Olivia M**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Kiera C**

Year 4 Lowry: **Madeline R**

Year 5 Boyle: **Kiera H**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Amber-May W**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Kyan B & Daniella A**



Well done to all of these children – we are so proud of you!