



Wesley Methodist Primary School



Weekly Newsletter: WC 2nd October 2023

Throughout this week we have seen excellent learning behaviours from the children when they have been focused on their tasks and challenges and showing wonderful resilience to achieve the very best they possibly can. It has been brilliant walking the corridors and seeing wonderful walking from all children, really standing out as 'Wesley children'. Our pupil leadership groups are really settling into their roles, with playleaders conducting a range of games and activities on the playgrounds at dinner time. Our prefects are setting the perfect example as role models around school and supporting our younger pupils to follow the same expectations. We are very proud of all our children and they certainly do set a high standard for themselves too!

Worship

We have had wonderful collective worships this week which have been focused around the importance of patience in our lives and how we can demonstrate this. We have discussed with the children that patience is so much more than the act of waiting, but in fact it is how we act whilst waiting. The children explored different times when patience is important and we discussed how we act during assemblies, lining up dinner time, when doing work in the classroom and many more. The children were able to articulate how we can demonstrate patience in our actions and also how this helps us with our mind and health too.



Mr Hughes was particularly impressed with the support that they gave one another in all of the games and how they conducted themselves in a win, loss or draw showing great sportsmanship towards the other children. These children really showed what is great about Wesley and we are very proud of what they have achieved!

Footballing superstars

This week Mr Hughes took a selection of our Year 3 pupils to take part in an amazing football tournament held at The Cliff training ground, ran by Manchester United. We are very fortunate to take part in these events throughout the year and every time our children impress us with their attitudes and sporting prowess. Although we did not win the tournament this time, the children set the perfect example throughout.



Autumn term 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:

Wednesday 11th October: Open day for Reception 2024 starters 2pm

Friday 20th October: Finish for half term 3:30pm

The dates for next half term will come out just before we break up and these will include the dates for: discos, parent's evening, Christmas nativities and activities and other class assemblies.



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.

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

So far this year we have seen wonderful attendance scores throughout school and we are currently above the national average for attendance. We really want this to continue and to see the children in school every day – thank you for your support on this!

This weeks attendance winners are: Reception Neville with 100% - well done on our first 100% week of the year



Harvest Celebrations!

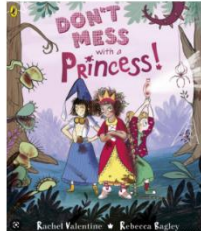
This week we celebrated Harvest and this started with an excellent assembly from Year 6 held at Wesley Methodist Church, this was wonderful for our parents too who were invited to come and watch their children perform. The whole school also got this assembly earlier in the week. As part of this week, we also had our Harvest appeal which included asking for tinned and packeted goods that could be donated to our local foodbank. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of the donations and the impact this will have had at the foodbank is

immense, it will have certainly helped lots of people. All of Year 6 Pankhurst then took these donations down to the foodbank, however there was so much we had to do car journeys too! We are so thankful to our school community in supporting us, all together we are truly living out: Do all you can!



Author and picture book of the week!

This week's recommended picture book:



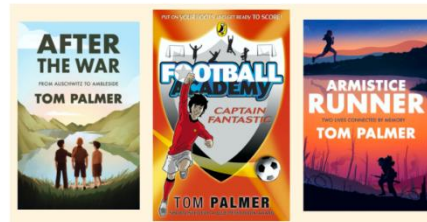
Don't Mess with a Princess!
By Rachel Valentine



This week's recommended author:



Tom Palmer



Tom Palmer is known for his writing about sports and history, notably WW1 and WW2. He has books about the RAF, Navy and Army which give us an insight into what the wars may have been like from these perspectives. Year 5 and 6 have even been reading about Tom in their Guided Reading this week and finding out what inspired him to become an author.

Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Matilda B**

Reception Sissay: **Olivia S**

Year 1 Peel: **Katie C**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Rowan Mc**

Year 2 Rashford: **Emily W**

Year 3 Garvey: **Daisy F**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Lucy H**

Year 4 Lowry: **Lily B**

Year 5 Boyle: **Farrah W**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Sammy D**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **India D-D**

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



Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Penny M**

Reception Sissay: **Jack J**

Year 1 Peel: **Caitlin R**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Amina A**

Year 2 Rashford: **Alyssia M**

Year 3 Garvey: **Zion A**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Leo H**

Year 4 Lowry: **Bethany D**

Year 5 Boyle: **Cole L**

Year 5/6 Turing: **David B**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Jayden C**

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

