

It has been another amazing week at Wesley with the children showcasing their skills fantastically within all lessons, but most importantly, the children have shown this week what incredible humans they are through the kindness that has been on display during anti-bullying week. The children throughout school have supported one another and have truly shone like stars in all they have done. Each day these children make us proud and more recently, it has been amazing to complete walk rounds school with prospective new parents for Reception 2024 and to showcase how incredible Wesley is as a school and this is all down the team of adults and the wonderful children!

choose Kindness

Worship

For worship this week we discussed the importance of kindness and how in the face of all that can be difficult this was important to show, particularly to others. The children were able to discuss ways in which they could show kindness in school to other children and adults and also how to show kindness at home. It was really interesting to create a discussion around how to be kind to ourselves too, as we always focus on helping others,

sometimes we need to look at how we can help ourselves and show kindness to ones self. The children demonstrated a very mature understanding of this and how they can be kind to themselves. We are excited to see the impact of our 14 days of kindness project and what this will teach our children.

Crazy Hair Day

This week we raised money for Children In Need which is such a wonderful cause that supports the children in the UK to be safe, happy, secure and an ability to reach their potential. We shared this information with our children in collective worship

and we explained the importance of this charity and the work it does to help children. The

children had a great understanding – particularly of who Pudsey Bear is! We looked at how since starting Children In Need has now raised £1 billion to support children in the UK and supports over 2500 projects annually. To raise money for this we held a 'crazy hair day' with a donation of £1 to school and we certainly saw some incredibly crazy hair in school! Thank you so much for all of your donations and we raised a grand total of £243.00



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

**It is fantastic to see attendance see an up turn this past week with all classes seeing an improvement on the previous week which is fantastic! Our attendance winners this week were:
Reception Neville with 98.6%**

PTA family quiz night

On Thursday 23rd November we will be holding our Quiz night at school! This is a family event to come together as a school community and raise money for school through the PTA which is all spent on the children of Wesley. Recently our PTA have spent a significant amount of money on school with new equipment for the playgrounds, books for the library, new resources for classrooms and all of this has been funded by hosting these events. Our PTA are incredibly supportive and have more plans over this academic year for more family events so that we can all come together. There are prizes to be won on the night and all tickets include pasty and peas or sausage rolls for the children. Tickets will be on sale next week too from the staff room window so be sure to pick one up before they sell out!

THE PTA PRESENTS OUR
FIRST EVER

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

£5 PER ADULT, £3 PER CHILD

**TICKET INCLUDES PASTY AND PEAS
FOR ADULTS & SAUSAGE ROLLS FOR
CHILDREN**

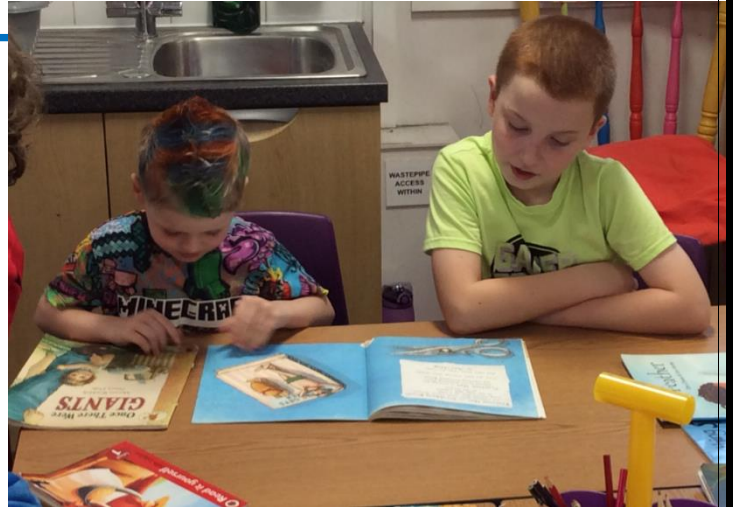
VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE

6:00PM - 8:00PM

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

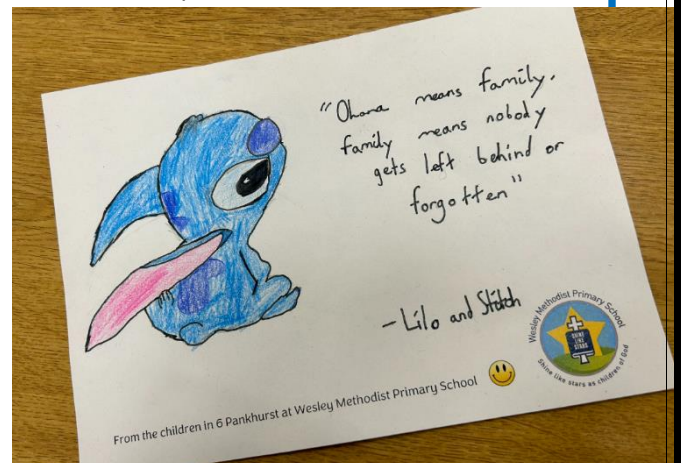
14 days of Kindness

This week we have been recognising anti-bullying week and looking at what we can do to support all children through school. We deal with all cases of bullying seriously and do all we can to ensure this is acted upon swiftly and the children at school feel safe and happy at all times. As part of this initiative we have run our first 14 days of Kindness project. This has been designed to show our children the importance of kindness to others and the impact this can have. We have sent home a 14 days of Kindness



booklet with every child and the aim is for every child to fill in one act of kindness per day into their booklet and these will then come back into school on the week beginning 27th November for the children to share in school all of the acts of kindness that have taken place. If every child and staff member fills in their booklet we will have completed 4500 acts of kindness which is an incredible achievement in just two weeks. Alongside the individual acts of kindness that have been taking place, every class has also completed a class 'act of kindness' to ensure others

feel good. These have ranged from: creating kindness postcards and posted to our local neighbours, artwork for the local residents home, a litter pick around school grounds, asserting positive affirmations to one another and many more. All of these acts of kindness have demonstrated to our children the positivity in the world and why it is important at all times to be kind.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Parents' evening

We have our parents' evening coming up on Tuesday 28th November – this is a great time to meet your child's teacher and discuss the progress that has been made so far this year and what targets are in place to ensure your child achieves their potential this academic year. Do make sure you have made a booking for this meeting.

Online Safety – what parents and carers need to know about Fortnite

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FORTNITE

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AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 12

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like The Walking Dead to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from Alien or who Geralt from The Witcher is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers – of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

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