

Over the past two weeks the children at Wesley have worked incredibly hard in all aspects of learning – particularly within their nativity practices! It has been lovely seeing the build up to Christmas involve such incredible learning opportunities across school. We have had many external visitors in school recently with all saying how well the children are learning within their class, the behaviour is brilliant and the presentation of work completed is exceptional. We are very proud of everything our children are achieving through the curriculum here at Wesley!



Worship

During collective worships this week we have been focusing on 'shining like a star through our talents'. The children were able to clearly explain the talents they have and how they have become talents for them. We looked at the parable of the talents, where each of the three servants took their talents and did different things with them. Two invested them and doubled the impact of their talents where one hid theirs away and did nothing to improve it.

We discussed this in school, that when we have a talent and we keep working at it and spend time trying to work on something, it improves. The children could then articulate times they have done this. One of the most impactful discussions we had with the children was when they were asked to tell Mr Jones about somebody else's talent. The children were then able to speak about their friends and what talents they had, which was amazing to see the children celebrate one another.

Christmas Performances

Over recent weeks the children have been working incredibly hard on perfecting their Christmas performances. As a school we have a clear focus on ensuring our children are able to do their very best through their reading, writing and maths. However, we also live through our vision of 'Shine like stars as children of God' which certainly embodies celebrating all of our children and ensuring that all of children have opportunities to shine, whether it be in their reading, writing and maths, or through their artistic skills, their musical abilities, their sporting prowess or in another area of success. We know it is important for our children to 'shine' and they have certainly done that during our Christmas performances so far. Our Reception children and Year 1 and 2 children have excelled themselves showcasing such wonderful confidence and really sharing the true meaning of Christmas. We cannot wait for our Year 3 and 4 and our Year 5 and 6 performances!



Attendance matters:
every day counts

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:
Year 2 Rashford with 95.3%



Parents' evening

We have recently held our parents' evenings and it was great to see and hear the positivity flowing around the room discussing the children's progress this year so far. There will have been areas to develop to work on and our children will have these opportunities

to focus on these in school, and where possible will be supported at home too. Thank you all so much for your continued support in all we do

Role Model Visit: The great Tony Walsh!

Our role models are integral to our culture of school and the aspiration we have for all of our children to achieve their full potential. Our role models sit as a reminder of this and how it is possible. We are very lucky that Tony Walsh, one of our class role models, visits us every year for poetry workshops. Our Year 5 and 6 children were exposed to an exciting workshop all about rhythm and rhyme where the children created their own poems. This was a wonderful experience for our children and then Tony finished his day with a visit to his 'own class' Year 3/4 Walsh to speak to them about his journey.



Footballing superstars!

A selection of children from Years 5 and 6 recently took part in two football tournaments and did fantastically well. One group of Year 5 children represented Wesley in a football tournament at The Cliff – Manchester United's Training ground. This was a wonderful event where the children showcased their skills in front of scouts and many other schools and did their very best in all of the games. Mr Clayworth, who took the children, commented on their team spirit and ethos and how they were well-mannered and polite to all they encountered and most certainly set the standard on what it means to be a Wesley child. Our next set of children were a selection of Year 5 and 6 boys who played in a football tournament down at Goshen. These children did exceptionally well coming second overall under the guidance of Mr Hughes. Throughout the event



the children cheered one another on and celebrated as a team. It has been great to see and hear how our children represent school in such an exceptional way when out competing against other schools. To the Wesley footballing boys – we are very proud of you! I am sure you will be representing us again, particularly in upcoming matches, events and cups.



EDUKID visit

Last week, we were visited by Chris from EDUKID. He held a whole school assembly discussing all of the work our school has done over the past few years in support of our two sponsored children. We have made a commitment to support two children in Uganda through their education for five years, we are just entering year three of this. Our two children, Welsy and Mildred, are 8 and 10 years old and the work we are currently doing ensures that they get to enjoy an education and go onto greater success. The assembly was particularly moving in sharing images and videos from over in Uganda of the living conditions and their water treatment. During the assembly the children also took part in a quiz showcasing their amazing understanding of Uganda and its culture. We are very proud to be supporting such an incredible cause and certainly living out 'do all you can'.



Children in Need

We recently held our crazy hair day in school and had some wonderful and exciting hairstyles to raise money for Children in Need. This is an extremely important cause which helps children all across the UK to feel happy, safe, secure and given opportunities to reach their full potential. We are very proud to support this cause and have raised £243.80. Thank you for all you do Wesley!



Christmas Fair

On Saturday 2nd December we held our annual Christmas Fair which is run and organised by our incredible PTA who put on such an incredible event every single year. This was no different, we had a wonderful turnout from families, a range of incredible stalls and the amazing Santa's grotto for our children. We would like to pass on our thanks to all of the families who

attended to support this event, our school staff who attended on a weekend to host a stall and of course, to our incredible PTA. This event would not be possible without them and we are very lucky to have such a group of supportive parents who want to see the very best for Wesley. If you are interested in

joining the PTA or becoming involved with events where possible please do get in touch.



Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Emelia S**

Reception Sissay: **Jenson T**

Year 1 Peel: **Stephen C**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Ivie-Faith B**

Year 2 Rashford: **Patrick S**

Year 3 Garvey: **Daisy F**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Ellie-Mae C**

Year 4 Lowry: **Parker K-D**

Year 5 Boyle: **Heidi J**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Jaxon O**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Theo P**

These children have done amazing:
"shining like stars through our talents"

Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Sadiki K**

Reception Sissay: **Jack M**

Year 1 Peel: **Spencer K-D**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Bobby B**

Year 2 Rashford: **Jacob W**

Year 3 Garvey: **Bree B**

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

Year 4 Lowry: **Olivia B**

Year 5 Boyle: **Hudson B**

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

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Sonny W**

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



