



Wesley Methodist Primary School



Weekly Newsletter: WC 8th January 2024

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year with your family and friends. The children achieved so much through the autumn term and it has been wonderful to see the progress they have been making. The return to school has been exactly the same with the children showing how incredible they truly are. I am very proud to be Headteacher of Wesley and work alongside all the staff and children each day and to see them achieve so much. It has been wonderful this week seeing the learning attitudes and behaviours across school shine through in all that they do. We are certainly in for a great Spring term!

Worship

During collective worships this week we have been focusing on 'shining like a star with patience'. We have discussed the importance of patience in our lives and how we can show this in school. Patience is so much more than just waiting, but it is how we act whilst waiting. We have looked at the patience we show one another and how we continue to show respect to all no matter their age, race, religion or disability. The children were able to look through our three school rules of: Ready, Respectful, Safe and explain where patience would be seen and modelled and they have certainly done that fantastically well this week.



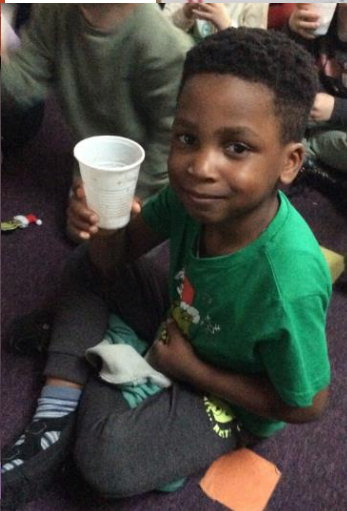
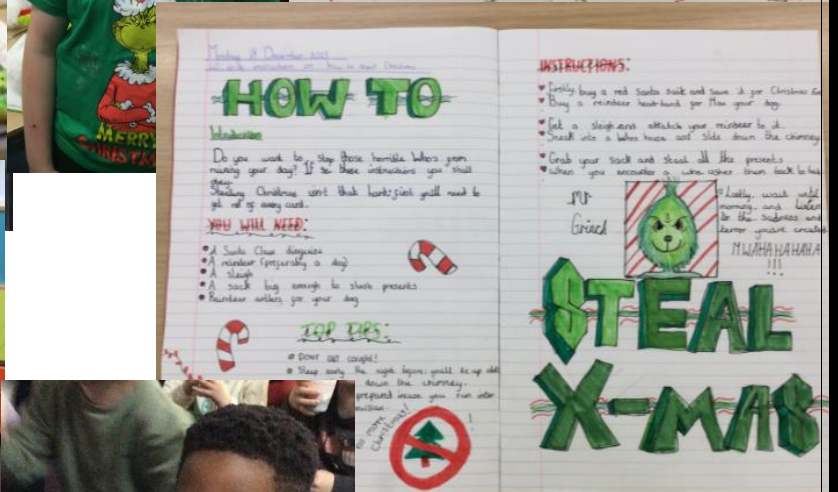
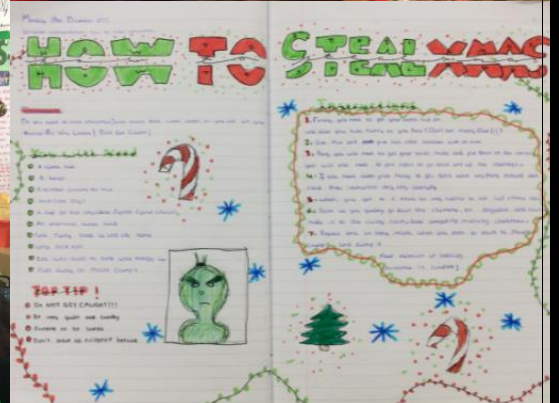
Christmas events!

At the end of Autumn term we have had many events take place for the children to enjoy the run up to Christmas, this included a Grinch themed day on Monday, having a Christmas jumper and meal day on Wednesday, a visit from Santa himself on Thursday with presents for all and a non-uniform day with the I'm Shining Award on Friday! What a week for our children to finish the term. The children thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas dinner day whilst wearing their Christmas jumpers, especially when all staff joined the children in the hall for a Christmas dinner together as a whole school family. The visit on Thursday was particularly special for our children and there was a buzz of excitement around school as Santa went from class to class with our school prefects behind delivering his gifts to every child in school. Then we have finished the week having Christmas parties in some classes and celebrating all children who have followed our school expectations over the half term with our 'I'm shining' afternoon. We had 98% of our children enjoy the I'm Shining Award which was brilliant and something to recognise the positive choices all these children make on a day to day basis which makes Wesley such a fantastic place to be.



Grinch day!

On the last Monday of term we held our Christmas extravaganza day with a full day themed on the Grinch! There were some incredible Grinch outfits throughout school and some exceptionally good 'whoville' themed hair styles. It was a wonderful day for the children to enjoy and have fun whilst also completing some exceptional writing over the day around 'How to steal Christmas!'.



It was amazing to see the effort all of the children had gone to and the work created with some children then receiving awards at the end of day assembly!

Exciting baby news for the Wesley family

We are extremely excited to announce that both Mrs Newman and Miss Kyle have given birth to healthy boys. Both Mrs Newman and Miss Kyle are doing incredibly well and enjoying time with their precious newborns and it is certainly the perfect Christmas gift for these fantastic new mothers. Both baby boys are doing incredibly well and will certainly be joining us soon for more visits to meet their extended Wesley family. Mrs Newman has named her son Max, and Miss Kyle has named her son George. I hope you can join us in congratulating them both and wishing them every happiness as new families.



Attendance

At Wesley we see Attendance as crucially important to the success and progress our children make. The more time our children are in school the better progress they will ultimately make. We celebrate attendance on a weekly basis and each class has the opportunity to earn money for their end of year treat. Attending school more gives all children the best possible chance to keep up with their work, achieve better results and the possibility of developing further friendship 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

We will be really working hard on attendance this term and to ensure that all children are in school every day.

Our attendance winners this week are: Reception Neville with 98.1%

Parking: let's keep our community safe

I have had some communication from our neighbours about parking outside of school on both Forth Road and Salisbury Road, with cars parking over driveway entrances and also double parking quite tightly making it unsafe for everyone. I have spoken with some children at school who have also said it can be unsafe, particularly on Salisbury Road, when walking home as there are not many places to cross the road safely. Please can we all support one another to keep everyone safe with our parking and work together to keep all of our school community safe.



Pantomime at Wesley: Aladdin!

On Monday 22nd January we will have M&M productions join us at Wesley to share their amazing performance of Aladdin to all of our children. We are incredibly excited and every year the pantomime has been a great hit with all of the children and staff. We do ask for a voluntary contribution towards this of £6, please see the separate letter for more details on this.

Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Neeve C**
 Reception Sissay: **Ronni-Rae**
 Year 1 Peel: **Caitlin D**
 Year 1/2 Wood: **Emme C**
 Year 2 Rashford: **Jaiden O**
 Year 3 Garvey: **Finn G**
 Year 3/4 Walsh: **Elsie H**
 Year 4 Lowry: **Bobby S**
 Year 5 Boyle: **Frankie N**
 Year 5/6 Turing: **Stanley M**
 Year 6 Pankhurst: **Mia A**

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

Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Grace F**
 Reception Sissay: **Theo L**
 Year 1 Peel: **Oliver Q**
 Year 1/2 Wood: **Elijah B**
 Year 2 Rashford: **Frankie W-H**
 Year 3 Garvey: **Matilda S**
 Year 3/4 Walsh: **Dylan M**
 Year 4 Lowry: **PJ**
 Year 5 Boyle: **Cherene D**
 Year 5/6 Turing: **Milania H**
 Year 6 Pankhurst: **Theo L**

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

