

The children have worked incredibly hard this week – we have seen some wonderful work being produced right across the curriculum and it has been amazing to see what the children are producing on a regular basis. We consistently speak to the children about striving for improvements: we do not ask them to be the best in the school, or the best in their class, but we do ask them to do better than they did yesterday, and this is something our children do consistently.

Nothing is so strong
as gentleness,
nothing so gentle as
real strength.
Saint Francis de Sales

Worship

During collective worships this week we have been focusing on ‘shining like a star with gentleness. This is where we discuss with our children the importance of showing gentle strength in all we do. This may be in our reactions to others being unkind, and that no matter what happens to us we treat all in the way we wish to be treated, and we give kindness to all – this takes real gentle strength. We also look at gentle strength from the perspective of resilience at school.

Even when we are finding something hard to complete or achieve we do not give in, we continue to strive for excellence in all we do and give it our best, no matter how tricky it may seem. The children were able to give a range of examples of how they have shown gentle strength and we then saw that in our star awards at celebration assembly.

Year 3 and 4 sporting superstars!

This week a group of our Year 3 and 4 children participated in a Bury School Sports event with a wide range of events taking place. The children enjoyed some curling, bowling, cup stacking and many more fun activities. It was amazing to see the children enjoy themselves so much when taking part in this, but also incredible to see the impact these children had on one another when supporting each other through each event. Mrs Seal, who attended with the children, said her face was hurting from all of the smiling and laughing she had done

with the children and one child said, “It’s the best morning ever!” It was also wonderful to hear Mrs Seal talk about how amazing the children were at the event with their manners and behaviours to everyone they met – we are so proud of you all, well done children!



Reading at Wesley

At Wesley we have a real focus on reading and do our best to ensure that every child becomes a fluent reader by Year 2 and if not, we will do everything to support them in this as they move through school. We have recently seen amazing results in our phonics check ins in Year 1 and 2, being on track for our highest scores in phonics for over 6 years! Every classroom has a dedicated reading area, and every child has opportunities to read each week too. We also ensure there is dedicated story time for



every class on a daily basis to hear a story from an adult.

This year, we will have our annual World Book Day, followed by the visit of the book fair from Scholastic. Each year, the book fair is placed into our school hall every evening for a week for parents and children to come and view and to purchase some books. All of the purchases that take place earn Wesley points to spend on books for school. Due to last year's purchases by you as parents and carers we were able to raise enough points to purchase some incredible new books for our Forest School area. Thank you so much for your support in this and hopefully we can do the same again the next time the book fair is here.



Friendship Disco!

On Thursday 15th February 2024 we will be hosting our annual PTA 'Friendship Disco' in our school hall. Tickets for this will be on sale Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th from the window to the staff room before and after school. The cost of the ticket is £3 and will include a slice of cheese and tomato pizza and a drink. The children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can come to school in their party wear as their disco will start straight after school until 4:30pm. The children in Year 3 and 4 will then have their disco 4:45pm-5:45pm and Year 5 and 6 children will have their disco 6-7pm.

We know the children will have a fantastic time and we own a huge thank you to our PTA who arrange and organise this event for us all.



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%

Class name	Average attendance this week
Reception Sissay	97.6%
Reception Neville	98.1%
Year 1 Peel	94.4%
Year 1/2 Wood	95.7%
Year 2 Rashford	96.7%
Year 3 Garvey	83.8%
Year 3/4 Walsh	94.1%
Year 4 Lowry	96.7%
Year 5 Boyle	93.1%
Year 5/6 Turing	94.8%
Year 6 Pankhurst	91.6%

The WOW project

On Monday 5th February we will begin our work on the WOW project in school. We have signed up to complete this challenge for the remainder of this academic year. This is a pupil-led initiative where all children will self-report how they get to school everyday. The aim is to get as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking to school. If your child travels actively (walking, cycling, scooting or park and striding) at least once a week for a month, they will get rewarded with a badge. There is a different badge for each month to earn.

If you drive to school or use public transport, we would ask if you can try to 'park and stride' at least once per week where you would park or get off public transport at least 10 minutes away from school and walk the remainder of the journey to earn a badge. This initiative will help the children to: feel happier and healthier, arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn, and help reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates. I look forward to seeing all children earning their badges over the coming months.



Curriculum maps

Each half term we send you as parents/carers a curriculum map, this will be sent on class dojo.

This is a really important document as it showcases what is taught over a half term and you can see all of the different learning that is taking place in school. At the end of the half term you will get a highlights page that shows all of this learning in action through pictures.

CURRICULUM MAPS



Epworth Worship Together

Every week we celebrate our Trust through having an Epworth Worship Together session. Each week a different school in the Trust creates a video to send to all with a specific focus. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to meet and be aware of the schools in our Trust and the incredible work we all do. This weeks video was from Westleigh Methodist Primary School in Wigan with the focus on 'love'. This is a piece of work completed by Year 6 Pankhurst following the collective worship video.





Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **William P**

Reception Sissay: **Ellie-Mae R**

Year 1 Peel: **Olivia C**

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

Year 2 Rashford: **Alyssia M**

Year 3 Garvey: **George G**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Anaya A**

Year 4 Lowry: **Leela G**

Year 5 Boyle: **Tiah-Rihanna**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Tyler-Rose S**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Evan B**

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

Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Penny M**

Reception Sissay: **Sofia H**

Year 1 Peel: **Katie C**

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

Year 2 Rashford: **Reuben M**

Year 3 Garvey: **Harrison H**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Marley L**

Year 4 Lowry: **Matthew R**

Year 5 Boyle: **Liam W**

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

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

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

