



Wesley Methodist Primary School



Weekly Newsletter: WC 30th September 2024

The first month back to school has been incredible for the children of Wesley. It has been wonderful to see the gold and star awards in celebration assembly being handed to children who are day in day out doing their best. I have had the pleasure of handing out many Headteacher awards too and seeing a showcase of the excellent work taking place throughout school. Our children set such a wonderful example of what it means to be a 'Wesley child'; doing all they can for themselves and others. We are very proud of the children and the example they set to one another. We have 306 children on roll at Wesley and last year had an average of 98.6% achieving their "I'm Shining Award" at the end of each half term and I am sure it will be the same again at the end of this half term!

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Kindness

Worship

This week during our worship sessions, we have been discussing how we can shine like a star with kindness. This means ensuring we all look out for one another and do our best to make sure everyone knows this school is the place for them. We focus on how we can share kindness and the impact this has on others. We looked at the impact kindness has on others, and how it can improve people's day. As a Methodist school we talked about what Jesus would do in specific circumstances and how he always helped others and put others before himself and that this was a fantastic message and examples to us all. The children were able to share examples of when others have been kind to them and how this made them feel. We are lucky to have such kind and considerate children throughout our school!

Harvest donations and Pankhurst class assembly

Year 6 Pankhurst completed a wonderful class assembly this week for our parents. It is amazing to see the confidence and personality of all children shine through during the performance and really goes to show the work all of our adults put into supporting the children to be well-rounded individuals. The adults in Year 6 Pankhurst have worked incredibly hard with the children to put the assembly together and it was lovely to see the Harvest celebration come to life through relating the seeds we sow



into real life too and the better we treat others the better we will be treated – this fits perfectly with focusing on kindness this week too! On the day of our class assembly all children were asked to

donate an item for the local food bank and we were overwhelmed with the donations from our school family – it was a lovely sign of generosity and showed our children the importance of doing all we can for others. On Friday a selection of our Year 6 pupils visited our local food bank to deliver all of the items and they were overjoyed with the donation and wanted to share their thanks with the whole school community. **Thank you all!**



Hello Yellow

On Thursday 10th October we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day with Hello Yellow. To commemorate this we ask all children to wear yellow to school on this day. Throughout the school day our children will be engaging in different activities children focused on their wellbeing and understanding of mental health. These activities are designed to help our students reflect on the importance of looking after their mental and emotional health, fostering a positive school environment. Thank you for your continued support in all we do.



Footballing superstars!

This week our girls' football teams from Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament at Goshen playing fields. The children did incredibly well and faced some tough opposition. Over the games our children showed their Wesley spirit and at all times displayed a great attitude to sport and played with real integrity representing school in a magnificent way. Well done girls, we are all proud of you!



EDUKID

This week we had Chris from EDUKID visit us at Wesley and complete an assembly with the whole school talking about our work we do to support two children, Welsy and Mildred, through their education in Uganda. We now are into our fourth year of this five year pledge of support to ensure Welsy and Mildred have access to schooling and education. Chris came into school and showed the children images from the village in Uganda where the two children live and videos of how they build their houses. The children were in awe of seeing this and Chris also explained that our school council will be able to engage in a zoom call later in the year with these two children and to share stories



about school and life which will be an incredible opportunity for our children. We are so fortunate as a school to have such engaged families who support us each year with our Wesley Warriors event to raise money for this important cause. At the end of the assembly the children were also taught some Ugandan phrases for 'Hello' and 'how are you?' and then some children were invited up to the front to play on the bongo drums for the whole school – an amazing experience for everyone!



Out of school achievement superstars!

Next week is the European Karate Championships in Warsaw, Poland and one of our Year 6 pupils will be going to compete in the 10-12 years old section. We are incredibly proud of Xander and know he will do simply amazing! The children gave him a huge cheer in celebration assembly this morning and I know we will all as a school community be cheering Xander on. We cannot wait to hear how he gets on and as a school will celebrate him on his return.

It is also amazing to hear all about the outside achievements of all our pupils during celebration assembly, with children bringing in football trophies, swimming certificates, dancing awards and many more – it is one of the best parts of celebration assembly with all children in awe of the achievements of their friends. We have some incredibly talented pupils at Wesley!



Nut free school

As you will be aware we do have various allergies in school and in particular we do have a range of nut allergies amongst children throughout school. These nut allergies can pose a serious danger to those children as this does not need to be digested to cause harm to the children, therefore we ask that you support us as a school to keep Wesley nut free. Items that state 'may contain nuts' present a low risk and are not direct ingredients in the products will be allowed in school, however the following products will not

be allowed in school:

- Peanuts and nuts and products containing peanuts or nuts.
- Peanut butter or peanut butter-based chocolate snacks, for example Snickers and nut based chocolate spreads etc
- Items where peanuts or nuts are listed as main ingredients.
- Nut or peanut based oils or products.

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products carefully.

As a school we have a responsibility to keep our pupils, staff and visitors safe and to reduce risk of harm which this certainly will. I appreciate your continued support with this in keeping our children safe in school.

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 – you can also check your child’s attendance on the Arbor App.

Our attendance winners this week are: Year 1 Peel with 98.3%

Class name	Average attendance this week
Reception Sissay	98.1%
Reception Neville	88.1%
Year 1 Peel	98.3%
Year 1/2 Wood	96.3%
Year 2 Rashford	97.5%
Year 3 Garvey	94.8%
Year 3/4 Walsh	91.8%
Year 4 Lowry	91.3%
Year 5 Boyle	95%
Year 5/6 Turing	97.4%
Year 6 Pankhurst	87.1%



Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Percy C**

Reception Sissay: **Harvey R**

Year 1 Peel: **Miley W**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Penny M**

Year 2 Rashford: **Ellie-Mae N**

Year 3 Garvey: **Alyssia M**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Lillie F**

Year 4 Lowry: **Sophie A-Mc**

Year 5 Boyle: **Esmee-Rose S**

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

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Farrah W**

These children have done amazing:
"shining like stars with kindness".

Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Alyshe R**

Reception Sissay: **Noah C**

Year 1 Peel: **Jack J**

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

Year 2 Rashford: **Elijah B**

Year 3 Garvey: **Ben A**

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

Year 4 Lowry: **Alfie G**

Year 5 Boyle: **Khloe B**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Lily P**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Maddison Mc**

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

