



## Wesley Methodist Primary School



### Weekly Newsletter: WC 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

What a fantastic week we have had at Wesley – wonderful achievements throughout school both academically and in a sporting capacity! We have had a lovely time commemorating World Mental Health Day through our Hello Yellow day on Thursday and it has in general had a lovely feeling throughout school all week. The children consistently strive to do their very best and improve every single day, the adults in school are working tirelessly to support and meet the needs of the children and to give them the very best experience they could have at Wesley. Following on from World Mental Health day I think it is important to share this quote, “It is our outlook on life that counts; It is the same life, whether we spend it laughing or crying” and we spoke with our children about embracing their mind and being kind.

#### Worship

This week during our worship sessions, we have been discussing how we can shine like a star by doing good. This means that we all focus on doing the right thing for ourselves and others whilst following out school rules. At Wesley we only have three school rules – Ready, Respectful and Safe. This encompasses everything we would like from the children and reinforce this regularly. Next week we will be having our Ready, Respectful, Safe assembly where each class will have a child nominated for each of the awards, all receiving a Headteacher’s Award, and then a final three children from across school will be chosen to win the trophy and be celebrated for consistently following our rules. At Wesley, we deem it incredibly important to make sure to celebrate those children who come to school day in day out, doing the right thing and living out the Wesley Way: Shining like a star as a child of God.

The Best Way  
To Be Good  
Is  
To Do Good



#### Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day

On Thursday this week we commemorated World Mental Health Day by celebrating Hello Yellow. Every child and staff member wore yellow to come together and raise awareness of the need to talk about our wellbeing and to support others too. Throughout the day, our children participated in various activities designed to help our pupils reflect on the importance of looking

after their mental and emotional health. The aim of this was to foster a positive school environment and make our children aware of strategies they could use to help them and also for our children to know they have someone at school to speak to. We also had a lovely start to the day with hot drinks and pastries for our families at drop off – this was very much a small token of appreciation for everything you do to support both your children and school and we are very grateful to you all.



### Sporting superstars!

This week our boys' football teams from Year 3 and 4 took part in a football tournament at Goshen playing fields. The children did incredibly well and faced some tough opposition. As a team they showed great sportsmanship and worked together incredibly well. They certainly demonstrated how to represent Wesley! Well done boys – we are proud of you. This week we also had a group of



children take part in a tri-golf event at Parrenthorn High School. The children did incredibly well and loved being able to take part in this new event and showcase their skills. Again, the children represented Wesley brilliantly and showing great sporting skills when playing and celebrating other teams too. Over the past few years we have increased all of our participation at sporting events and trying to share this experience right across school so as many children as possible have the opportunity to represent Wesley in competition.



### Parking

I know at pick up and drop off times the parking situation around school can be incredibly difficult and frustrating and I ask that we all work together to help one another with this. The most important element for us all to consider is the safety of our children and families and this can be helped in a range of ways. Please can we all make sure we do not park or stop on any of the yellow road markings at the gates on Forth Road or Salisbury Road. There have been times recently when parking on the curb has blocked the majority of the pavement meaning it has not been possible to get past cars with prams/buggies and has meant that some families with young children have had to walk on the road to get to school which is not safe with the amount of cars around. I know this one is difficult when double parking, but please be aware of this and support one another where possible to ensure that the pavements are accessible for all. We also ask that all parents are considerate with their parking and ensure that we do not park over the driveways of our neighbours. If you have any other concerns regarding parking, or anything that school could do to help improve this, please do not hesitate to contact me.



### SEND updates

As a school we have worked incredibly hard to improve our offer for pupils with a special education need and disability and have input a rigorous graduated approach to supporting these children and ensuring their needs are met within school. We are consistently working on this and striving to continue to improve

this offer and ensure every child at our school has the chance to succeed and we are seeing the impact of this daily. To keep you all updated with our progress in this area we will be implementing a half termly newsletter to showcase the work that has been completed and to show some of the impact of this too.



### 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.

### Emotionally Friendly Settings and My Happy Mind



As a school we recognise the importance of wellbeing on our whole school community from pupils to staff, to families and would like to focus on this and ensure everyone feels happy and safe at Wesley. Therefore, we

have begun our mission to become an Emotionally Friendly Setting. We have had training on this as a whole school and have created an action plan which will guide us to being accredited over this school year. We will be implementing new processes over the year to support our children to be able to regulate well in school and offer a range of strategies for this. We are looking forward to this journey and showcasing the work we do which will be committed to the emotional and mental health of our school community. We will be sending our parental and pupil questionnaires shortly which will inform us of our next steps to support everyone. After half term we will also be implementing My Happy Mind as part of our PSHE curriculum. This programme is commissioned by the NHS all because the research shows that the implementation of My Happy Mind has such a big impact on the children and staff and reduces CAMHS referrals significantly. There will be further parental communication around this and further support that can take place at home. Both new elements will really support our pupils to reach their potential and strive for excellence whilst taking care of their wellbeing at the same time.

### 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
<b>0 days</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Perfection</b>
<b>2 days</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>10 lessons</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>5 days</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>25 lessons</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>10 days</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>50 lessons</b>	<b>Slight concern</b>
<b>20 days</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>100 lessons</b>	<b>Concern</b>
<b>30 days</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>150 lessons</b>	<b>Significant concern</b>

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 98.5% (the second week in a row!)**

Class name	Average attendance this week
Reception Sissay	98%
Reception Neville	97.2%
Year 1 Peel	98.5%
Year 1/2 Wood	88.9%
Year 2 Rashford	96.7%
Year 3 Garvey	97.3%
Year 3/4 Walsh	92.5%
Year 4 Lowry	94.1%
Year 5 Boyle	95.6%
Year 5/6 Turing	91.6%
Year 6 Pankhurst	95.3%



### Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Lincoln**

Reception Sissay: **Rosie M-L**

Year 1 Peel: **Olivia B-B**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Miya H**

Year 2 Rashford: **Noah H**

Year 3 Garvey: **Noah H**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Daisy M-L**

Year 4 Lowry: **Finn G**

Year 5 Boyle: **Jack K**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Zak W**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Harry T**

These children have done amazing:  
"shining like stars by doing good".

### Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Charlie F**

Reception Sissay: **Elsie M**

Year 1 Peel: **Henry L**

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

Year 2 Rashford: **Orla H**

Year 3 Garvey: **Walter H**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Lettie W**

Year 4 Lowry: **Xander E**

Year 5 Boyle: **Olivia B**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Jack O'N**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Riley S**

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

