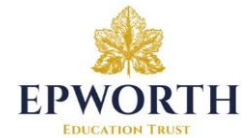




Wesley Methodist Primary School



Weekly Newsletter: WC 16th December 2024

What an incredible half term we have had at Wesley! There has been so much going on and everything has been done for our amazing children. We do our best to give the children as many memories and experiences as possible and this half term has been just that. We have completed our Christmas Nativities and shows over December, a very positive parents' evening then our final Christmas week with a Polar Express Day, Christmas jumper and meal day and then our Ready, Respectful, Safe assembly. All of these and more have taken place to celebrate our children and showcase their excellence to all. Over this half term, it has been brilliant to see our children develop and display their excellent learning behaviours within the classrooms. Our Prefects and Playleaders have been nothing short of wonderful in setting an example and supporting all of our pupils. We are very impressed with all of our children and they have all worked incredibly hard. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Wesley, thank you.

Worship

This week's focus has been to shine like a star through our talents and that is exactly what our children have done over the whole half term. We discussed the importance of celebrating our own achievements and how important it is to celebrate others too. We have then had a very exciting assembly from Rev. Blayze White which included a special appearance from a giant present! On Wednesday we had a Christmas extravaganza in our singing assembly and then finished the week with our Ready, Respectful, Safe assembly and the final celebration assembly of 2024. It has been an incredibly busy week but the most incredible for our children.



Ready, Respectful, Safe Awards!

What a fantastic end to the half term we had at Wesley on the final week before our Christmas break. We were able to celebrate our children who consistently follow all our expectations. As a school we ask all children to be ready, respectful and safe always. The children have a wonderful understanding of the expectations of these rules and strive for excellence in being ready for their learning, showing respect to other children, adults and the environment and then always acting in a safe way with one another and when using equipment. As a school we really want to focus on celebrating those children who consistently do the right thing, who turn up every day and do their best – they should be celebrated and receive the deserved praise. I know the nominations for these awards this year were incredibly difficult, however we ask the adults in each class to nominate three children – one per award. This then results in 11 names for always being ready, 11 for always being

respectful and 11 for always being safe. All 33 children receive a Headteachers award and are celebrated in front of the school which is always a huge celebration for the school! We then have to make a decision from the 11 nominees for one child to take away the trophy which they keep for the following half term. We are very proud to announce that our winners for this past half term are: Sammy for always being ready, Milania for always being respectful and Hud for always being safe. We are very proud of all of the children who were nominated and look forward to 33 new children next half term!





100% attendance!

At Wesley we celebrate our children through a wide variety of awards over the year and have lots of opportunities for our children to be celebrated for all of the good they do at school. One of the things we have a strong focus on is attendance. We all know that the more the children are in school the better they will do. Therefore, we really push for our children to have high expectations of their behaviour and work together with families to improve this where necessary. For attendance, our children can win an individual 100%

award every week where they have been in every day and on time, there is then a class award for attendance where the top 3 classes each week can earn money to then spend on themselves at the end of the academic year. We also then celebrate those children who have 100% attendance over a half term. At the end of last half term we have 108 children being celebrated for 100% attendance for the half term which is just over a third of the whole school!

Christmas Performances

At the start of December we began our Christmas performances for families. Our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 created lovely traditional nativities with the children showing wonderful confidence in their performance standing up in front of 100 adults and singing their hearts out saying their lines so clearly. We then had an amazing carol service from Years 3 & 4 which showcase not only great singing talent, but also some excellent poetry from the children and jokes too! We then finished our performances with Years 5 & 6 who put on a 'Scrooge' show for all which was magnificent. As a school we strive for the very best to achieve in all areas and these performances have given children the opportunity to showcase their skills through their singing, dancing and acting. We were all very impressed with the children and I know they made all of the families immensely proud.

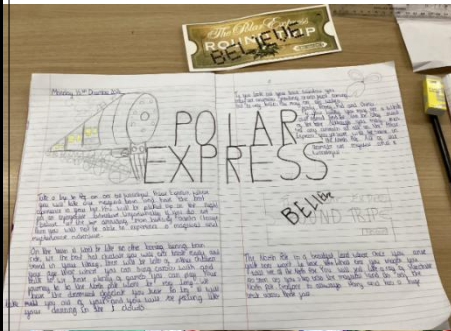


Child Led service at Wesley Methodist Church

On Sunday 15th December our Worship Committee led the Sunday service at Church and did an incredible job! They were so confident, leading the service with gospel readings, a Christmas quiz and then leading the congregation with some of the children's favourite songs from school. Rev. Blayze White and many of the

parishioners from church spoke about how wonderful the children were and the example they set representing school. We do have an excellent Worship Committee, and they certainly showcased how brilliant they are! Well done, Wesley.





Christmas events:

Polar Express day!

This year we had a magical themed day on the Polar Express. This was organised by our english lead, Mrs Webster, who had planned out a range of writing activities over the morning and then we all came together in the afternoon for an exciting assembly with raffle prizes for the amazing work that had taken place over the morning! The children did a range of brilliant work and most certainly loved it being a pyjama day all day!



Christmas jumper and meal day

On Wednesday of this week all of the children came to school with their Christmas jumpers on and enjoyed a Christmas dinner in the hall! As we do every year, all of the teachers ate their Christmas dinner in the hall too with the children and had a wonderful time! It really has been lovely to see the children enjoy this festive week build up to Christmas!



Christmas fair and Santa!

Due to the flooding in school, we unfortunately had to cancel our Christmas Fair as it normally is, however our wonderful PTA still managed to host this in school and give every child the opportunity to enjoy the fair, playing games, tombolas and having face paints. We also had a very special visitor on Tuesday afternoon with SANTA visiting all of the children and delivering a selection box to all.



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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 over the next 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 2 Rashford with 99.6%

Class name	Average attendance this week
Reception Sissay	98.1%
Reception Neville	87.5%
Year 1 Peel	94.4%
Year 1/2 Wood	90.8%
Year 2 Rashford	99.6%
Year 3 Garvey	96.6%
Year 3/4 Walsh	95.5%
Year 4 Lowry	90.4%
Year 5 Boyle	98.8%
Year 5/6 Turing	96%
Year 6 Pankhurst	95.2%

