



Wesley Methodist Primary School



Weekly Newsletter: WC 22nd April 2025

Welcome back to Wesley and I hope you all had a lovely Easter break with friends and family. Our children have returned fantastically this week and worked incredibly hard throughout all lessons. We have all been very impressed with their attitudes to learning and behaviour with exceptional demonstration of our habits for learning. There are a range of exciting opportunities planned in to take place over this half term for our pupils, which has begun this week with our Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoying a Greek History visit and our Reception children inviting their parents in for stay and play sessions.



Worship

Each week we use the Fruits of the Holy Spirit to help us achieve our vision of being able to 'Shine like stars as Children of God'. This week we have been aiming to shine like a star with kindness. We discussed with the children the importance of kindness and how this can impact others. We looked at how we can show kindness to others and how this makes others feel. The children could articulate how kindness makes Wesley a happy and safe place to be, whilst also discussing our 14 days of kindness in November. The children at Wesley have a wonderful understanding of the importance of kindness and how this can be shown to others.

Literacy and maths workshops for parents

Next week we have our first parental workshop in Literacy for all parents of children Years 1-6. This will be held on Thursday 1st May 2:15-3:15pm. The literacy workshop will be an introduction to practical strategies to help support your child with phonics, reading and writing. There will be an emphasis on multi-sensory learning and how this can help consolidate concepts taught at school. There will also be a maths workshop for parents on Thursday 15th May 2:15-3:15pm. I look forward to welcoming you to these informative and interactive sessions, and we hope they will provide you with useful tools to enhance your child's learning journey.



Year 6 SATs Meeting



SATs meeting for Year 6 parents

As you will be aware, we have SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) week approaching and we want to ensure that our Year 6 pupils feel supported and prepared for the upcoming SATs week. To help both you and your child navigate this important time, we would like to invite you to an informative meeting where we will explain the SATs process in detail. This will take place on

Wednesday 30th April at 5pm in our school hall.

The SATs Meeting will cover a range of topics including an overview of the week, tips on how to prepare your child, what to expect each day and tips for looking after the general wellbeing of your child to ensure we can reduce worries as much as possible.

Thank you to Mrs D Murray!

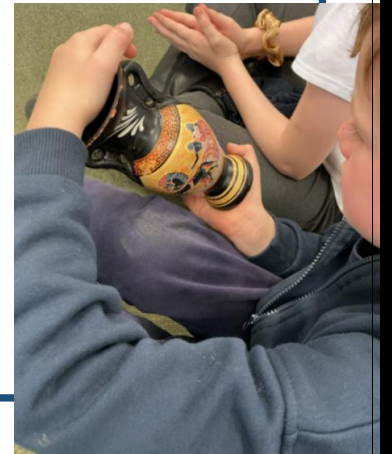
At Easter, Mrs D Murray, who was working in Year 3 Garvey, retired from work at Wesley. With more than 15 years of dedicated service, Mrs Murray has been an invaluable member of our school community. Over the years, she has consistently provided unwavering support to both pupils and staff, fostering an inclusive and nurturing learning environment. Mrs Murray's commitment to education and her tireless efforts to support our school's mission have positively impacted countless children, and she remains a cherished and respected member of our team and we wish her all the best in her retirement.



Glorious Greeks!

This week, the pupils in Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic day taking part in an exciting workshop delivered by the external provider *Delve into History*, all about the Ancient Greeks. The children were involved in a range of activities over the day, which really brought the day to life, they had the opportunity to try on Greek clothing, to handle replica artefacts and take part in an engaging, interactive talk that sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm. They also enjoyed playing the traditional Greek game *knucklebones*, which added a fun and memorable hands-on element

to the experience. It was a brilliant day filled with learning, laughter, and discovery — all of the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and came away with a wealth of knowledge about Ancient Greek life and culture. We thank Miss Garvin, our History lead, for organising this day and providing such a wonderful experience for our pupils.



Stay and Play in Reception

This week we held our stay and play sessions for our reception children and it was wonderful to see such a turnout for these events. It provided a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to engage in their child's early learning, gaining insight into the classroom environment and the types of activities that support development. Our children were excited and proud to share their learning experiences with their parents and further develop that home-school partnership. The session also encouraged informal conversations between staff and families, fostering strong relationships and building trust. Overall, it was a warm and welcoming experience that supported children's confidence and highlighted the importance of parental involvement in early education. Last term we held our maths afternoon with parents invited in across school and this is something we will be working to offer this term too.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, iPassword and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **William M**

Reception Sissay: **Heidi L-P**

Year 1 Peel: **Sofia H**

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

Year 2 Rashford: **Lily B-G**

Year 3 Garvey: **Jake E**

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

Year 4 Lowry: **Lilia J**

Year 5 Boyle: **Olivia B**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Bethany D**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Sammy D**

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

Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Thea H**

Reception Sissay: **Leon H**

Year 1 Peel: **Patrick C**

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

Year 2 Rashford: **Ethan J-C**

Year 3 Garvey: **Teddy C**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Reuben O**

Year 4 Lowry: **Daisy F**

Year 5 Boyle: **Olivia W**

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

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Frankie N**

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

