



Westleigh Methodist Primary School



Weekly Newsletter: WC 4th November 2019

The children have continued their wonderful start to this new half term and have achieved in all subjects. We are incredibly proud of all of our children and the work that they are continuing to produce throughout the curriculum that is on offer. We know that there will be significant progress for all children this year and that they will continue to strive for greatness. We have many exciting times upon us over this half term and we cannot wait for the children to succeed in all we do.

Worship

During worship this week we have focussed on courageous advocacy and have explained the meaning of this to the children. We began with discussing how we can help one another prosper and how we can be courageous in our efforts for change and how we can advocate for this to happen, we looked at the story of Greta Thunberg and the work she is currently advocating around the world and then we looked deeper into the beginnings of the Methodist church and how John Wesley was also a courageous advocate and the difference he was able to make.

Parent consultations

Our parental consultations took place this week. It was wonderful to hear such positive comments from teachers and parents about the progress that is being made by the children this year. The new set-up of parental consultations taking place in the hall went down fantastically and just showed how much of a community we really are. It also gave a wonderful opportunity for parents and teachers to share in the greatness of the children together, as a family. We hope that you found all of the information useful and have a good understanding of how your child is currently performing in school. The targets now set by each teacher will help the children reach the next stage of their development. We look forward to seeing the children thrive as a result of these.

Poppy appeal

Our Poppy appeal throughout school has been a fantastic success so far and we have already raised a fantastic amount for The Royal British Legion. Our Year 6 prefects will continue to walk through school on Monday next week and present each class with poppies and all other items that the children can purchase. On Monday a special assembly will take place for Remembrance Day, this will be performed by our Year 2 children. All parents and family are welcome to come and share this with us, we hope to see you there.



Story time

With the success of our story time sessions that have been introduced to each class, we have extended this to being a key job role for our school prefects. Two of our prefects, Kaitlyn and Hannah, have set up a reading club that will take place every Wednesday dinner time for Year 1, 2 and 3 children. This took place for the first time on Wednesday and our prefects were fantastic. They chose their own books and could explain why these were chosen for the children they were reading to, and the children we went for story time absolutely loved it! This club will be continuing every Wednesday and we cannot wait to see more children being involved.



Visit from The Mayor of Greater Manchester - Andy Burnham

This week we welcomed a fantastic visit from Andy Burnham, The Mayor of Greater Manchester, he was greeted by Mrs Moragrega and our prefects and took a tour around our school dropping into lessons from Year 6 all the way down to Nursery and was able to get a real flavour of what we offer at Westleigh Methodist Primary School. He was in awe of how hard-working our children are and the effort that they put into every piece of work they complete. Our prefects did us proud in serving our school and were able to explain all about the different lessons that we have going on throughout the week. This was a wonderful opportunity for our children to meet The Mayor of Greater Manchester, certainly a visit that will last long in the memory of all of our children – thank you Andy Burnham!

Year 5 and 6 topic workshop

This week our Year 5 and 6 pupils celebrated all of the work they have done in their topic lessons over this past term. They were able to compile all of their prior knowledge and learning and add to that through this interactive workshop. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and we thank Miss A Hilton and Miss E Hunt for organising this for their children. During each workshop the



children were invited to gain a deeper understanding of the community and cultures of the past and give a real-life perspective to what they had already been taught in school. Year 6 had a focussed workshop on World War Two and how life for a child was different to today. Year 5's workshop was focussed on the life of Tudor's where they able to delve deeper into the understanding of life as a Tudor. As you can see from the picture, great fun and learning was had by all!

Year 6 assembly

This week we were also treated to a wonderful assembly completed by our Year 6 pupils. The children took us on a tour of this term so far with all of the incredible work they have completed and taken part in; from well-being Wednesday's, hot chocolate and story time with Mrs Moragrega, some fantastic English work that was shared by Callum and then with a final acting scene showing the children's understanding of their work on World War Two. It was fantastic to see the children thrive and be so confident on stage in front of everyone and that is down to the hard work that all of the adults have done with these children on their journey through school so far, and it is clear that they are going to continue to be a credit to us as a school and you as parents. We finally have to thank Miss E Hunt, Miss S Evans and Mrs M Ross for putting this assembly together with the children.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was awarded to Year 2 Class with 100%. As a school we are currently at 95.1% for this week

Polite parking notice

Please can we ask that we do not park on the road opposite our school's entrance. This is a private road and residents have had their driveways blocked and have been unable to leave their premises. We thank you for your continued support and co-operation with this.

Stars of the week

Reception: Millie E

Year one: Keira S

Year two: Nyssa R

Year three: Bobby L

Year four: Isabelle G

Year five: James B

Year six: Whitney J

Dates to look forward to for this half term:

Event	Date
Antibullying week assembly	To be re-scheduled due to Children in Need day
Children in Need Day	15 th November 2019 9am live workout with Joe Wicks
EYFS Nativity	10 th December 9:30am and 2:00pm
KS1 Nativity	11 th December 9:30am and 2:00pm
KS2 Carol Concert	12 th December 9:00am/ 2:00pm/ 6:00pm
Christmas Disco	13 th December 1:30-2:15/ 3:00-4:00pm/ 4:00-5:00pm
Christmas dinner day	16 th December 12-1pm
Christmas Spectacular	18 th December all day