



Westleigh Methodist Primary School
Weekly Newsletter: WC 27th September



Headteacher's Update from Mrs Chadwick

What another exciting week in school. The children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the The Lily Jo Project, which allowed us all to explore what mental health means and how we can improve our positive wellbeing. The singing and laughter during the assembly workshop was amazing to hear.

Please support our Moth to a Flame COP26 Project by sending in clean, empty, plastic milk bottles- see our Chaplain's Update below for more information.

Key Notices

- If you have not done so, please ensure you have returned the consents and permission forms to the School Office.
- Also, please kindly fill in your Free School Meals Pupil Premium data collection form if you have not already done so.

Dates for your diary



Hot dinners next **Thursday 7th October** will be a Burger & Hot dog lunch as a special menu change – it would be great to see more children have a try of hot dinners on this day.

- **Tuesday 12th October** – School Photographer will be in school for individual and sibling photographs.
- **Thursday 14th October** – Harvest Celebration in school and videos will be sent home to parents. More information to follow.
- October half term Sports Camp at Bedford Hall led by Elite – please see Parentmail email and book on by **Friday 15th October** to secure your place.
- Y6 High School Place application deadline is **31st October**.
- Reception intake application portal for September 2022 has now opened and the closing date for applications is **15th January 2022**.

Online applications and information can be completed here:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Primary-schools.aspx>
Admission Portal - [https://ems.wiganmbc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE/](https://ems.wiganmbc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/)

COVID Updates

If your child displays any symptoms then please book them in for a PCR test, this will help to keep our school community safe.

Attendance Winners

Whole School: 94.6%

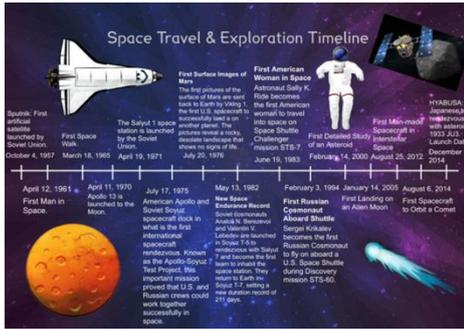
This week's Class Attendance Winners are:

1st: Y3 - 95.0%

2nd: Y4- 94.6%

3rd: Y1 – 94.2%

Worship



Worship this week has focused on The Space Race and we have been discussing how competition and being competitive can have both a positive and negative effect on us. We learnt all about the Space Race to send satellites, rockets and even humans into space and who was the first man on the moon. We discussed how healthy competition can motivate us to do better and strive to be the best versions of ourselves.

School Chaplain's Update from Vicky Tyrrell

Here in school we have something called 'courageous advocacy' which is where we act upon our class values of justice, equality, and love to speak up when we see things in our society that we want to change.

Last term, our whole school took part in a collaborative artwork called "Moths To A Flame" which is currently being created and will be on display in Glasgow this November. It is a sculpture that will highlight the urgency of climate action, and it will mean our children's voices and opinions will be heard by those in power attending the important COP26 climate conference.



What is COP26?

You can find out more here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/54977062>



Whilst the decisions made at COP26 will have the most impact on our children's generation, we also wanted to give parents and carers, and the wider community, the chance to add their voices to ours. As Margaret Mead wrote: *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

So we will be hosting our own Westleigh version of the Moths sculpture from 1st-12th November, and using it as a climate action conversation starter in the local press and the wider community. After COP26, our Moths will be part of Wigan Council's light festival, continuing to highlight climate issues and signposting people to ways they too can make their voice heard and affect the positive changes we all wish to see.

We hope you will all lend your support to the campaign in November, but in the meantime if you would like to know more, or chat about how you can support climate action in our school, please ask to speak to me or catch me in the playground most Tuesdays or Thursdays.

God Bless.



Star of the Week



Core Values Champion



Year 6

Charlie for always being a lovely, helpful member of Y6.

Betsy for showing great resilience to complete a fantastic English letter.

Year 5

Avjeen for her interesting authoritative statement.

Tyler M for trying hard to stay focused and showing respect.

Year 4

Steven for always being a kind and respectful member of our school.

Emmy for having a growth mindset and displaying resilience in all subjects.

Year 3

Daniel for always being a great member of our Year 3 team.

Lucas for demonstrating good relationships and helping a friend who was upset.

Year 2

Poppy for creating a fantastic life cycle of a butterfly out of pasta pieces!

Amelia for being highly resilient with her handwriting!

Year 1

Bailey for applying himself to his learning and giving 100% in Maths and English.

Bella for going the extra mile and being responsible in her home learning.

Reception

Raheli for showing lots of enthusiasm in her phonics lessons.

Vasilisa for showing independence and being responsible for looking after resources.

Nursery

Zak for always having a smile on his face and making us all laugh daily.

Gracie Mae for settling well into nursery and making new friends.

Visit our Twitter Pages

Please visit your child's class Twitter page to see all of the amazing work that is happening each week. We are using Twitter to really showcase the incredible curriculum opportunities that our children receive at Westleigh!



Westleigh School: @WLMPrimary

Nursery: @WLMNursery

Reception: @ReceptionWLM

Year 1: @WLMYear1

Year 2: @WLMyear21

Year 3: @WLMYear3

Year 4: @WLMYear4

Year 5: @WLMYear5

Year 6: @WLMYear6