



The Westleigh Word

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Meet the Ethos Committee

The Ethos Committee is made up of two students from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. We try to help the school by making changes to make our school a better place for everyone. We focus on our core Christian values: Love, Teamwork, Thankfulness, Generosity, Peace, Forgiveness, Equality and Justice. Here's the team:

Year 3



Hi, I'm James. I wanted to help around school and in Ethos we help to make plans. I think our class value of peace is so important, because Jesus, the Light of the World, was sent for that.

Hello my name is Lexi and. My favourite school Christian value is forgiveness, because you can forgive anyone, at any time.

Year 4



Hi, I'm Marcus, being part of the Ethos Committee means a lot to me because it's my first important job in school.

Hello my name is Gabriele. I wanted to be part of Ethos to help the school and make it a better place.

Year 5



Hello, my name is Bobby. I love the Ethos Committee because I like taking part in the meetings. It means we can help and we have popcorn and fruit!

Hi, I'm Kayla-Mai. I like being in the Ethos Committee because we get involved and lead some assemblies.

Year 6



Hello, my name is Liam. I wanted to help everyone and change all the bad things in the world to good things and make things fair for people.

Hello, my name is Sienna, The reason I wanted to join was to help my friends and our mentor (Mrs Rigby), make this school a better place.

NATIVITY FIRST AT WESTLEIGH



A special report by Lexi and James

Ladies from Bedford Church, Glazebury Methodist and the Ethos Committee took part in a unique performance of the Nativity, called the Christmas Poem.

Members of the Committee did actions and held up pictures of God's creations such as animals, vegetables and planets. The ladies from Church took the parts of the characters in the Nativity. Their costumes were really good. Even Mrs Rigby had a job. She held up the sign saying: "Turn what is sad into glad again" for everyone in audience to say.

In the middle of the play, when Jesus was born, a

confetti cannon was supposed to go off. The man responsible for this, was resilient and kept trying to



Mrs Rigby (left) and the cast of the Nativity—A Christmas Poem

COP26- Moth to a Flame

An exclusive report by Liam

For us Moths to a Flame is an important environmental project to combat global warming. Many schools participated in this project, making moths out of plastic milk bottles. These moths were displayed in a massive art installation in Glasgow, during COP26—the meeting of world leaders to plan how we will fight global warming.



The moths looked so spectacular, as a school we made our own Moths to a Flame installation, which was part of a unique display at Pennington Flash, alongside a two- metre wide floating globe. Both were featured on Granada Reports.

Making the moths was really simple. We got scissors and the teachers helped us cut the bottle (of course) and then we had to choose a design of a moth and copy that design we cut the shape of the moth out and decorated the moth with colourful permanent markers.



Remembrance Day Service

An exclusive report by Marcus and Gabriele

This year our Remembrance Day Service was a bit different to usual, as Year 3 and 4 demonstrated their marching skills and drilling they learnt specially for our Remembrance Day Service when we show respect to those who died in war and conflicts.

We spent a few weeks practising drilling like sailors in the navy, thanks to Mr Pilkington, our Chair of Governors, who served in the navy. We learnt to follow commands such as “Halt!” and “Stand at Ease” . It was really difficult at first, but when you got used to it, it was quite easy, the biggest worry was keeping in straight lines and keeping pace with everyone else.

“For me, “said Marcus, “the challenge was a bit different, because the first time I was able to march was on the actual day, because I had to sit out during the practises, as I’d fractured my foot and had to wear an astronaut boot! No pressure!”



Charity in Action

by Sienna

Here's a round-up of some of the great charity work we have done this term.



The entire school contributed to help homeless charity - **The Brick**. Each child has now done their bit to help others who aren't as fortunate as we are, by gifting them things that they might not already have.



Some of the things we gave them included: gloves, tinned food, bottled water, hats, toothpaste and lots of other basic essentials that we take for granted, to the homeless.



We also supported this year's **BBC Children in Need**, raising an amazing £ 170.73. Well done everyone for making a big effort to support these

Earlier this term we raised £168.65 from our Harvest donations, which we gave to

ALL WE CAN a great Methodist Church Charity providing relief and development.

Well done everyone for all your efforts this term to support these worthwhile charities.

GODLY PLAY AT WESTLEIGH

by Marcus and Gabriele

We are all excited about the godly play sessions, Vicky, our school chaplain began this term.

Small groups from each class, or whole classes, get to share a story from the Bible and think about the meaning of it; play and do craft activities linked to the story.

In one of our Year 4 sessions, for example, we made houses out of rainbow lollipop sticks. These houses represented our hearts and we invited someone from our session to come into our house; which meant we were trusting them and opening our hearts to them. We shared our thoughts on this. It was great working with Vicky.

We hope you like our first edition of WESTLEIGH WORD, because we enjoyed making it! Our next edition will feature our Easter activities.