



Westleigh Methodist Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: WC 31st January



I would like to wish Miss Butler all the best as she goes on secondment to another school within the Epworth Trust, to lead on phonics for the remainder of this year. Mrs Law who has been with us since January will take over teaching Year 2 in Miss Butler's absence. A huge thank you to the volunteers from the church who have led our open the book sessions this week. The children have enjoyed living out the story of Moses and creating their responses and reflections which are now on display in school. The children and staff looked amazing today in their maths costumes in support of the NSPCC, thank you for your kind contributions to this worthwhile cause. We raised a grand total of £110 for the NSPCC today, which is amazing! Thank you so much.

Key Notices

We would like to welcome Miss O'Connor to school as she will be teaching Nursery and working also in Reception. We are happy for her to join our Westleigh Family.

Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 8th February** – Safer Internet Day in school
- **Friday 11th February** – deadline for submitting Get Caught Reading Challenge images via class dojo, send in printed photo or email School Office at: enquiries@wlm.epworthtrust.org.uk
- **Friday 11th February** - Wear your SCARF to school day for Mental Health Day. Children will be focusing on their wellbeing throughout this day and we would like them to wear a SCARF as this is the PSHE/HRE programme that we follow.
- **Friday 18th February** – last day of Spring 1 half term and school closes for half term
- **Monday 28th February** – first day of Spring 2 half term and school opens
- **WC Monday 28th February** – Spring 2 clubs start – please see slips sent home and website for further information <https://www.westleighmethodist.wigan.sch.uk/clubs>
- **Thursday 3rd March** – World Book Day – more information to follow from Miss Hunt English Leader
- **Friday 18th March** - Red Nose Day

COVID Updates

- Please refer to any 'Warn and Inform' letters sent home via Parentmail.
- To keep our school community as safe as possible could we please ask that you wear a facemask when picking up/dropping off children in the school yard and also if you need to call in to the school office.
- If any children in school display symptoms we will contact parents to come and collect them. PCR tests must be taken if displaying symptoms as you cannot rely on a lateral flow test.
- All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not

have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken 24 hours later. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days (24 hours apart) or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Attendance Winners

Whole School: 93.0%

This week's Class Attendance Winners are:

1st: Y3 - 95.9%

2nd: Y1 - 95.0%

3rd: Y4 - 93.8%

Worship

This week in worship our Chaplain Vicky and local volunteers from The Methodist Circuit presented a dramatic telling of Baby Moses in Egypt ably assisted by The Ethos Committee. This story is from the Bible in Exodus 1-2 and tells us about the escape of Moses from Pharaoh's evil plan. Moses amazingly found his way by being brought up by his own mother under the protection of the Pharaoh's daughter. This was all part of God's special plan for Moses and the children reflected upon this and made their creative responses to the messages they had taken from this bible story. We have created a whole school RE display to showcase some of our responses and reflections.





School Chaplain's Update from Vicky Tyrrell

The Methodist Church

The Methodist Church (nationally) are running an online event for children to have their say about what steps the churches/schools should be prioritising in their attempt to become Net Zero.

Parents/carers will need to sign the children up, as it takes place out of school hours:

GOING NET ZERO: HAVE YOUR SAY

A GREEN AGENTS OF CHANGE EVENT

Tuesday 15 February, online

4pm - 5.30pm: 8 - 11s (primary school)

The Methodist Church is working towards net-zero carbon emissions by 2030. It's a huge task, but so important at this time of climate crisis. We're inviting children and young people to come and tell us what they think the most important steps will be and where we should begin! Tickets for children and young people must be booked by parents/carers.

FIND OUT MORE AND BOOK HERE <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NDQ2LTQ5/t>

It's a 90minute zoom for primary age, from 4 to 5:30pm but the ticket booking page looks a little misleading as it says "4-9pm" in a box on the left. It would be wonderful if some of our children could join part of this movement.

Thank you for your commitment to this Courageous Advocacy project.



Star of the Week

Core Values Champion



Year 6

Macie for being a superstar in reading club!

Kayla for displaying resilience and responsibility in her English writing to create a fantastic diary entry!

Year 5

Tyler A for his super resilience in maths!

Hannah for trying hard to develop relationships and show respect.

Year 4

Gabriele for a terrific effort to write an amazing persuasive letter

Abigail for displaying fantastic responsibility in carrying out your school council role

Year 3

Tony- for always trying his best in everything he does

Daniel- for displaying a responsible attitude to his learning

Year 2

Clayton for trying really hard in Maths and English!

Evangeline for showing perseverance and resilience in PE.

Year 1

Henry for lots of participation in all areas of learning this week.

Rocco for taking responsibility and working independently in English.

Reception

Aynur for being a kind and caring member of the class.

Effie for being independent and responsible around the room.

Nursery

Darcie for working hard on her number skills.

Skyler for sharing and being kind to others.

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