



The Westleigh Word

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"with God all things are possible" Matthew 19:26

DOING ALL THAT WE CAN

by Westleigh Word's

Liam & Sienna, Y6

It has been a busy term with Westleigh playing its part in many local, national and international events, which show we are contributing to people that need our help. As a school, this is something we feel is very important, as it reflects our Christian values of Teamwork, Generosity, Peace and Love; showing that we all care.

We have really put John Wesley's words - "Do all you can.." - into action as we have raised money and championed a number of charities. This term, we responded to the plight of the families from Ukraine, who have had to leave their friends, family and homes to travel to safe places in different countries.

For us, leaving our pets, friends and extended family, with just the clothes we are wearing, is something we can't even begin to imagine. Being able to do our bit to help by donating basic essentials like toothbrushes,

blankets and food made us feel that we were doing what we can.

In total, as a school, since the start of 2022, we have raised £368 to support good causes. A big thank you to all our friends and families for your kind support.

PYJAMAS –OUR NEW UNIFORM?

For World Book Day, we came to school in our pyjamas, shared stories and drank yummy hot chocolate. What a great way to enjoy the day!

For those who are wondering, pyjamas will not be the new school uniform.



Year 2 shared their favourite books with Year 5, who really enjoyed listening.

NEWS IN PICTURES



Pupils and staff from Y6 on Wear a Hat Day—a fund raiser for Brain Tumour Research. We raised £115. Every class from Nursery to Y6 supported this event.

MATHS-TASTIC NUMBER DAY!

By Gabriele & Marcus, Y4

Our annual Number Day was a great success, with lots of fascinating Maths challenges across the whole school.

We all dressed up as different numbers or other Maths subjects such as time, equations or times tables.

We interviewed Mrs Coleman the Maths head and she spoke about Number Day. "I've always loved numbers, from the time I was working with my Dad, using

the cash register," she said. She explained that Number Day gives people who really love Maths an opportunity to express themselves and have a great day full of everything Maths!

Ryan, Oliver and Ben play football for the same team and challenged themselves to make as many 3-digit numbers as they could using the numbers on their team shirts.



We raised £143 for Comic Relief. Red Nose Day is always a big hit with pupils and staff at Westleigh



PEACE PEBBLES

Year 3 students put their faith into action this term by creating beautiful painted pebbles and using decoupage doves - the symbol of peace.

Then, they wrote secret messages underneath the pebbles. These messages linked to the Year 3 class value of Peace.

Members of Year 3 then took the pebbles and placed these around school for everyone else in school to find and explore, so that the message of peace could be spread to everyone.



From the Baby in the Basket to finding Peace on a Stormy Sea...



by James and Lexie, Y3

Our Open the Book Bible story this half term was on the subject of our core value, Peace. This time everyone was in the hall watching us, so for the actors (us) it was super-scary!

The story was about Jesus calming a terrible storm. Some of the Ethos committee were waves and others were the wind; the rest were disciples. We recruited Bobbie and Hannah from Year 5 for their acting skills. A big thank you also to Lacey, in Year 6, for being a last minute substitute, when one of our committee was off on the day of the performance.

We even had a huge cardboard boat that Jesus and the disciples sat in! Our chaplain Vicky and Liam from Y6 held up signs, so the audience could join in. Mrs Rigby had a front row seat, to enjoy the performance this time.

It was great having everyone together to watch this performance. For our last Open the Book story of baby Moses, only Reception, Y1 and 2 watched it in the hall. The rest of the school watched on Microsoft Teams from their classrooms.



Pupils and members of the Methodist circuit in their enactment of *Jesus Stilling the Storm*.



Pictures show members of the Ethos Committee busily making their Easter gifts and cards.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

by Kayla– Mai and Bobby, Y5

The Ethos Committee made Easter cards and tissue paper flowers as gifts for local care home residents and for the people who work in the local Methodist Church.

They also made an Easter basket as a gift for Church. It was a great way to celebrate Easter with the Westleigh community. Easter is a very important part of the Christian calendar, so it's great for us to celebrate with the wider community.

