



# The Westleigh Word

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## A Journey of Hope

by James and Alexis Y4

**In July, our Deputy Head (Mrs Taylor) went to Uganda to meet the children that the Epworth Trust sponsor through Edukids.**

Mrs Taylor was thrilled to be selected to go on this 'once in a lifetime' trip! Whilst there, she spent many hours of her time learning about life for the children at Koch Gomma School. She also met numerous family members and members of the local community. Everyone welcomed her and the Edukid's team with a smile on their face and love in their hearts. Particularly, Nelson and Tracy the children sponsored by Westleigh Methodist Primary School.

Nelson is a 9 year old boy. His favourite subject is English and he loves to play football in his free time. He hopes to become a teacher one day so that he can help to provide a quality education

for future children in his Community.

Tracy is a 9 year old girl. She loves to write and plays netball in her free time. She dreams of one day becoming a doctor. On the day that the children were scheduled to meet Mrs Taylor, Tracy was in hospital with a leg injury. Despite this she made a long bike ride with her adoptive family as she felt so compelled to meet the person from the school that have sponsored her allowing her to have the incredible opportunity to go to school.

When asked about the trip Mrs Taylor explained, 'This was an incredible opportunity for me to go and see the difference our sponsor money is making to these children and their local community.'

For more information about Edukids visit <https://www.edukid.org.uk/>



*9 year old Tracey (top left) and Nelson (top right)*



## Faith in Action

### There is a Time to Pray Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

By Gabrielle Y5

**During Autumn Term, the Ethos Committee have been working hard to create special prayer spaces in school.**

#### Remembering The Queen

Our school set up a prayer space for our beloved and noble Queen.

As a school, we like to remember our most important people like the Queen, that's why we thought it was important to create a pop up prayer space so that all of our school community could have access to a place that they could visit to reflect upon the life of our longest reigning monarch. Our Head Teacher, Mrs Moragrega, visited the space in her busy day and this is what she had to say about it, "What a great opportunity for everyone to take the time to stop and reflect on the Queen's life. Prayer can be a powerful way to express feelings of both joy and sadness during such a significant time"



*Children from Year 3 visiting the Remembrance prayer space*

### We will Remember Them

#### Remembrance Day

In November, our Ethos Committee set up a prayer space for the brave soldiers who have fought in wars around the world. We like to honour those who have been courageous and fought for freedom and change, and this was an opportunity for everyone to remember and reflect upon this.

# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

by Gabrielle and Marcus Y5

**School community come together to support each other during the toughest financial crisis we've seen for years.**

As Britain face a devastating financial crisis and many of the government's budget cuts take their toll, the Westleigh family leapt into action to help those struggling to afford things such as food, electricity and clothing by creating a uniform bank. People kindly donated their nearly new school uniforms, coats, P.E kits and a variety of other essential school



items so that all children in school could stay warm and dry this winter.

If you haven't yet done so, then please feel free to visit our uniform bank in the new year.

## Doing All We Can

**The Westleigh family have supported charities (both local and global) this term by giving all that we can even in the most difficult times.**



Our Harvest Appeal raised £62.74 for the charity All We Can



Our Christmas jumper day raised £112.00 for Edukid



Our reverse Advent Appeal saw donations of food, clothing and other essential items for those who find themselves homeless this Christmas.

**Thank You all so much for your generosity from The Ethos Committee**



# Moses and the Mountain to Climb...



**By Marcus Y5**

**Our Open the Book Bible story this half term was a retelling of the story of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from God.**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Vicky Tyrell and the Methodist Circuit volunteers came into school to retell the story of Moses leading the Israelites to Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments from God.

In this story, Moses collects the Ten commandments from God and it is his

responsibility to spread the message about these rules that God wanted everyone to obey.

The Children were amazed to realise that the rules that we follow in society today are still so closely linked to the Ten Commandments that were received such a long time ago. Kyla, a Year 3 pupil explained, 'Following the Ten Commandments is so important. God created our world and the commandments allow us to live our lives without making the world a bad place.'



**Pupils and members of the Methodist circuit in their enactment of *'Up the Mountain'***