

Meanwood CE Newsletter



Open Hearts



Open Minds



Open Arms



Newsletter: 11
24.1.25

CARE Champions

Reception: Omar.

Year 1: Margot.

Year 2: Benji.

Year 3: Jude .

Year 4: Grace and
Austin.

Year 5: Tommy.

Year 6: Isaac and
Charlie.

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Open Minds- Positivity.

Monday: Normal day in school- new lunchtime trial begins.

Tuesday: Normal day in school.

Wednesday:

- NSPCC Assembly for KS1 (am)
- Year 6 Holocaust Memorial Online Workshop (am).
- Come and try table tennis and badminton at Roundhay High school- Year 5 and 6. 3:30pm - 5:30pm. (Children involved have been informed).
- 2nd Starbucks experience. 3:30pm - 5:00pm.

Thursday: NSPCC Assembly for KS2 (am).

Friday: Carnival dance workshops for years 4-6 (am). Please come in P.E uniform.

- PTA Disco: KS1: 4.30pm - 5.30pm KS2: 6pm - 7.15pm

Attendance

Reception: 92.1%

Year 1: 96.8%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 95.8%

Year 4: 96.1%

Year 5: 94.2%

Year 6: 98%

Whole School: 95.8%

Well done year 6 you are this week's attendance champions.

"Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

General Notices

Change to Lunchtimes

After consultation with staff and children we have decided to 'trial' a shorter lunchtime: reducing the time from 1 hour to 45 minutes. We have discovered that a large majority of the incidents which occur, happen within the last 15 minutes when there are a lot of children out at the same time. After discussing the trial with other heads in Leeds, many have taken similar measures and have found it works better for the children and the staff. Mrs Parker, Mrs Tate and I have carefully planned the logistics so all children are given sufficient time to eat and play.

In order to accommodate the need for children to be active we are introducing an afternoon break for key stage 2 from 2:00pm-2:15pm.

The trial will take place next week and we will update children and parents on whether or not we have decided to adopt it as a permanent change to the timetable.

Celebrate Me Week

This week we have had great fun celebrating the amazing range of cultures we have in school. The children have experienced Bollywood dancing; global music appreciation workshops and drumming sessions. Please see the photos below for highlights of the week:



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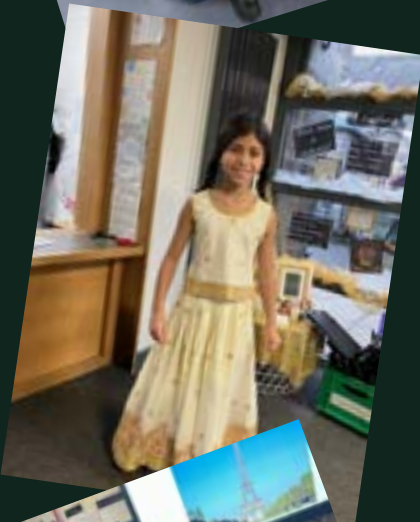
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Celebrate Me Week continued...



Facebook

We are now well underway with our Facebook Journey. There have been regular updates on the page 'Meanwood CE Primary School' and it is the place to see all the latest photos and videos.



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General Notices

House Tallies

Oak: 1784

Holly: 1788

Elm: 1749

Sycamore: 1702

PTA

School disco Friday 31 Jan - tickets on sale on Arbor NOW!

Annual, slightly delayed, disco (fancy dress optional), a very popular night for the children! There will be two discos - Reception and KS1 from 4.30pm and KS2 from 6pm.

Please book as soon as you can to help with the ordering of the food.

Can you help on the night? Please click on the link below

<https://volunteersignup.org/RXDXJ>

Family Rock and Roll Bingo Saturday 8 Feb - tickets on sale on Arbor NOW!

Join us for a night of fun bingo based on tunes all can recognise! To be held in the school hall from 4.30pm with the first game (of two) to start at 5.15pm and a quiz during the interval. Food will be a Voakes pork pie and peas (Voakes vegetarian cheese and onion pasty and vegetarian hot dogs also options) with snacks and drinks available to purchase.

Orders for pies and pasty's close on Tuesday 4 Feb with orders for hot dogs and no food closing at noon on Friday 7 Feb.

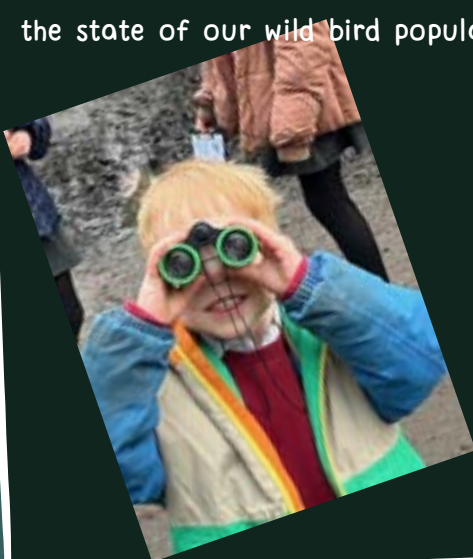
Cake sales this half term:

Year 3 - Friday 14 Feb

The Big Bird Watch

On Thursday (despite the weather) all the children managed to take part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch. We saw a range of birds including: 2 herons, long-tailed tits, nuthatches, blue tits and blackbirds. However we did use the phrase.. "Oh.... its another pigeon." quite a lot.

All of the data we collected will be sent off to the RSPB so they can publish some national figures on the state of our wild bird population.



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Resilience

This week we have been looking at resilience and what it means to be resilient. During his time on earth Jesus was unbelievably resilient. He believed in love and understanding of all, even though people ridiculed and persecuted him for it. He never gave up even when things go really hard.

Dear Lord,

May we take inspiration from your amazing and unwavering resilience. You believed and strived for a loving world where everyone is valued and everyone is loved. When things get hard in our lives may we look to you for inspiration and guidance.

Amen

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A note from Mr Chapman

It has been an absolutely fantastic week in school, culminating in the 'cultural dress-up day' today. The use of art, music and dance has really brought this week alive: showing that we don't always have to sit down at desks to learn and improve. The children and staff have absolutely loved learning about all the different cultures in school and how it is important to respect and embrace uniqueness.

In a week where it seems the people who guide us look more and more to divide us, at Meanwood we stay strong to our vision of 'Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Arms'. We embrace the diverse and rich world that surrounds us and celebrate what ultimately makes us stronger as a community.

Thank you to all the parents, carers, volunteers, children and staff who made this week such a success. A special week made possible by special people.

Mr Chapman



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