Meanwood CE Newsletter

Open Hearts Open Minds Open Arms

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CARE Champions

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Rec: Harry.
Year 1: Yumi.
Year 2: Theo and Astrid.
Year 3: Beau.
Year 4: Isaac and Thea.
Year 5: Monty.
Year 6: Zach and Indi.

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Easter: The Joy of the Resurrection
Monday: Flood repair Work begins on the front entrance and work room areas.
Girls football tournament at Shadwell: 2:30pm - 4:00pm. Children involved have been informed.
PTA Teams Meeting: 8:00pm. Please see PTA section for link.
Tuesday: Rev John, Lent session with Reception class: 9:00am - 9:15am.
Netball Match at Allerton High School: 3:15pm - 6:00pm. Children involved have been informed. PLEASE NOTE NETBALL CLUB ON THIS DATE HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE MATCH.
Wednesday: Panathlon Event at Scott Hall Leisure Centre: 12:30pm - 2:30pm. Children involved have been informed .
Full Governing Body Meeting: 6:15pm - 8:00pm.
Thursday: Year 1 trip to Harlow Carr: 9:00am - 3:00pm.
Year 5 football match vs Beecroft at home: 3:30pm - 4:45pm. Children involved have been informed.
Friday: Year 2 Cake Sale on the bottom playground: 3:15pm - 3:30pm.

Attendance

Reception: 95% 😢
Year 1: 88.1% 😢
Year 2: 97.7% 😁
Year 3: 97.6% 😁
Year 4: 97% 😁
Year 5: 100% 🤩
Year 6: 93.7% 😢
Whole School: 95.6% 😢
Well done year 5 you are this week's attendance champions.

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...
1st: Year 5 - 93% active travel.
2nd: Year 3 - 89% active travel.
3rd: Year 4 - 82% active travel.
We are the the 1st most active school in Leeds.
We are the 26th in the country.

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General Notices

Democracy in Action

Over the past few weeks, my class collective worships have explored how we can involve children more in decision-making within school. This week, we focused on what new lessons the children would most like to add to our curriculum.

Three Year 5 boys took on the important role of our 'Voting Council', and they did a fantastic job gathering votes from across the school and counting them accurately.

Children were asked to choose one potential lesson to add to the curriculum. The results were:

- Mindfulness and well-being - 11 votes
- Engineering and invention - 30 votes
- Outdoor and adventurous education - 105 votes
- Digital animation - 20 votes
- Climate and sustainability - 3 votes

With a clear majority, Outdoor and Adventurous Education is the winning choice. Therefore, in Summer 2, we will be delivering a special outdoor adventurous session with every class.

The public has spoken - and we have acted!

PTA

PTA Meeting - Monday 23 March, 8pm on Teams

If you would like to join the PTA and help raise funds for the school but haven't been able to as yet, here is your chance! Join the latest PTA meeting to hear about the fundraising so far and the help shape the plans for future events this academic year. https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTI5YjBkZDgtZGVlYy00YmY3LThhYTMtMzJkN2M4N2EyMmU0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224927b3ff-aff7-4042-a835-3a0a1e339736%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d1e6186c-a71f-4cb6-b682-e4fbd40556e6%22%7d

Cake Sale - Year 2 - Friday 27 March

Break the Rules Day - Thursday 2 April

Does your child want to drink squash instead of water all the time? Is brushing hair in a morning a task you want to avoid? Are trainers the first choice of footwear? Is pudding wanted before the main meal? If so you are in luck! For one day only at school, the children will be allowed to not conform to most the usual rules at school for a donation. Further details to be provided.

Clothing donations - Thursday 23 April

Are you planning a spring clean? We have a clothing collection arranged for after the Easter holiday and we will receive up to 45p per kilogram for the donations.

Further details on what can and cannot be donated will be provided nearer the time.

Movie Night - Friday 8 May

Summer Fair - Friday 26 June

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Debating Competition

We are so proud of our amazing Year 5 children who recently took part in a debating competition! They confidently debated the topic of making school uniform optional, showcasing impressive Oracy skills, teamwork, and critical thinking throughout. Their passion, confidence, and ability to express their ideas were truly incredible to watch.
A huge congratulations to the team for winning their heat – a fantastic achievement!

Catering News

A message from our school caterers:
The primary ordering app will have a refreshed look. This update has been designed with parent feedback in mind, making the ordering experience simpler, clearer, and more visual, with photos of our dishes included.
Please be reassured that ordering functionality remains exactly the same. No action is required on your part, and all existing menus, saved orders, and bookings will remain unchanged.
We're also pleased to share that the April menus are now live, and orders can be placed right through to the end of the summer term. As you browse, you may notice some new exciting menu items we think children will love.
A step bt step guide of how to use the refreshed app is attached to this email.

Leeds Young Film Festival: Easter Holidays- 28th March - 19th April

Leeds Young Film Festival (LYFF) is an annual celebration of cinema and film for children and families that gives young audiences access to a rich variety of on-screen stories, helping them feel seen and understood and creating exiting new shared screen experiences that all families can enjoy.
The festival presents an affordable, curated selection of family-friendly feature and short films that champion new narratives, places, and characters. Alongside screenings, LYFF offers film workshops, VR experiences and hands-on filmmaking activities to inspire the next generation of storytellers and creatives.
Please see attached flyer for more information

Eid

We would like to wish all members of our school community who are celebrating Eid a very happy and blessed day.
Whether you are celebrating with family, friends, or the wider community, we hope your day is filled with joy, peace, and togetherness.
Everyone at school wishes you a happy and peaceful Eid.

House Totals

Oak: 1219 Holly: 1280 Elm: 1078 Sycamore: 1026

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Easter

This week in Collective Worship, we have been learning about the events of Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. The children heard how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, and how crowds welcomed Him by waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!"
We explored what it means to welcome Jesus with joy, kindness and open hearts in our own lives today. Children reflected on what Hosanna means – "save us" – and how people looked to Jesus as someone who brought hope and peace.
Dear God,
Thank you for the story of Palm Sunday and for the joy the crowds felt as Jesus entered Jerusalem.
Help us to welcome peace, kindness, and hope into our lives and share them with others.
Amen.

Class page links

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

A note from Mr Chapman

We find ourselves living in an uncertain world at the moment—one where differences are not always embraced, but too often used as a source of conflict. Although we at Meanwood are but a small grain of sand in the wider picture of society, our values of Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Arms continue to run deeply through everything we do.
These values shape our daily collective worship, our prayers, our discussions, and the foundations of our relational culture and behaviour policy. They remind us of who we strive to be, even when challenges arise.
There will always be times when we don't agree. There will always be moments of misunderstanding or disagreement. And yes, there may be times when we act in ways that don't fully reflect the people we aspire to be. But here at Meanwood, we always come back to the same place: we forgive, we try to understand, and we work together for the greater good.
Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Chapman

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