



Meanwood CE Primary School

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Open Arms



Newsletter: 14
1.5.26

CARE Champions

Rec: Teddy T .

Year 1: Lakhiwe .

Year 2: Finley

Year 3: Summer D, Theo and Lenny

Year 4: Scarlett

Year 5: Hosea, Grace B and Arthur

Year 6: Zachary

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Open Minds: Protected Characteristic- Race

Monday: Bank Holiday- Enjoy!

Tuesday: Normal day in school.

Wednesday: Year 4 at Jorvik, York: 8:30am - 3:30pm.

Year 5 Refugee Workshop with the British Library: 9:15am - 11:15am.

Year 6 Refugee Workshop with the British Library: 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

Thursday: Normal day in school.

Friday: PTA Film Night: 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Tickets still available on Arbor. Please see attached poster for more details.

Attendance

Reception: 94% 😞

Year 1: 92.3% 😞

Year 2: 98.4% 😊

Year 3: 95% 😞

Year 4: 94.5% 😞

Year 5: 99% 😊

Year 6: 93.3% 😞

Whole School: 95.3% 😞

Well done year 5 you are this week's attendance champions.

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st: Year 5 - % active travel.

2nd: Reception - % active travel.

3rd: Year 2 - % active travel.

We are the the 3rd most active school in Leeds.

We are the 83rd in the country.

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General Notices

Meanwood Community Car Boot Sale

We are excited to share details of an upcoming Meanwood Community Car Boot Sale, organised in partnership between Holy Trinity Church, Meanwood Pre-School and our school. The event will take place on Thursday 13th June, from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the church car park, and promises to be a fun afternoon bringing our community together.

There are a limited number of seller spaces available (26 in total), priced at £10 per space. This is a fantastic opportunity to have a clear-out, sell any unwanted items and enjoy a relaxed, social event in the sunshine. A poster with further details is attached to this newsletter.

If you are interested in reserving a space, bookings will be available via Arbor from Monday. Please note that places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For the first week of sales, spaces will be exclusive to our school community. Any remaining spaces will then be opened up to the wider Meanwood community.

So, if you have some unwanted items and would like to get involved, why not join us and be part of this community event? We look forward to seeing you there.

Online Safety and Social Media Awareness

You may have seen recent discussions about the UK government exploring the possibility of restricting or banning access to social media for under-16s. This has highlighted growing concerns nationally about children's online safety and wellbeing. As a school, we recognise the pressures of modern society and the role technology plays in children's lives, but we also believe it is vital to work together to keep children safe online.

We would like to remind parents and carers to be aware of the minimum age limits on popular apps and platforms. For example, WhatsApp and Instagram both have a minimum age requirement of 13 years. These age limits are in place to help protect younger users and to ensure content and interactions are developmentally appropriate.

We encourage families to have regular conversations with their children about online behaviour, privacy and what to do if something online makes them feel uncomfortable. For further guidance and practical advice, the following trusted websites offer excellent support for parents and carers:

- NSPCC Online Safety - advice on apps, games and how to talk to children about staying safe online
- Internet Matters - clear guides, parental control tips and age-appropriate online safety advice

Walk to School Week: 18th-22nd May

As part of Walk to School Week, taking place from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May, we are encouraging all families to make the effort to walk to school every day during this week.

We understand that some families travel from a fair distance and that walking all the way may not always be possible. If that's the case, please consider parking a little further away - for example, at the church car park - and walking the remaining distance to school. Even leaving the car a few hundred metres away can make a real difference.

Walking to school has many benefits, including improving air quality, supporting children's health and wellbeing, and creating a safer environment around the school gates. Green Road is a very narrow and often congested area, and reducing traffic close to school will help keep everyone safe.

To celebrate the week, we are also Boogying to School on Thursday 21st May! Please join us at the bus terminus at 8:30am for a fun, active start to the school day. It's always a great way to arrive at school with smiles and positive energy.

Training Day: Friday 22nd May

Just a note that school will be closed to children on Friday 22nd May. This date has been allocated to staff training.

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General Notices

New Front Entrance Display: "I Wonder..."

We are delighted to share that we have a new display in the front entrance of the school called "I Wonder...". This display invites children to share their thoughts, ideas and questions about a range of interesting objects and prompts. Some of these reflections are faith-based, while others focus on the wider world around us.

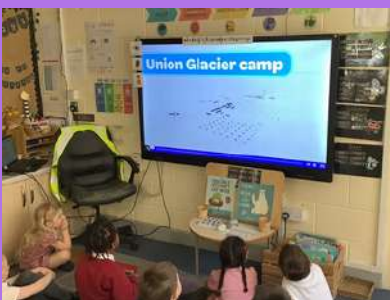
The aim of "I Wonder..." is to encourage children to pause, think more deeply and reflect on what they see and experience. Through this, we hope to help them become more attuned to themselves, to others, to the wider world, and to objects that are sacred or special. We warmly encourage families to take a moment to engage with the display when visiting school and to continue these thoughtful conversations at home.



Geography Day- Monday 27th April

The children had a fantastic time on Geography Day, held on Monday 27th April, when they went off timetable to explore a range of exciting geographical topics. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and curiosity as pupils immersed themselves in learning about different places around the world. Each year group focused on a different area: Year 1 explored Kenya, Year 3 travelled to Antarctica, Year 4 investigated deserts, and Year 6 studied the Amazon rainforest. The children enjoyed discovering contrasting climates, landscapes, wildlife and ways of life, and produced some excellent work as a result.

It was a valuable opportunity to spend time delving into some really interesting topics and to deepen our understanding of the wonderful planet we live on.



House Totals

Oak: 1320

Holly: 1366

Elm: 1165

Sycamore: 1119

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General Notices

PTA

Events for your diary

Movie Night - Friday 8 May (tickets on Arbor now - see attached poster)

Summer Fair - Friday 26 June

Fun Run - Sunday 28 June (2pm - 4pm)

Ice lolly sale - big thank you to reception parents and carers for donating and selling the ice lollies after school today.

Summer fair - It may only be the first day of May, however that means that the summer fair is next month! We will start to discuss and finalise plans for stalls between now and half term break at the end of May. If you would like to be involved, please let your class rep know!

Tim's Running the Leeds Half Marathon

Miss O'Dwyer's partner (Tim) is running in the Leeds Half Marathon next weekend in aid of The Leeds Well School Partnership. The Leeds Well School Partnership is committed to supporting the health, wellbeing, and personal development of every child across our schools. Their belief is that when children feel well, they learn well - and that wellbeing lies at the heart of successful learning communities. This year, they are placing a special focus on projects that empower girls and enhance opportunities for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Through tailored programmes, inclusive activities, and collaborative wellbeing initiatives, they aim to ensure that every young person feels valued, supported, and able to thrive. Your donation to Tim's run will help us continue this vital work - providing resources, workshops, and experiences that nurture confidence, resilience, and equality for all. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of children across Leeds.

Meanwood are part of the Leeds Well School Partnership and we have benefited massively from their offer.

If you would like to sponsor Tim please click on the following link, it would be much appreciated.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/tim-halliwell-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Netball

Well done to our netball team for their fantastic effort in the final league game on Tuesday night. The team showed great determination and teamwork as they played against Immaculate Heart, Wigton Moor, and Gledhow Primary School.

It was a brilliant way to round off the league, and we are very proud of how everyone represented the school. We now look forward to receiving the final league results—fingers crossed for a strong finish!

A group of year 6 children also attended a Netball Bee event at Allerton High School this week. They had a great time, showing good team spirit and sportsmanship.



Parent and Carer Prayer Group

We are happy to announce that the parent and carer prayer group will be restarting next Friday 8th May, 2:30pm in the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome.

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Protected Characteristics

This week and last week in school, we have been learning about protected characteristics and reflecting on how we can be more understanding, respectful and welcoming of one another. We have also been celebrating the wonderful fact that we are all unique, valued and special – each of us created in God's image.

Dear God,

Thank you for creating each one of us just as we are. Thank you for our differences, our strengths and the things that make us unique. Help us to be kind and understanding towards one another, to listen carefully, to respect everyone we meet, and to celebrate the fact that we are all wonderfully made.

Guide us to see the good in others, to stand up for fairness, and to remember that we are all valued and loved – your special creations.

Amen.

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A note from Mr Chapman

It has been a fantastic week, both in terms of the lovely weather and all that has been happening in school.

At the moment, we are having a strong focus on presentation and handwriting across the school. Each class now has a Presentation Pledge, written by the class teachers, which clearly sets out the expectations for work in books.

The children's books are looking very good, and we are extremely proud of the effort they are putting in. Working neatly all of the time is not always easy, but it has been wonderful to see how positively the children are approaching this focus, showing resilience, an open mind and a determination not to give up.

We hope you all have a lovely, sunny Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Chapman

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