

Meanwood

CE Primary School

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Open Arms



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CARE Champions

Reception: Romilly P-S and Leny.

Year 1: Winter.

Year 2: Mariia.

Year 3: Kayla.

Year 4: Heidi .

Year 5: Reuben, Ela and Darcy.

Year 6: Jayden .

Astrid P-S completed 380 mins of TT
Rockstars this week: a school record.

Next Week in a Nutshell

Christian Focus: Open Hearts: How to be Humble

Monday: Year 3 Football Tournament at Goals in Seacroft- 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Children involved have been informed.

Tuesday: First-Aid Training in school for staff all day.

Reception trip to Holy Trinity Church- 1:00pm - 2:30pm.

Wednesday: First-Aid Training in school for staff all day.

Thursday: Charity of the Year Collective Worship- 9:00am - 9:30am.

Open Afternoon for prospective reception parents 2027- 1:30pm - 3:00pm.

Girls football match vs Gledhow (away)- 3:30pm - 4:45pm. Children involved have been informed.

Friday: Normal day in school.

Attendance

Reception: 94.8% 😞

Year 1: 99% 🏆

Year 2: 98.7% 😊

Year 3: 98.1% 😊

Year 4: 94.7% 😞

Year 5: 96.8% 😊

Year 6: 97.7% 😊

Whole School: 97.1% 😊

Well done year 1, you are this week's attendance champions.

Sustainable Travel to School

Top 3 Classes...

1st. Year 5 100% active travel.

2nd. Year 4 93% active travel.

3rd. Year 2 90% active travel.

We are the 2nd most active school in Leeds.
We are 97th most active school in the country.

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General Notices

School Council

Earlier this term, children across the school took part in electing their new School Council representatives. The process began with candidates putting themselves forward and completing an application before delivering a speech to their classmates, explaining why they felt they would be a strong representative for their class.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who showed the courage and confidence to put their names forward. Speaking in front of peers can be daunting, and every candidate should be commended for their enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to contribute to school life.

The successful candidates were announced during this morning's Celebration Collective Worship, and we would like to congratulate each of them on their appointment. We are sure that our new School Councillors will serve both their classes and the wider school community well, helping to ensure that pupil voice continues to play an important role in shaping life at school.



PTA

As you will have seen from the email this week, we have finalised the dates for a number of events between now and Christmas and we look forward to your support in making them a success.

We also have finalised the Committee and Class Reps for the year ahead and I thank everyone who volunteered for a role.

Upcoming Key Dates:

Family Quiz Night - Saturday 17 October, 5pm, Holy Trinity Community Hall - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Miss it - miss out! Back for a third year, Lizzie Pank and Chris Balding are saying it will be 'bigger and better' than last year. There are a maximum of 100 tickets available, buy them quickly as demand is usually high!

Rock and Roll Bingo (at the Mrytle Pub) - Thursday 26 November.

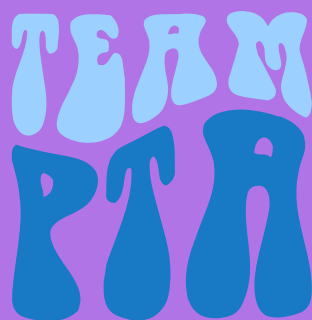
Christmas Fair - Friday 27 November

Cake Sales:

Yr5 - 16 Oct

Yr4 - 13 Nov

Yr3 - 11 Dec



House Points

Oak: 661

Elm: 637

Holly: 703

Sycamore: 603

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First Aid Training in School Next Week

Next week, a number of our staff will be undertaking First Aid training as part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the highest standards of care and safety for all children. As a result, on Tuesday and Wednesday we will be operating with a skeleton staff team, both inside and outside the classroom.

Please be assured that all arrangements have been carefully planned and that the needs of every child will continue to be fully supported throughout these two days. However, there may be occasions when staff are covering different roles or working across year groups, so we would be grateful for your patience and understanding.

In fact, even I will be rolling up my sleeves and taking the reins in Year 6 for one of the days! While it will certainly be a busy couple of days, we are looking forward to further strengthening our staff team's First Aid knowledge and skills for the benefit of all our children.

Jeffrey Bookye

As a result of being one of the schools in Leeds with the highest participation rates in the Summer Reading Challenge, we were honoured to welcome author Jeffrey Bookye to deliver a special assembly for our Key Stage 2 children.

Jeffery was truly inspirational. His highly interactive assembly captivated both children and adults alike as he introduced us to Kofi, the main character from his popular book series. With a brilliant 1990s gameshow-style format, the session was packed with energy, humour and thought-provoking moments that kept everyone engaged from beginning to end.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and came away feeling inspired to read, write and explore new stories. Such was the impact of the visit that we will definitely be purchasing some of Jeffery's books for our school library so that more children can enjoy his fantastic work.

A huge well done to everyone who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. Your enthusiasm and commitment to reading helped make this wonderful opportunity possible, and your efforts have benefitted the whole school community.



Holly the Hamster

After a couple of years loyal service to the school, Holly the Hamster has passed away. She spent her final months at Mrs Caldwell's house. Holly brought joy and happiness to a number of children's lives. Thanks for the memories Holly.

Football Matches

Our football teams have represented the school brilliantly this week with two fixtures taking place. On Monday, our Under-10 team played against Immaculate Heart. Although the result did not go in our favour, the team showed tremendous determination, courage and resilience throughout the match. They never gave up, continued to work hard for one another and represented the school with great pride. I was incredibly proud of their attitude and commitment from start to finish. Onto the next match!

On Thursday, our girls' team took on St Urban's in a truly dramatic encounter. After falling 3-0 behind, the girls showed outstanding character and refused to let their heads drop. Through hard work, teamwork and perseverance, they battled back to earn a fantastic 3-3 draw. Brooke scored two excellent goals, while Darcy added another to complete the comeback. It was an excellent performance and a wonderful example of determination and never giving up in the face of a challenge.

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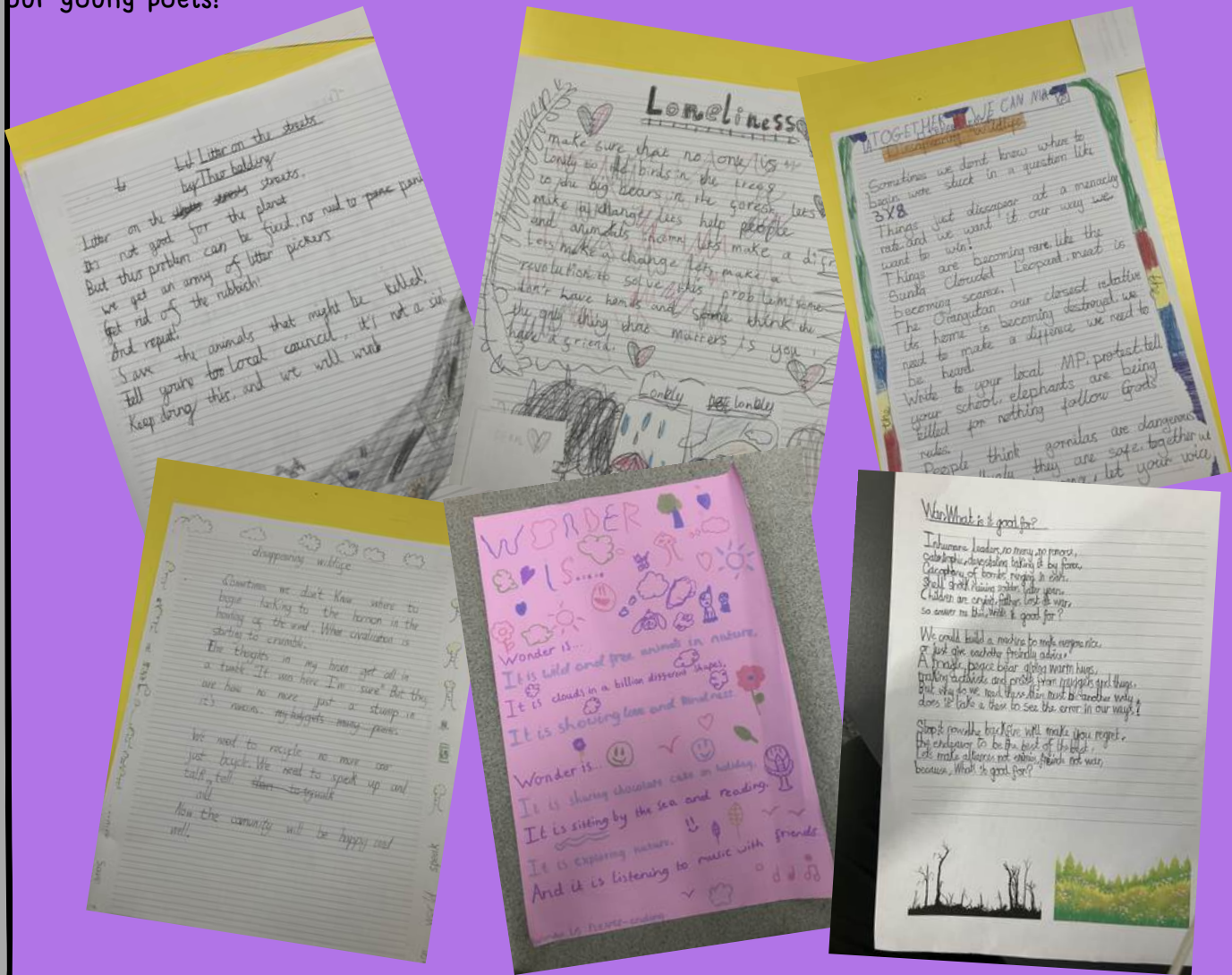
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National Poetry Day: Thursday 1st October

On Thursday 1st October, the children enjoyed a fantastic National Poetry Day celebration. The whole school took part in an online workshop led by Michael Rosen, the world-famous author of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. Inspired by this year's theme of Wonder, the children explored their creativity and produced some truly amazing poems.

It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and imagination on display throughout the day. Many children were so inspired that they continued writing poems at home, which was fantastic to hear. From thoughtful reflections to imaginative verses, the quality of the children's work was outstanding. It was a brilliant day filled with creativity, curiosity and a real love of language. Well done to all of our young poets!



Black History Month

October is Black History Month, and throughout the month every class will be using the curriculum to celebrate the achievements and contributions of influential and inspiring Black role models, both past and present.

Children will explore a range of individuals and their stories through a variety of learning opportunities, including pieces of writing, artwork and Collective Worship. These activities will provide valuable opportunities for children to learn about resilience, achievement, equality and the positive impact that individuals can have on society.

We are looking forward to celebrating this special month as a school community and sharing examples of the children's learning and creativity. Please keep an eye on our emails, newsletters and Facebook page, where we will be showcasing the wonderful work taking place across school throughout October.

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Open Hearts- Harvest.

This week in Collective Worship we have been learning about Harvest and reflecting on how the donations we give can make a real difference to others. In particular, we have been thinking about the important work of the Meanwood Pantry and the support it provides to individuals and families within our local community.

The children have explored how even small acts of generosity can have a significant impact. Through our Harvest donations. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Harvest collection.

Dear God,

Thank You for the food we eat, the homes we live in and the many blessings You give us each day. Help us to remember to be generous with what we have. Bless the work of the Meanwood Pantry and all those who use it. May our donations bring hope, comfort and encouragement to people in our community. Help us to have open hearts, willing hands and caring spirits, so that we can make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Amen

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A note from Mr Chapman

What a great week it has been at Meanwood CE! Although the weather has been a little unusual, wearing T-shirts and shorts in October is certainly something new for many of us.

This week, I particularly enjoyed Thursday's National Poetry Day activities. It was wonderful to see the children being so creative, imaginative and enthusiastic. The quality of their ideas, writing and discussions was fantastic, and it was clear just how much they enjoyed the opportunity to explore language in different ways.

As a school, these are the kinds of opportunities we are looking to embrace more in the future. While the experiences and learning opportunities we already provide are fabulous, we recognise the value of occasionally stepping away from the usual timetable and giving both children and staff the chance to learn, explore and create in a different way. These moments often spark curiosity, creativity and a real love of learning, and extending these opportunities is certainly something worth exploring further.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend with your families. Let's see whether October decides to show its true colours weather-wise next week!

Mr Chapman

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