Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School Newsletter 9/10/26

"With God's help, we do all we can to be the best we can be"

This half-term our weekly message from Wheatley Lane Methodist Church is written by Mrs Brassington.

Hello,
I love the garden at the back of my house. I try to compensate for its clay soil, its areas of shade, its extremes of sogginess and dust-bowl dryness. I add to it regularly with the pinks, purples, blues and white colours I love.
Last week I opened my curtains and saw a tall orange flower bud pushing through my colours and I knew I hadn't put it there. As the sun grew warmer it opened and flaunted its difference. I was initially annoyed but then entranced. I don't know how this bloom got there but, very quickly, I became appreciative of
the contrast it presented.
There's a message in this somewhere, perhaps the realisation that we are not in control and that God sows little surprises into our lives - events and encounters with others - that might be brighter, richer and more rewarding than our limited imaginations can foresee. Perhaps we can view the world more appreciatively if we can be open to new people, places and situations and find beauty and harmony where we at first saw difference.

Loving Lord,
This world is your palette and you splash across it the beauty and richness of variety of plant, animal and human life. Your people present different backgrounds, different experiences, different hopes, dreams and opportunities. You are a generous gardener to your creation, making space for all and rejoicing in growing harmony.
Widen our narrowness to let in joy.
Amen.

Love from Mrs. B x

Diary Dates

13/10/26 Photographs

15/10/26 at 8:55 Hall
Y2 leading worship

20/10/26
Y4 parents evening
2:30pm-6pm



22/10/26 at 8:55 Hall
Y1 leading worship

22/10/26 2:30pm-6pm Hall
Parents' Evening for Rec,
Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6



School Council

We have been busy voting for our new school councillors. Mr Metcalfe is looking forward to working with you all to make our school even better. A huge well done to:

Year 1 - Elliot and Harriet
Year 2 - Poppy and George
Year 3 - Ted and Phoebe
Year 4 - Prunella and Arthur
Year 5 - Leo and Ariana
Year 6 - Lucia, Harry and Emily. After two rounds of voting, they just couldn't be split so we are thrilled to have all three!

What's been happening in school this week?

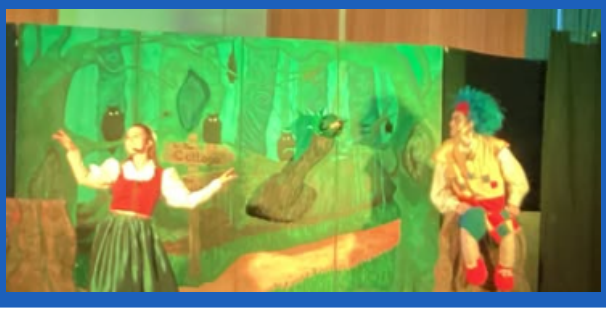
It's been a busy week at Wheatley Lane. M&M productions visited us on Monday. We all loved watching Snow White and had a great afternoon. Infinite Eight - Marvel at the Masters.
On Wednesday, Chris from Edukid told us all about Boniface and Esther (the children we sponsor in Uganda). We watched a film clip of the school in Uganda and learnt how to drum and dance. Infinite Eight - Walk a while in someone's shoes.
Y3 led a wonderful harvest worship in church on Thursday morning. What lovely loud voices they have! Thank you so much for your generous donations for the food bank. Infinite Eight - Be a helping hand
Year 2 met their new friends from Whitefield Infants at The Muni in Colne and took part in different activities to get to know each other. Infinite Eight - Be part of a top team













Headteacher's Award

This half-term our value is friendship. Mrs Butterfield and Wesley will decide which child receives the Headteacher's award for demonstrating friendship.
They will be able to take Wesley home for the weekend and write a prayer if they would like to and we will share it in our Monday morning worship.

This week Wesley, is going home with:

Leo Y5

Leo is a friend to everyone, always acting with care and compassion

Thank you Leo

Weekly Awards

Being the best I can be

Teachers will be choosing someone each week who lives out our school vision:
"With God's help, we do all we can to be the best we can be"

REC	Tobias P - Fantastic handwriting and trying really hard in all his work
Y1	Finn - Keeping going when things are challenging and showing fantastic effort this week
Y2	Athena - Making new friends, building positive connections with others and wholeheartedly embracing the Building Bridges project
Y3	All Y3 - An amazing harvest worship. You spoke beautifully, sang wonderfully and represented our school brilliantly
Y4	Harriet R - Always presenting her work well, taking care and making sure it is the best it can be
Y5	Clara - Being a role model of the school values and The Wheatley Way
Y6	Orla - always trring to be the best she can be and producing a fantastic World War Two poem

Attendance Matters



Be on time for quarter to nine!

Photographs

The photographer is in school on Tuesday 13th October. Children may come in uniform or their own clothes depending on what you would like them to wear in the photograph. Please ensure footwear is suitable for school and bring their coat.

If you have a younger child who is not yet at school and you would like a family photo, please come to the school hall at 8:30am.

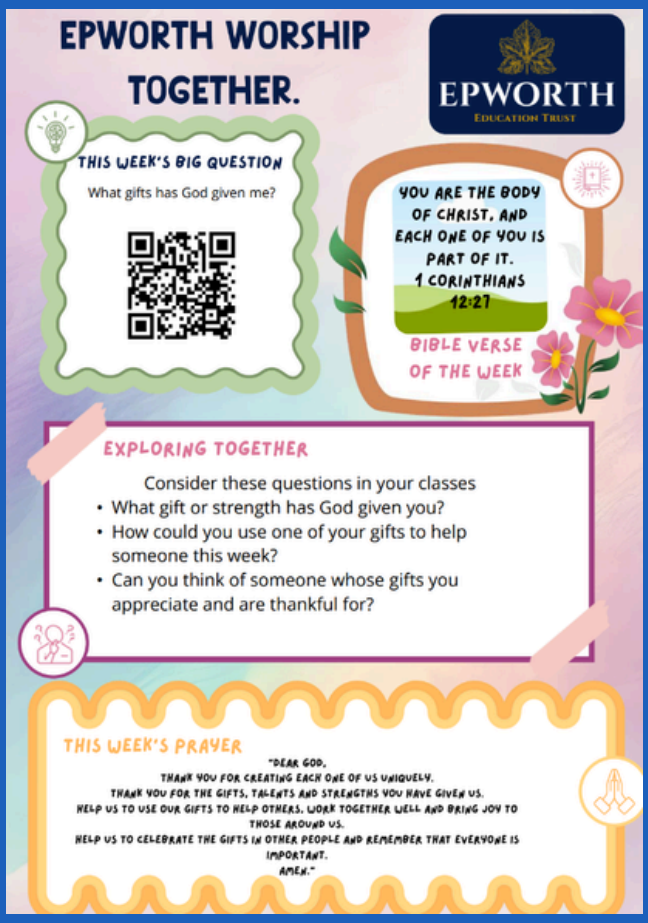


Absence from school

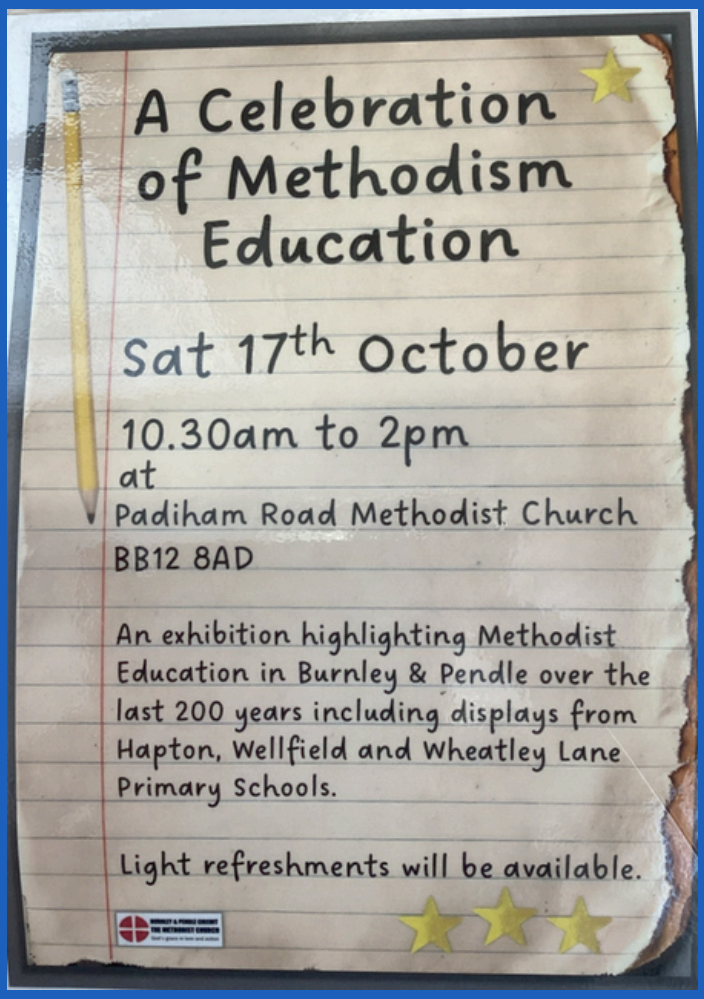
To report your child's absence, please leave a message on the school answerphone before 8:45am with your child's name, year group and reason for absence. If your child is ill, please tell us what is wrong e.g. sickness bug rather than unwell.
For sickness or diarrhoea, your child must remain at home for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.
If your child has an appointment, please show the office staff the appointment card or text. We kindly ask that all routine appointments are booked outside of the school day.

Epworth Worship Together

Each week, a Trust school or member of staff leads worship for everyone in Epworth Trust. We watch these every Friday and share them with our wider school family.
This week's worship is led by Hey with Zion - 'What gifts has God given me?' There is a QR code to scan to watch. There are also ideas for activities you can do at home linked to this week's theme.






A Celebration of Methodism Education
Sat 17th October
10.30am to 2pm
at
Padiham Road Methodist Church
BB12 8AD
An exhibition highlighting Methodist Education in Burnley & Pendle over the last 200 years including displays from Hapton, Wellfield and Wheatley Lane Primary Schools.
Light refreshments will be available.


Wheatley Lane Methodist School
Methodist Education Celebration
in
Wheatley Lane Methodist Church
for the local community
on
Thursday 15th October
2-4.30pm
We invite you to an exhibition to celebrate Methodist education in Wheatley Lane School over the years.
Please bring your own memories including photos etc of the school to share with others whilst having a cake and a coffee.

Wellbeing


OUT OF MY CONTROL
www.SocialWorkersToolbox.com
What other people think of me
Other people's moods
What has already happened
Other people's choices
IN MY CONTROL
How I speak to myself
Where I put my energy
What I say yes and no to
The boundaries I set
What I do next
How I respond
Whether someone understands me
What might happen next