

OUR FRIDAY ROUND UP OF THE WEEK!

Spring 1 Weeks 5 and 6

Gospel Value of the Half Term: Hope

British Value of the Half Term: Rule of Law

PSHE Whole School Theme: Living in the Wider World and Media Literacy and Digital Resilience.

Some of the highlights of our very busy last two weeks are:

Rainbow Fish Class: In PE were being shadows. After their stretching, they needed to carefully watch their partner and copy their moves. They were so good at this, and made a long line and followed Miss Wilson.

Seahorse Class: Were lucky enough to have another visit from a different dentist. Claire and Emma from Lancashire Smiles Dental Practice came to talk all things teeth. They looked at how to brush our teeth, talked about anxiety around visiting the dentist and the importance of getting our teeth checked!

Turtle Class: Have really enjoyed debuting our latest musical performance of ABBA's Mamma Mia in their Lancashire Music Service Lessons.

Dolphin Class: Over the past couple of weeks, have been completing activities to do with sustainability. 'Dennis to the rescue!' is a school programme that teaches the children all about zero waste and how to be sustainable

Shark Class: In art this week have been looking at different viewpoints of an object as part of their work on cubism. They mixed our paints, varying the tones, in order to paint the fruit . WE ARE ARTISTS!

Spot Light On: ONLINE SAFETY

Online safety requires active, open conversations, not just restrictions. Set up age-appropriate parental controls, keep devices in shared spaces, and teach children to never share personal details or meet online-only friends in person. Encourage them to report, block, and tell a trusted adult if anything upsets them.

Key Tips for Parents:

- **Keep Communication Open:** Regularly ask children what games they play and sites they visit to build trust, ensuring they feel comfortable telling you if something goes wrong.
- **Set Ground Rules:** Establish clear rules, such as no devices in bedrooms at night, time limits, and checking with you before downloading apps.

- **Use Technical Protections:** Set up [parental controls](#) on devices, routers, and game consoles to filter content.
- **Protect Privacy:** Teach children to use nicknames, hide passwords, and understand that anything posted online can be copied or seen by strangers.
- **Spot Signs of Trouble:** Be aware of changes in behavior, such as becoming withdrawn or secretive about screen time.
- **Use Trusted Resources:** For more help, visit the [NSPCC](#) or [UK Safer Internet Centre](#).

SMART Rule for Children (Encourage them to follow this):

- **Safe:** Keep personal information secret.
- **Meeting:** Meeting online friends can be dangerous; only do so with a parent.
- **Accepting:** Do not accept emails/messages from people you don't know.
- **Reliable:** Someone online might be lying.
- **Tell:** Tell a parent or trusted adult if something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

LINKS FOR LOCAL FAMILY HUBS:

<https://lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs/>

ATTENDANCE SUPPORT:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zjnby9q>

GOSPEL HEROES:

Our focus has been: 'I can be an inspiration in Maths', 'I can be hopeful' the Wesham Way! Congratulations to our Gospel Heroes. We enjoyed celebrating your character strengths in Church with our school family.

SECRETLY FAMOUS:

Congratulations to our 'Secretly Famous' children this week. There were some inspiring nominations, and we hope you have seen their special video being played in our school hall. We look forward to seeing who will be FAMOUS next and give a huge thank you to Mrs Davey and Year 5 for getting this up and running in our school!

https://www.facebook.com/secretlyfamousuk?locale=en_GB

LATEST PTFA UPDATES:

Friday, 13th March our after school Mother's Day event! (See Class Dojo Calendar).

Volunteers ALWAYS wanted please EMAIL "friendsofweshamptfa@yahoo.com" OR VIA CLASS DOJO IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP FOR ANY EVENTS. THANK YOU! The link below is also a great way for you to help our PTFA fundraising when you shop online!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/medlarwithweshamceps>

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to get further updates of fabulous learning taking place in our school.

We would LOVE as many of our school family and wider community to FOLLOW us as possible!

<https://www.facebook.com/MedlarWeshamCE>

It's been a fabulous end to the half term with Children's Mental Health Week and Online Safety Day. The children are becoming more confident and resilient in understanding how they can look after their mental health and stay safe online and we hope that by posting about parental advice on these subjects that this supports you at home to reinforce these messages too.

A huge thank you to our Year 6 children, who helped out at Parents' Evening after school and thank you to all our families who came to celebrate the achievements of their child at this midway point in the year.

We wish everyone a wonderful half term holiday and look forward to being back together on Monday 23rd February from 8:25 am. Don't forget, we host a FREE breakfast club every day from this time. We have had a shakeup of our Breakfast Club menu – **THANK YOU TO THE MULTI TALENTED MRS TAALA**, offering a variety of different foods each day. We follow the school's food standards guidelines, ensuring we serve a healthy mixture of foods every day. The children particularly enjoy 'Hashbrown Friday!'. A brilliant way to end the week and a half term full of amazing achievements. Thank you as always to our dedicated staff who work tirelessly and are very much looking forward to this half term break!

Kind regards,
Mrs Panther and all the staff.

Our Christian Vision Mission Statement:

We are a loving, caring, distinctively Christian family, providing an excellent education in a safe, happy environment, where every individual is valued as a child of God.