

# WESTLEIGH FAMILY START WELL CENTRE

Westleigh Start Well Family Centre would like to extend a warm welcome to all our members, partners and those linked to the schools in the Trust

Just look at all the things that are coming up at our Westleigh Start Well Family Centre and in our communities of Leigh, Lowton and Golborne. Don't forget to get in touch on 01942 777705 if you would like any further information.

'Let's Talk to your Baby' project will be delivered by our Early Years Play Workers in conjunction with Speech and Language Therapists to upskill staff on language development in very young children and offer support to families at an early stage.



'Scoot Fit' is a new project that helps children to become physically active whilst having fun with their peers using scooters in a variety of ways.

Did you know ... using a scooter can be regarded as a core activity helping develop and improve agility, balance, co-ordination, muscle strength and endurance greatly benefiting any other sporting activity?

'Parents in Partnership' project, is a highly successful programme for parents and 2 year old children to help with transition into preschool settings and parenting strategies at home. The sessions use a 'book as a hook' to help develop children's skills in mark making, reading, maths and creative activities.



**Holiday Hunger** offers provision for children aged 5 and over and promotes healthy lifestyles in conjunction with a range of partners such as Inspiring healthy lifestyles, Multi Sports, Street Dance, Wigan Athletic Community Trust – Football / Multi Sports, Wigan Warriors Community Foundation – Rugby / Multi Sports, Wigan Youth Zone – Play and Arts over key holidays through the academic year.

Contact us on 01942 777705 or call in to collect one of our activity timetables

Westleigh Start Well Family Centre, Westleigh Lane, Leigh WN7 5NJ

Don't forget to access our Westleigh Start Well Family Centre Facebook page for information and upcoming events. Please respond to any questions we might post as we really value your feedback and you can help to influence the services we provide or you can even get involved yourselves!

# Acorn Trust Newsletter



Summer 2017

Welcome to our 3rd Trust Newsletter which updates you on the news of the schools and organisations within the Trust. Enjoy reading about all the exciting events and success we have to share with you.

## Pop UK

What a great way to end the year with a joint celebration. The Pop UK concert was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and was an amazing success. The children from Bedford Hall and Westleigh came together to perform with passion and gusto to a packed out hall at Westleigh High School. Each school had worked separately the week before and had learnt the songs in 3 days before recording an album at the end of the week. The songs learnt each have a message in them, such as being special or caring for others.

It was amazing to see an audience of 500 people enthusiastically joining in and doing some moves. I'm sure you made the children very proud.



Please see the website [www.acorntrust.org.uk](http://www.acorntrust.org.uk) for further information

# Bedford Hall Methodist Primary



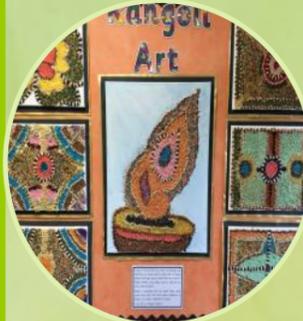
## Music

Year 3 took part with the music service in Let's Sing. They were an absolute credit to themselves and the school when they performed in a concert with other schools from Wigan and then back in school for pupils. Year 4 and 3 have been working with the music service on the Camerata project working alongside two musicians over a number of weeks. They have been invited to attend a performance in July.



## World Faith Day

World Faith Day was very successful day appreciated by all. The children took part in Indian dance workshops and they were enjoyed from Nursery class to year 6 class. Pupils took part in 'Rangoli art' workshops and produced a final piece of art work from EYF's and then each year group. The 'Rangoli art' display looks wonderful. We would like to thank Prags the artist who worked with us for her input and friends of Bedford for their contribution to her work in school. Children produced some excellent pieces of work on various religions studied over the day which are on display in school and recorded in a floor book which can be seen in the school entrance going into the hall.



## Reflection areas

The Christian Values that have been introduced to each year group through their reflection area, in class teaching and visits by Rev Andrew Bradley who has worked after chapel assemblies with classes on their specific value. This has been recorded in Reflection Floor books which demonstrate the work, thoughts and concepts around their understanding of this class value.

## Rainbow day

Children enjoyed a number of experiences over the day. Friends of Bedford supported again by working with pupils on a whole school art piece which is still ongoing and celebrates being inclusive. The piece encourages us "to not judge others until we have walked in their footsteps". We look forward to the finished piece!



## Forest Schools

Forest School has been a great success with year 3 and 4 pupils who have really relished the opportunities and experiences they have undertaken in the outdoors. This has given hands on experiences that has developed team skills and resilience in our pupils.

## Trips and visitors

Bedford has as always had a range of visits and visitors to school. Children enjoy the WOW's and hooks that teachers plan with creative flair such as year 1 who recently who took part in a tea party for the Queen.

Year 5 went on a residential to Windmarleigh Hall (PGL) which was a great success. Pupils took part in a wide ranges of activities and demonstrated resilience and a growth mindset. They worked well in teams and had a good attitude to the challenge of new experiences.



# Westleigh Methodist Primary



## Talent Spotting at Westleigh

Following the success of last year's talent show, we can't wait to discover new and exciting talent at Westleigh's Got Talent 2017. Pupils are preparing for their auditions in the hope of making it through to the live final where 4 famous judges will be watching! I hear on the grape vine that staff have also been practising in hope of receiving their 5 minutes of fame!



## We are still loving Books...

My Book Blog is growing from strength to strength and feedback from parents, pupils, staff and governors is telling us that Westleigh pupils are excited about reading books.



## Can you see into the future?

It was great to see so many parents coming into class with their children to get involved in our 'Vision for the Future' planning session. Parents provided so many great ideas about ways school can prepare our future generation in the rapidly changing world in which we live. The future looks bright and Westleigh are excited about raising the bar once again to give our children the best education and experiences they deserve!



## Maths No Problem

Maths is certainly no problem for us at Westleigh. To celebrate our developing mathematicians in school we recently held a maths dressing up day. Captain Conjecture flew in up to set some tricky riddles for the children to solve. Even the teachers' brains were pushed to the limit.

A maths parent workshop was also well attended to find out how our new maths programme works to help children solve challenging problems using simple techniques!

