



Wenlock's Weekly Round-Up

'With God's love, we are lights for the world.'

This Term's Value is:

Generosity



KEY DATES

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! It's wonderful to see our school community reunited, and I'm delighted to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Year 3 children and their families joining us for the first time.

What an exciting and successful first week we've had! I've been thoroughly impressed by how beautifully all our children have settled into their classes and routines. The energy and enthusiasm around school has been wonderful to see, and it's clear that both returning pupils and our new arrivals are ready for a fantastic year ahead.

Our Year 3 children have made a brilliant start, quickly finding their way around and making new friends. It's been a joy to watch them grow in confidence with each passing day.

I'm excited about the opportunities this year will bring for all our children. Thank you for your continued support in helping your children settle back into school life – it makes such a difference.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Warm regards,

Mrs Clark - Headteacher (Interim)

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to last year's **Lunar class** for achieving **98.93%** attendance before the end of year! Fantastic effort! Keep it up! Our school attendance target is **97%** each week. Our school attendance last academic year was **96.11%**

Remember:

- 1 day off = 5 lessons missed
- 1 week off = 25 lessons missed

Regular attendance is key to your child's learning and progress.

WELCOME BACK!

WELCOME BACK

17th September

Beef Burger in a Bun

Homemade Veggie Burger in
a Bun
with

Homemade Wedges
Green Salad
and

Sparkle
Sprinkle Cookie





Scrumptious Desserts on our first day back



Scrumptious Desserts on our first day back

ASPENS SCHOOL DINNERS

Aspen's seasonal calendar features a different fruit or vegetable each month. Mrs Dempsey, our kitchen manager, decorates the featured produce to make it fun and engaging for the children. This month celebrates leeks!

Septembers's Special Event: Homemade Beef Burgers! The special menu is on the 17th of September, featuring a Sprinkle Cookie for dessert. There's also a lucky plate to be found! Children should look under their plates to see if they've won the prize. Good luck!

September

The vegetable of the month is a...

LEEK

Meals cost
£2.90



Mrs Dempsey's gorgeous display

PARENT INFORMATION



HOMEWORK GRIDS

Homework grids for Year 3, 4 and 5 will be sent home and published on the school website next week.



UNIFORM REMINDER

As the weather gets cooler and wetter in the run up to Autumn, children will be required to have a suitable waterproof jacket for the playground during break and lunch times. Please make sure all uniform items, especially jumpers and jackets, are clearly labelled with your child's name. Without a name label, we cannot return lost items to their owner. Thank you for your support.



PE TIMETABLE

Omega: Wednesday & Friday

Alpha: Wednesday & Friday

Genesis: Wednesday & Friday

Vesper: Monday & Wednesday

Alina: Monday & Friday

Aurora: Monday & Wednesday

Stellar: Tuesday & Thursday

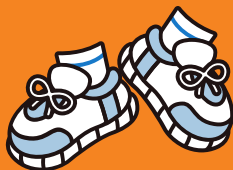
Lunar: Tuesday & Thursday

Solar: Tuesday & Thursday

Aquarium: Monday & Thursday

Aviary: Monday & Thursday

Arboreal: Monday & Thursday



Lunch Money

Please top up dinner money payments in advance of your child having a school dinner.

The cost of school dinners is as follows:

£2.75 per day or £13.75 per week.

If you have a query relating to dinner money payment, you can contact the finance team at:

admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk



September

GENEROSITY

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value GENEROSITY. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Generosity

When we think about **generosity** we usually think about being **generous** with money or possessions. However, we can also be **generous** with our time, our gifts and our abilities.

Generous people often say that they receive much more than they give. Perhaps this is because when someone is **generous** to us, it makes us want to be **generous** in return. The opposite of being **generous** is being selfish. What kind of person would you prefer to have as a friend?

- How would you describe yourself on this scale?

Selfish ←————→ Generous
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- Where would other members of your family put you on the scale and what are their reasons?
- Who is the most **generous** person you know?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"God loves a cheerful giver"

2 Corinthians 9:7

New King James Version® of the Bible



QUIZ

Lost Letters

Which letters are missing from the alphabet? Arrange them to make a word from the story.



READ TOGETHER...

The Widow's Mite

Jesus had been teaching in the Temple. But now he sat down near the treasury and watched as the many visitors to the Temple passed by and dropped money into the collecting box to help with God's work.

The rich men dressed in fine robes threw in handfuls of coins as they passed, without a thought. But then a poor widow came by, paused, and placed just two mites (tiny coins) into the box.

Jesus called his disciples to him and told them what he had seen.

Then he said to them, "Let me tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those people who threw many coins into the treasury. The wealthy men gave just a small part of their riches which made no difference to them. But the widow gave all that she had."

You see, God is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than the size of their gift.

Bible story based on Mark 12: 41-44

A Mite in Jesus' time was a small brass coin worth 1/128th of a denarius. Typically a labourer was paid 1 denarius for a day's work.



In Britain, many years ago, a coin called a mite was in general use and worth half a farthing, a very tiny amount of money.



x l s h k
d b f p j
k r y
u q a
w z j g c
o s n v

☆ HALL OF FAME

A Generous Saint

Nicholas grew up long ago in a poor part of Turkey. His father earned just enough to provide for the needs of his family but many people in the town were extremely poor.

One day something extraordinary happened. A wealthy relative, who Nicholas barely knew, suddenly died and left him a vast fortune. Overnight Nicholas became rich, so rich that he felt very uncomfortable about having so much money when many of the townsfolk barely had enough to eat. But Nicholas knew that the families were proud and they would not want to accept money that they had not earned. He needed to find a way to help them in secret.

So in the dark of night, Nicholas crept through the town leaving parcels of food, clothing and money for the families most in need. He helped one family with three daughters several times. The father was so curious about the mysterious benefactor, that he was determined to stay awake and discover who was being so **generous**. As Nicholas quietly left his gift at the door of their tiny home the man leapt out and chased Nicholas until he finally caught up. Nicholas was embarrassed and begged the man not to give away his secret. The father promised. But he was so happy and grateful that he just couldn't help telling people, and soon the whole town knew about Nicholas' **generosity**.

Nicholas continued to live in the same town and he continued to be **generous** to every one in need. Every December he rewarded the children who had been good during the year by secretly delivering presents whilst they were asleep. To this day Nicholas is remembered in countries across the world when children receive gifts on December 5th, St Nicholas' Day.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



The Generositree

The fruit of the generositree are blessings.

Think of something **generous** that you could do that would bless someone and make them happy. Then do it.

Design and make a colourful exotic looking fruit to represent the blessing and take it to school to hang on the Generositree.



FAMILY FOCUS

Secret St Nick

Each member of the family could decide on someone that they think deserves a special present. Find some pots for each person and begin to save a small amount each week.

When December comes buy presents that will make your special person smile or that they will find useful. Wrap the gifts as creatively as you can and write their name on a homemade label. Deliver in secret on 5th December, St Nicholas' Day.



FASCINATING FACTS

Leading the Pack

Lieutenant Baden-Powell was a brave soldier in the British Army and served in India and Africa. He was an expert in wilderness survival skills, like hunting, making fires and building rafts. To help new soldiers he wrote a small manual. A version of this became 'Scouting for Boys' and gave him the idea of setting up the Scouting movement.

Today, worldwide, millions of children and young people are Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows.

- In the UK over 160,000 volunteers run Scouting and Guiding groups
- They **generously** give over 20 million hours of service each year
- Many parents also use their skills to help children to earn badges

