



William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 10th September 2021

News...

- **Welcome back** everyone to a new academic year and what a huge delight it is to be back in school with the children and staff able to mix again and no social distancing required. It has been wonderful to see the children around the school passing in corridors, eating their lunch together and playing together. The children have returned very happy and ready for their learning. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and were able to get a break away from home.
- **Lunchtimes** have been a little stressful for staff trying to get the children through, it would help us enormously if all parents complete the fortnightly lunch choice menu as it takes us considerable time trying to find out what these children want and often what they want, we do not have left which results in upset children. If you need help completing the form, please contact the office.
- At the **start and the end of the day** we trialed staggering the times for each year group, however we have found that this has not worked due to so many siblings being in younger year groups. Teachers have also said that those children arriving at 8.40am, are taking longer to get ready for learning. From Monday we will **return to an 8.40am start time** for all children and **3.10pm finish** time. The school gate and library door will open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. Please ensure your child arrives before 8.40am. We will continue with Yrs 4, 5 and 6 coming in and leaving through the library to reduce the number of parents on the playground. If you have a child in Yrs 3, 2, 1 or LB, please collect them first and then pick up your older child from the library. Teachers in these year groups will wait with your child. When they arrive children in Years 1 – 6 can go straight into their classrooms. Ladybirds children will continue to line up on the playground. At the end of the day, ladybird parents please collect your children from the top half of the playground by the school building and benches. Please message me on DoJo if you have any questions about these new arrangements.



Ladybirds – whole class

Year 1 – Emilia & Alex

Year 2 – Molly

Year 3 – Ava

Year 4 – Kitty

Year 5 – Whole Class

Year 6 – Whole Class

PE Star of the Week

Lilly in Y4

Yesterday, the children gathered in their house groups to vote for their house captain for 2021/22. Year 6 children prepared a speech and the children then voted for who they wanted to lead them this year. Our successful candidates were:

Victoria – Andrei and Szeki

Elizabeth – Lily and Liam

Edward – Harvey and Ellie-May

George – Kian and Rhianna

Look out for a photo on dojo!



Birthday celebrations!

Chase Y4

Alastair Y6

Skyler Y1

Olivia Y2



Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 6

Year 5

Year 4

Year 2

Year 3

Year 1

Top Spellers:

☐ - Aida - Y5

☐ - Szeki - Y6

☐ - Ellie-May - Y6



☐ Every week, there will be a battle in each class. Boys VS. Girls. ☐
Good luck! ☐☐

This week's most valuable players:

Year 2: Isabelle & Ollie ☐

Year 3: ☐

Year 4: Kai-Hei & Victoria ☐

Year 5: Alexia ☐

Year 6: Harvey & Szeki ☐

Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 6

Year 5

Year 4

Year 2

Year 3

Year 1

Top Mathstronauts:

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Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update

Congratulations to Miss B Carvell who won £13.20 last week.

We have raised £1,414.00 so far.

We have a new area we are fund raising for now and this is the area to the side of the trim trail. We would like to put artificial grass here and develop a calm area where the children can relax.



We have registered with Morrisons as part of this new initiative. From this week, if you have a My Morrisons account card then you can swipe it at the till and collect Grow Tokens for our school where we can then go on to claim some garden equipment for our school.

School events

Reminder that our school website has all events taking place in school.

www.williammacgregor.staffs.sch.uk

September

21st Meet the Teacher meeting for Ladybirds parents in school 5.30pm

October

12th Harvest festival at St.George's church. This is for the children only.

21st end of autumn 1

22nd staff training day

25th-29th half term week

November

1st start of autumn 2

December

9th Yr1 and Yr2 nativity at St.Editha's church. 6pm

10th Ladybirds nativity at Elim Church 9am

13th Christmas craft morning 8.45-10.15am (one parent/relative per child)

14th Parent consultation meetings 2-7pm

15th Christmas lunch

17th Whole school carol service at St.Editha's 2pm

End of autumn 2

January

4th staff training day

Meet the Teacher Presentations

This afternoon, class teachers will be uploading their 'Meet the Teacher' presentations onto Class DoJo. These will provide you with important information about the year ahead for your child including academic expectations, routines, planners and how you can help your child at home. Please ignore the start and end times on this presentation as we made the decision to change the start and end times of the day after the teachers had recorded their presentations. You will see from the calendar dates, that our parent consultation meetings are at the end of the autumn term. If you need to speak to your teacher, please do not wait until December. You can either message them on DoJo, or call the office.



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Assembly Topic next week

Next week we will be discussing the plight of the people Afghanistan following the collapse of the country's government. We ask the question - How would we feel if we forced to leave our home?

Here is an image and some questions If you'd like to discuss this with your child/ren at home.



Picture News

at Home

13th September 2021

What's going on this week?



The people in Afghanistan are now under Taliban leadership following the collapse of the country's government, the UK has introduced a new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees, aimed at helping those most in need. The new scheme is offering up to 20,000 Afghans a route to set up home in the UK over the next few years.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🍌 How do you think the families who are fleeing Afghanistan must be feeling?
- 🍌 How do you think people in the UK and other countries can help any refugees that arrive?
- 🍌 Talk about what the refugee families might need, e.g., clothing, blankets, food and drink etc.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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