



William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 7th January 2022

News...

Welcome back to a new Spring term and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful festive break with loved ones.

COVID continues to impact on our lives, we currently have 5 staff isolating which is stretching our capacity significantly in school. Although we are no longer asked to support the NHS track and trace, we will continue to inform you of any positive cases in school to help us all be extra vigilant.

New procedures mean that from Tuesday 11th January, if we have a positive LFD test, we no longer need to confirm this with a follow-up PCR test. If children have a positive LFD test they can return to school after 2 consecutive negative results from day 6 of isolation.

I wanted to share the fabulous news that Mrs Kang has been appointed as Head of School at Curdworth Primary School. She is currently acting Assistant Head Teacher at Curdworth two days a week and as expected has made a very positive impact in her role. Mrs Kang is an amazing teacher and leader and we will miss her enormously, but we are very proud of her achievements and success. I will keep you informed when she will be leaving us and starting her new position within a school in our Trust.

Please can I urge you to complete the lunch menu choice if your child is in years 3-6 as Jo really needs to know choices so she can order and know how much to cook. Have a lovely weekend.

Birthday celebrations!

Alex B
Mackenzie
Brody H
Tobias
George
Noah H
Terlea

**This week's
MacGregor Mile
Winners are
Year 2**

Running 59 miles

School events

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

www.williammacgregor.staffs.sch.uk

February

16th PTA school disco

17th end of spring 1 term

Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update

Congratulations to Mr A Fellows who won £12.30 last week.

We have raised £1703.60 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.

Spelling Shed




Leaderboard this week:

Year 4
Year 2
Year 5
Year 3
Year 1
Year 6






Top Spellers:

 - Jack S - Y4
 - Ella M - Y4
 - Victoria B - Y4



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

This week's most valuable players:




Year 2: Luna & Emi 
Year 3: Brody & Gracie 
Year 4: 
Year 5: Alexia & Alex 
Year 6: Harvey & Szeki 

Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

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Top Mathstronauts:

 - Sarah T - Y3
 - Beau O - Y4
 - Liliana - Y2



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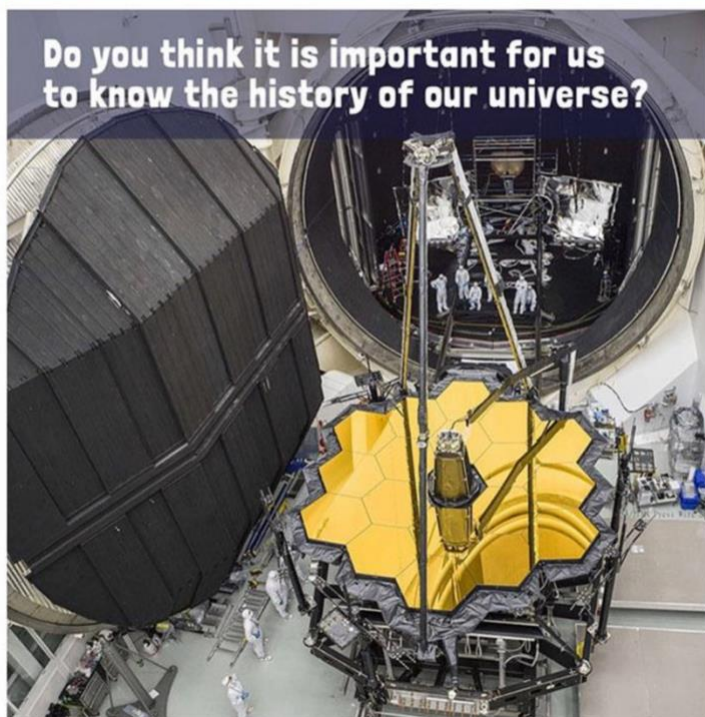
Have you always dreamt of teaching or are you looking at a career change? As a school-centred initial teacher training provider, our courses (of which we run most secondary subjects and primary education), provides QTS & PGCE. Our completion and employment rate has always been consistently above national average!

For more information, click here; [Train to Teach - Arthur Terry Teaching School \(atlp.org.uk\)](https://atlp.org.uk), email northbirminghamtsh@atlp.org.uk, or call 0121 323 1128.

Open Mornings

Meet The Arthur Terry SCITT team at The Arthur Terry School, on Saturday 15th January or Saturday 12th March, 10am until 12pm, to find out everything you need to know about joining the wonderful world of teaching and to meet the team! To register, please visit [Train to Teach - Arthur Terry Teaching School \(atlp.org.uk\)](https://atlp.org.uk).

Next week's assembly topic. Please use this information to discuss this as a family at home. I am sure it will bring about great discussions.



In the news this week

The \$10bn (£7.45bn) James Webb Space Telescope, thought to be one of the most impressive and ambitious, has been sent into space on top of a huge rocket. On Christmas Day, scientists confirmed that the observatory, which has faced many delays, was operating well following a nerve-wracking lift-off. Described as a time machine by scientists, the telescope will allow astronomers to study the beginning of the universe shortly after the Big Bang, 13.8 billion years ago, and to hunt for signs of life-supporting planets in our own galaxy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever used a telescope? If so, what did you see?
- Does space and the wider universe interest you?
- Do you think it's important for us to learn more about our universe?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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HOW ON EARTH?

**Free 4 week online course
starting Saturday 15th January
2022. For families in Staffordshire
with children aged 4-16**

Families are guided through fun,
flexible hands-on activities to open up
conversations about climate change,
connecting to nature and making small,
sustainable changes.

Whilst this course is delivered online, it is not about
sitting in front of a screen! You will receive a weekly
activity pack, full of themed ideas to try at times to
suit you. From waste free picnics, to upcycling
projects to forest bathing, we will support you to
adapt the activities for your family, There will be one
introductory zoom session on Saturday 15th January
at 11am to start the course off.

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca
on 07525 120117 or communityforestservices@gmail.com

EXPLORING SMALL CHANGES TO HELP OUR BIG PLANET





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We are only sharing this information. Please ensure you check all staff delivering this course hold enhanced DBS checks and correct FA qualifications.



Aston Villa Foundation

Girls Development Centres



Date: 6 weeks (Term Time)



Location: Harborne (Lordswood Girls School)
Halesowen (Halesowen College)
Sutton Coldfield (Sutton Coldfield Town FC)



Centres & Ages: Girls Development Centre (8-12 years old)



Times & Days: Harborne (Mondays 18:00 – 19:00)
Halesowen (Fridays 17:30 – 18:30)
Sutton Coldfield (Fridays 17:00 – 18:00)



Equipment: Moulded boots, shin pads, drinks bottle



Cost: £18



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