



# William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## News...

Another very busy week in school this week and the children are well and truly back to applying themselves brilliantly to their learning. Thank you for your continued support – we have had many staff isolating the last two weeks but the children have been amazing and the staff in school have gone above and beyond as ever! Child attendance also continues to be affected; the government changing isolation to 5 days will really help this. If your child is ill please ensure a phone-call only has been made to the school office; it is our number one priority to ensure children are safe in school and messages coming via class dojo make this very difficult. If children are negative and have no symptoms of Covid then attendance is mandatory. If children have other small ailments then you can drop some Calpol in to the school office so they can continue to be in school. Our current school attendance is 95.4%. This is somewhat below our usual target; I am hoping attendance will now start to rise and I will see more children in school each day.

If your child has a school dinner, Jo will be sending them home next week with a daily Top Trump card. These will then be distributed each Thursday.

Unfortunately this half term there will be no after school clubs except the Albrighton football club. The staff have very limited time now after school as many will be taking part in after school tutoring as part of the Government Covid catch-up premium. We are currently exploring other options from outside providers for clubs to resume after February half term.

I have attached a letter from OFSTED who are re-visiting Staffordshire County Council to explore their Special Educational Needs provision. It details how you can have your say.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Star of Week

LB – Mia

Year 1 – Lucas

Year 2 – Isabella

Year 3 – whole class

Year 4 – Amelia

Year 5 – Millie

Year 6 – Ayla

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

**Running 81 miles**

## School events

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

[www.williammacgregor.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.williammacgregor.staffs.sch.uk)

## February

16<sup>th</sup> PTA school disco

17<sup>th</sup> end of spring 1 term

## Birthdays

**Dixie  
Max T  
Layton**

## Congratulations to all badge winners this week.

Bronze Badges - Bradley & Andrei {Yr6}

Silver Badges – Brodi {Yr5}

Gold Badges – Isabelle, Lottie, Dixie, Layla, Joshua & Lily {Yr1} Isabella, Max & Brody {Yr3} Mason & Mia {Yr4} Terlea & Jude {Yr5}

Emerald Badges – Martynas & Katherine {Yr1} Lily {Yr4}

## Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 4

Year 3

Year 2

Year 5

Year 1

Year 6

Top Spellers:

 Sarah T - Y3

 Jack S - Y4

 Ella M - Y4



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

This week's most valuable players:

Year 2: Nevaeh & Emi 

Year 3: Sarah & Brody 

Year 4: Kai Hei & Amelia 

Year 5: Alexia & Alex 

Year 6: Harvey & Szeki 

## Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 4

Year 2

Year 3

Year 5

Year 1

Year 6

Top Mathstronauts:

 Jack S - Y4

 Sophie - Y2

 Sarah T - Y3



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## Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update

Congratulations to Mrs Franks who won £12.30 last week. Mrs Franks has donated the money back to school.

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.

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.

## TAKEHOME



Is it ever fair to judge others on their appearance?



## In the news this week

The Chinese authorities have banned footballers from getting tattoos and instructed national team players, who already have tattoos, to remove them or cover them up to set a "good example for society". A growing number of Chinese players have tattoos, including the international defender Zhang Linpeng, who has previously been told to cover up while appearing for the national team and his club, Guangzhou FC.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you think of situations where there are rules about your appearance? E.g. school uniform or shoes you need to wear for sports. Share different examples and why you think the rules are in place. Do you think they are important? Discuss why or why not.
- Do you think it's important that footballers set a good example for society?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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