



William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 4th February 2022

News...

As some of you may know, **Mrs Woodhall** has begun her training to become a nurse. At February half term, we will bid a sad farewell to her so she can concentrate on her studies for this new adventure and wish her all the best as she takes up her work placement later in the year at a Midlands hospital. Mrs Bannister will increase her days so that she will be in the school office each day alongside Mrs Fitzpatrick who will return soon when she is well enough after her recent period of illness. Please can I urge you to think about what children are bringing into school for their **packed lunch** and to ensure that children have a balanced healthy lunch to set them up for an afternoon of learning. We are quite shocked sometimes at the amount of food and especially the amount of sweets/chocolates/crisps that the children have. One small sweet treat is definitely acceptable as hot dinner children enjoy a pudding each too but any more than this will have a detrimental effect on the children's health and capability for concentration over a long afternoon. I have attached some further information below from the NHS on a 'balanced' lunch. The school council will be doing some further work on this.

Next week is **'Children's Mental Health Week'** The children will begin the week with an assembly on Monday and throughout the week they will be completing a project to highlight how much they have 'grown' over our journey of emotion coaching. On Thursday next week (10th) children are invited to 'dress to express' and children can wear their own clothes to school to express themselves. A £1 donation if possible would go towards restocking the classroom calming corners.

Next week is also **'Safer Internet day'** and the children will continue to learn how to be safe on the Internet through their computing lessons. The theme of the week is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.' Children will discuss this in their weekly talk assembly on Tuesday. I have copied a link for you as parents to explore more information on safer Internet use at home.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> Here you will find lots of guides to support you and explain the main role you play at home with Internet use.



LB - Daisy
Year 1 - Pearl
Year 2 - Noah
Year 3 - James
Year 4 - Victoria
Year 5 - Henry
Year 6 - Louie

**This week's
MacGregor Mile
Winners are:
Year 3
Running 73 miles**

Birthdays

**Gabriel
Lily R**



Bronze Badges- Esmae, Gabriel, Thomas, Gregory, Billy, Elijah, Rebecca, Ana, Izzy, Theo, Archie A, Arlie, Mia, Maya & Zac {LB} Lexi {Yr3} Kenzie, Ethan & Corey {Yr6}
Silver Badges- Louie, Rhyanna, Phoebe, Georgie-Lea, Lily & Harvey {Yr6}
Gold Badges – Kyrah, Chloe, Louis, Leart, Noah, Zack, Toby & Maya {Yr3}
Emerald Badges – Eliah, Lily, Lewis, Liliana, Isabelle, Sophie, Evie, Molly, Emi, Darcy & Maggie {Yr2} Livy & James {Yr3} Victoria & Alisha {Yr4} Harper, Noah C, Mollie, Max & Alexia {Yr5}

Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

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

Top Spellers:

🏆 Brody H - Y3
🏆 Freddie B- Y4
🏆 Jack S - Y4



🏆 Every week, there will be a battle in each class. Boys VS. Girls.

🏆 Good luck! 🏆

This week's most valuable players:

Year 2: Toby & Darcy 🏆
Year 3: Isabella & James 🏆
Year 4: Freddie & Victoria 🏆
Year 5: Millie & Milo 🏆
Year 6: Harvey & Szeki 🏆

Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

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

Top Mathstronauts:

🏆 Eduard E - Y4
🏆 Jack S - Y4
🏆 Kai-Hei Y - Y4



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Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update

Congratulations to Mrs F Allen who won £11.40 last week. We have raised £1765.20 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.

School events

Reminder that our school website has all events taking place in school. www.williammacgregor.staffs.sch.uk

February

10th – ‘dress to express day’ £1 donation

16th - PTA school disco

17th - end of spring 1 term

18th - Staff training day

28th - spring 2 term starts

7th – end of term

March

2nd – pancake sale after school

30th – 1st – Yr4 at Whitemoor Lakes.

April

1st – Quiz night adults only

4th – Yr2 Tamworth Castle

5th – parent consultations

6th -Yr3 & Yr4 Easter production 6pm

8th – staff training day

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.

Safer Internet Day – 8th February 2022

**All fun and games?
Exploring respect and relationships online**



Register your support

Have a conversation

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

■ Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

▲ Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

● Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

◆ Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?