



William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 29th April 2022

News...

Welcome back – I really hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing Easter break. The children certainly returned full of excitement after the break full of stories about Easter celebrations.

We extend a very warm welcome to **three new staff** who started on Monday: Miss Crowther, our new Yr1 class teacher and Mrs Edwards and Ms Kavanagh, our new lunchtime supervisors. They have all settled into life at William MacGregor very quickly and have thoroughly enjoyed their first week. Thank you to everyone for making them feel so welcome.

Huge congratulations to our **football team** who won a friendly tournament between Thomas Barnes and Coton Green just before the Easter break. We were all very proud of their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. Team members: Andrei, Alex, Kian, Corey, Milo, Joseph, Alexia, Harper, Ronnie and Max. Read their match report on the next page!

Another massive congratulations to all our '**William MacGregor's Got Talent**' entries. All of the audience were amazed at the talent and courage on display. Well done to all our finalists and Freddie Baker – our first ever winner. 🎉

A further celebration and well done goes to all our **PERFECT learners** of the half term winners who received their certificates in the post over the holidays. I hope this was a lovely surprise for them. Ladybirds – Georgie, Year 1 - Zach, Year 2 – Teddy, Year 3 – Stefi, Year 4 – Isla, Year 5 – Mollie and Year 6 – Phoebe-Mai

You could see from the photos we shared on DoJo that our **Easter raffle** was a huge success; the total raised by ticket sales was an amazing £211! We will donate this to the Ronald McDonald House Charity.

Finally, I wanted to share with everyone the **fabulous gift Mrs Kang left** the school: £205 (£1 to represent each wonderful child). I have promised her I will use this very generous gift to buy a feature for our new sensory garden for all the children to enjoy. 🙏

I have updated the **dates list** on the next page, but please remember all dates are also on our school website and DoJo. It is vital that the children in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 are in school for their key national assessments.



LB – Martha
Year 1 – Emilia
Year 2 – Emelia
Year 3 – Ella
Year 4 – Theo
Year 5 – Ronnie

Birthdays

Alexia
Lily K
Alex H
Tamzin
Molly H

**This week's
MacGregor Mile
Winners are:
Year 1
Running 71 miles**



Bronze Badges – Billie {Yr6}

Silver Badges – Esmae, Gabriel, Izzy, Tobias, Theo, Gregory, Elijah, Mia, Zac, Maya {LB}

Gold Badges – Lexi {Yr3} Beau {Yr4}

Emerald Badges – Ellison {Yr1} Layton, Zack {Yr3} Freddie, Jenson, Orson, Amelia {Yr4}

Ruby Badges – Charlie, Evie, Ollie, Lewis, Emi, Euan {Yr2} Finn, Sarah {Yr3} Ella, Tommy, Isla, Tamzin {Yr4} Max, Aida {Yr5}



Leaderboard this week:

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

Top Spellers:

🏆 Sarah T - Y3
🏆 Emi - Y2
🏆 Evie - Y2



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

This week's most valuable players:

Year 2: Toby & 🏆
Year 3: Toby & Sarah 🏆
Year 4: Freddie & Victoria 🏆
Year 5: Ronnie & Mollie 🏆
Year 6: & 🏆



Leaderboard this week:

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

Top Mathstronauts:

🏆 Aida O - Y5
🏆 Sarah T - Y3
🏆 Jack S - Y4



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School events

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

May

2nd Bank Holiday

5th School closed for all pupils apart from Yr6. School is used as a polling station

6th PTFA event – **cancelled due to low interest**

9th – Yr3 Bikeability

10th – Yr4 Bikeability

9th – 12th Yr6 SATs week

16th – 27th Yr2 SATs fortnight

27th – end of summer 1

June

6th – 10th Yr1 Phonics screening and Yr4 Times Table Check

6th – Academy photos classes

8th – parent meeting for new reception intake September 2022

10th – Yr5 bikeability

10th – PTFA Ladies Night

13th – 17th – Yr6 residential to France and Scholastic Book Fair

16th & 17th – Yr5 London visit

24th – PTFA non-uniform day – bring a bottle

Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update

Congratulations to Miss B Carvel who won £10.20 last week.

We have raised £1946.00 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. See some of our ideas below



WILLIAM MACGREGOR PRIMARY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

As we all know William Mac Gregor won the football tournament against Thomas Barnes, Coton Green blues and Coton Green blacks.

William MacGregor's first game was against Coton Green blacks in which they made an outstanding performance and won 1: 0 as Ronnie set up an own goal of his corner kick. Two chances were created by Coton Green blacks but Max and Andrei's defence stopped them from scoring a goal. Coton Green blacks caught an attack on us but Kian's blocking skills stopped them.

Our second match was against Coton Green blues which ended 4:0. Cory, Andrei and Alex gave them a problem on attack as Andrei scored 4 goals in one game and was set up by lovely passes from his teammates. Kian's boot led to one of Andrei's goals from his brilliant save.

Our last and final game was against Thomas Barnes which ended 0:0. Our attacking and shots were brilliant as Alexia didn't give the players a chance to touch the ball. Harper's outstanding tackles and passes didn't let them have a shot on the goal and when they got through on goal Kian's shot stopping skills didn't let any goals in.

As the boys cheered in happiness they celebrated their big win coming in first out of all the schools.





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Next week's assembly topic is below. Please take the time to discuss this together at home.

TAKEHOME

Should we have the right to say whatever we choose?



In the news this week

Chief executive of the electric car manufacturer, Tesla, and founder of SpaceX, Elon Musk, has reached a deal to buy Twitter, stating that he is the right person to release the social media platform's extraordinary potential. He has agreed to buy the social media platform in a £34.6bn (\$44bn) deal. Musk is a regular Twitter user with more than 80 million followers. In March, Musk asked his followers whether they thought the social media platform encouraged free speech.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think people should be able to say what they like on social media platforms like Twitter, or do you think there should be rules users need to follow?
- How about in general life, do you think people should be able to say whatever they like, whenever they like?
- Share your knowledge of social media. Do you think you will use any in the future?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

You may have received this information from other sources or may have seen it covered in the media recently, but we felt it important to share with you in school.

The number of cases of Hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) in children has recently increased. Public health doctors and scientists are looking into what could be causing this.

The advice is that parents see a GP if their child has symptoms of Hepatitis, which includes yellowing of the eyes and skin (jaundice).

Good hygiene, including supervising hand washing in young children, can help to prevent infections that can cause Hepatitis.

For more information on Hepatitis, please see the NHS webpage below: -

[Hepatitis - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)