



William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 9th December 2022

News.....

Unfortunately, this awful flu like bug has hit me this week which has meant for the majority of the week, I have been off school. However, this has not stopped our children being superstars and using our school values at their very best!

Firstly I was so upset to miss our wonderful **productions** over the last few days but Mrs Norton has told me how wonderful the children performed. Years 1 and 2 had a huge audience last night at St Editha's church and sang, acted and performed their lines extraordinarily. So brave. Then this morning our Ladybirds did so well in what is always a tear jerker for many; their first school nativity! The children have been practising so hard for this and made everybody so proud. Thank you for coming out to support the children in such cold conditions and I will pass on our thanks to both St Editha's church and the Elim church. A huge thank you to staff too!

Some other amazing performers I watched on video this week were our **'RockSteady'** bands. Great talent on show as ever and a wonderful show put on by all; always a popular event in our calendar. Well done bands!

We began our week with the children taking part in the **'Rudolph run'** led by Mrs Douglas and school council. I know you have all been busy fundraising over the last few weeks and the children did exceptionally well completing as many laps of the playground as they could in the time given. They well and truly gained their exercise for the day and loved taking home the reindeer antlers. All fundraising this year will go to St. Giles hospice and I will have a final total for you next week but I can say that it is a phenomenal amount and I think the most we have ever raised as a school. Well done to school council for organising this and **'Jolly jumper'** 'day' and thank you to you and your families - you are all so very generous even in these tough times. Please send all sponsor forms in and make final payments by Wednesday.

Another huge thank you needs to be given to our amazing **PTA** who put on another excellent disco for our children on Wednesday night. Santa visited and I heard the children had such fun. Again thank you for supporting this event; all money raised goes straight back to the children in some form helping us provide them with items or experiences that may be unaffordable for us as a school alone. We have also just received another donation of £500 from the **Co-op society**. We were chosen as one of a few schools to receive a donation to celebrate 70 years of service from our late Queen Elizabeth. We will put this towards our ongoing project of our sensory garden.

Christmas craft morning on Monday - please drop children off as normal then come around to the front office to sign in and meet for a hot drink in the hall whilst the children register. The morning in classes will last approx an hour 9-10am and you can go between siblings classes (or alternatively there may be an adult for each child.). If at all possible, can any younger siblings not attend as room in the classrooms is so limited.

As the **weather** has become very, very cold over the week and is set to continue next week, please can I ask that children are coming to school in a warm winter coat and with gloves, hats and scarfs where possible.

Enjoy a festive weekend, Mrs Jones x



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Key Dates –

December:

12th – Xmas craft morning LB-Y6 9am
{Parents invited} (Ch. Can wear Xmas jumpers)

13th – Parents afternoon/evening 2-7pm

14th – Xmas lunch (Ch. Can wear Xmas jumpers)

16th – End of term

2pm Carol concert at St.Editha's Church
(Ch. Can wear Xmas jumpers)

January:

3rd – INSET day

4th – Return to school

10th - Young Voices (Choir)

February:

1st - PTFA Film night 3.30-5pm approx
{more details to follow}

15th - KS1 Bedtime Story 5-6pm

17th - End of term

Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 6

Year 1

Year 4

Year 5

Year 2

Year 3

Top Mathstronauts:

🏆 Sarah T - Y4

🏆 Jack S - Y5

🏆 Theo R - Y1

Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 2

Year 6

Year 1

Year 5

Year 3

Year 4

Top Spellers:

🏆 Alexia F - Y6

🏆 Lucas H - Y2

🏆 Emilia G - Y2



HALL OF FAME



UNDER 1 SEG

Edi E, Alisha B



UNDER 2 SEGS

Victoria B, James B, Sarah T,
Freddie B, Tamzin H, Jacob H,
Eva Z



UNDER 3 SEGS

Livy P, Noah H, Lexi E,
Eva Z, Gracie J, Theo S



UNDER 4 SEGS

Charlotte H, Kitty F,
Eliah E, Brody H, Lexi E



UNDER 5 SEGS

Isabella H



UNDER 6 SEGS

Zack G, Leart G, Evie F,
Chace C



UNDER 7 SEGS

Suliva H, Jai N,
Layton W, Noah M



UNDER 8 SEGS

Ella R



UNDER 9 SEGS

Ollie H



UNDER 10 SEGS

Evie F, Ollie H, Alex B,
Isabel G



OVER 10 SEGS

Lexi E, Louis B, Ella R,
Max W, Eva C,
Toby S, Stefi S

Birthday celebrations

Ava Y4

Olivia Y2





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This week's Talk on Tuesday assembly

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Nasa officials have recently announced that humans could live on the Moon during this decade. They wouldn't be living there permanently, but could stay for long periods to carry out scientific research. Howard Hu, who leads the Orion lunar spacecraft programme for Nasa, said they would need to create homes on the lunar surface to support scientific expeditions. Nasa's plan is that the next mission would have a crew onboard, followed by a third, where astronauts would land on the Moon. This would be the first manned Moon trip for Nasa since Apollo 17, 50 years ago, in December 1972.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share what you know about the Moon and the history of Moon landings. Do you know anyone who remembers that time in history?
- Share your thoughts on a possible base on the Moon. Do you think it is a good idea?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



LB - Whole Class
YEAR 1 - Whole Class
YEAR 2 - Whole Class
YEAR 3 - Whole Class
YEAR 4 - Stefi
YEAR 5 - Freddie
YEAR 6 - Henry



Congratulations to all badge winners this week

Silver – Harper, Alexia, Henry, Aida, Nedelina, Mollie (Yr6)

Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update
Congratulations to Ms L Banks who won £8.40 last week. This has very kindly been donated back to our school. Thank you.
We have raised £2,304.80 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. This will be an area dedicated to reflection, one that reaches our senses and provides an area of calmness and sanctuary.



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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS CHRISTMAS

In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas the foodbank will provide over 350 Christmas food parcels for local individuals and families in crisis.

Thank you for your support

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Long life milk
- Small jars of coffee
- Toilet roll
- Jam
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned potatoes

Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.





Can Christmas donations reach us by 5th Dec please
tamworth.foodbank.org.uk
01827 302436
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1093988



Can we fill Rudolph's sleigh with food donations for Tamworth food bank?



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**Year 6 completing
their Rudolph Run.**