



William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 13th January 2023

News.....

This is our first newsletter of the school year and we have had a wonderful start to the new term. I have spoken with the children about new years 'resolutions' and about how this can often just be doing something extra. The children are certainly showing in lessons that they have come back refreshed and ready to learn and are putting their resolutions into practise; they are fully engaged now in their new learning topics. I have been working with the leadership team over the past two weeks in defining our goals and vision for the spring term and our actions towards our whole school improvement plan this year are well under way to continually improve our children's outcomes. Myself and Mrs Norton this week visited a great school in inner city Birmingham to see what an excellent offer they provide to their children in wider curriculum experiences so we have brought these observations back to see how we can further improve this area here at WMG. On Thursday, we also had a thorough whole day safeguarding audit from the Trust which looked at all aspects of how we are keeping the children safe. Our ATLP safeguarding leads also spoke to staff and children too and the feedback was very positive. Rest assured that any actions will be put into practise straight away.

Another wonderful event this week to kick start an exciting year, saw 18 of our children performing at the 'Young Voices' concert at Resorts World on Tuesday evening. They joined 6,400 other children who sang their hearts out and took part in an inspiring show including beat boxers, dancers, musicians and a performance from Heather Small. The children had been practising and preparing for this in choir each week after school and it really paid off. I was so proud of them and I know it will be an experiences they will never forget. A huge thank you to Mrs Simpson and Ms Tuton.

Mrs Jones



Congratulations to all badge winners this week

Bronze - Evie, Clara, Isabella, Olly, Lucas, Miki (LB)

Silver – Evie, Alexandra, Emi (Yr3)

PARENT VOICE

Each week our school council meet to bring together their ideas and recommendations for school improvement and action. I am really keen that you also have this opportunity and would like to invite you to our first 'parent voice' drop in.

On **Friday 20th January at 8.50am**, if you would like to come into school for a hot drink and chat, myself and Miss Marsh will be present in the hall. It may be that you have some questions about school life, some questions regarding why/how we do things or it merely be that you may want to come and meet other parents. We are always open to feedback and new ideas and proposals. It may be I would like your advice on thoughts I may have and want to implement. I will run these each half term so look out for the dates.



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Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update
Congratulations to Miss E Noakes who won £8.40 last week.

We have raised £2,360.80 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.



LB – Noor

YEAR 1 – Leon

YEAR 2 – Pearl

YEAR 3 – Dáisié

YEAR 4 – Chloe

YEAR 5 – Kai-Hei

YEAR 6 – Millie

Birthday celebrations



Zac
Arlie
George
Lottie
Tobias
Alex
Brody
Liliana
Noah
Jai
Morgan
Terlea



Attendance

Our whole school attendance at the moment stands at **94.6%**. This is well below our target of 97%. I hope that the bugs that we saw before Christmas have all started to clear now. Please can I remind you that we are able to administer Calpol and any prescribed antibiotics in school with your signed consent. If children have a sore throat, cold or cough they can certainly be in school. We will not expect as much from them and we will always send them home if we feel they are too poorly. If you are ever unsure then please call.

Uniform

Please can I ask that all children are wearing correct school shoes. There has been an increase in girls wearing boots this term and these are not part of uniform. If the weather is bad in the morning then they can wear boots to school and then change into correct shoes when they arrive.



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Key Dates –

January:

20th - Parent voice 8.50am

31st - Year 1 and 5 to Space Museum

February:

1st - PTFA film night

6th-10th - Children's mental health week

7th - Safer Internet day

15th - KS1 Bedtime story 5-6pm

17th - End of this half term

27th - INSET day

28th - All children return to school

March:

2nd - World Book Day

3rd - PTFA non-uniform day (chocolate donations)

20th - 24th - Year 6 in France

29th - Year 3/4 Easter production 6pm

30th - End of term

31st - INSET day

April:

17th - All children return to school

18th-19th - Year 5 in London

25th - Parents Evening 2-7pm

Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 5

Year 1

Year 3

Year 6

Year 2

Year 4

Top Mathstronauts:

🏆 Gabriel T - Y5

🏆 Jack S - Y5

🏆 Lucas H - Y2

Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 2

Year 6

Year 4

Year 1

Year 5

Year 3

Top Spellers:

🏆 Zack G - Y4

🏆 Emilia P - Y2

🏆 Ella R - Y4



HALL OF FAME



UNDER 1 SEG

Aida O,



UNDER 2 SEGS

Ellie-Mae N,



UNDER 3 SEGS



UNDER 4 SEGS



UNDER 5 SEGS



UNDER 6 SEGS



UNDER 7 SEGS

Alexandra E,



UNDER 8 SEGS



UNDER 9 SEGS



UNDER 10 SEGS



OVER 10 SEGS

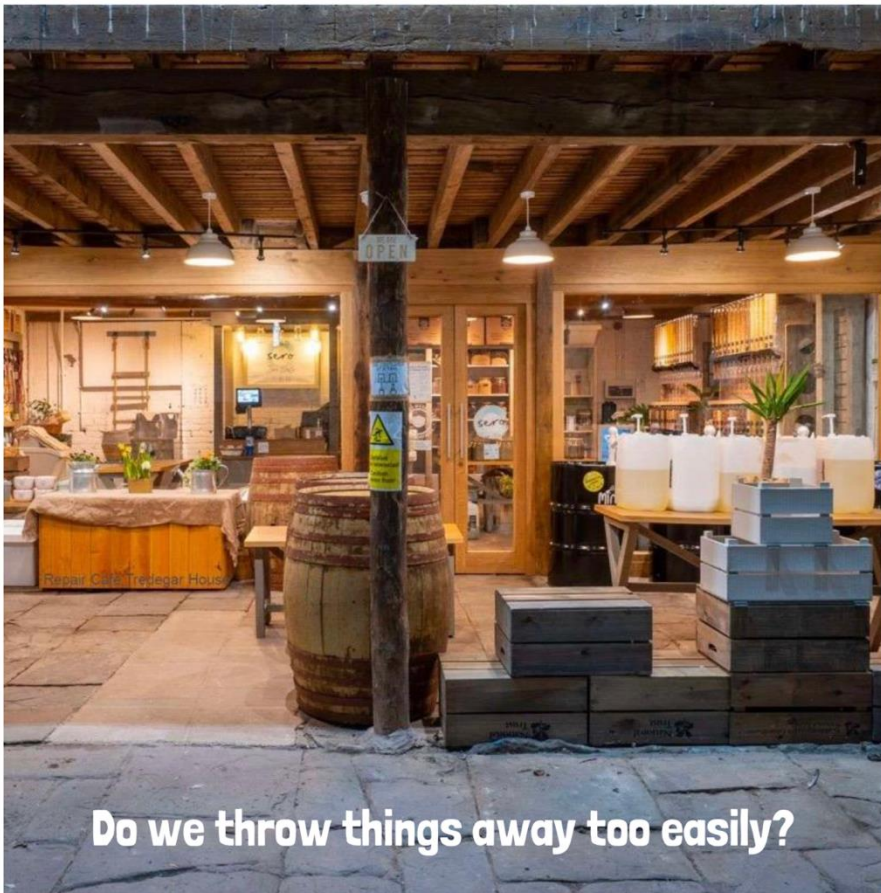


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This week's Talk on Tuesday assembly

TAKEHOME



Do we throw things away too easily?

In the news this week

Many of us are increasingly reusing, repairing, and upcycling items, instead of throwing them away and replacing with new ones, according to experts. Upcycling shop, the Repair Café in Wales believes, that because of the cost of living crisis, people are making the most of what they already have. Throwaway culture has been the norm since the 1950s but now appears to be declining.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think repair cafés are a good idea?
- > If there were a repair café near you, would you use it? What types of things might you take?
- > Do you have any repairing skills? Is it something you would like to learn?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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