



William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 3rd February 2023

News.....

Next week is [children's mental health week](#). The theme for this year is 'Let's Connect'. We will be focusing our PSHE lessons around this next week and speaking to the children about different ways we can make connections with people in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. Many schools around the country are supporting this week by taking part in a 'Dress to Express' day where children can wear what they want to school. We are going to take part in this day next **Thursday (9th February)** as year 3 are on a trip on Friday when the planned day is. Children could wear their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how they're feeling, it can be as simple or elaborate as you like! Dress to Express is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. The day also provides a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations. We will also be exploring '[Safer Internet Day](#)' next week too. Our digital leaders will be teaching classes across the school. Look out for the photos next week.

[JAMF](#) - This week Mrs Simpson sent out a letter explaining how you can monitor more closely your child's iPad. There were some links for some 'How to...' videos. These are also on our website. Please try to ensure you download this App and set this up asap.

[Trip](#) - Year 1 and year 5 enjoyed a great visit to the Space Centre in Leicester this week. The children learnt everything that is needed to be an astronaut as well as exploring spaceships, space facts and equipment. They had a wonderful time and represented our school so well. This day trip will hopefully now help them retrieve great knowledge for their in school curriculum learning. Year 1 are learning all about the first moon landing and Neil Armstrong in history and year 5 are currently learning all about earth and space in their science learning.

[Attendance](#) - Unfortunately since we have returned from Christmas, our school attendance has not improved. There are still many children having time off school with sore throats and colds. I must stress that a sore throat and cold is not a reason to have a day or more off school. If children's attendance drops below 90% they are classed as persistently absent and this can trigger further action. You can check your child's attendance on MCAS. Excellent attendance goes hand in hand with excellent progress. If children are not in school, they are not making progress in their learning; they should be aiming for at least 97% across the year. I will be speaking to the children about this next week and looking at ways we can be in school as much as we possibly can. I have created a newsletter page on attendance. Hopefully with a real joint effort we can ensure children are in school every day.

[PTFA](#) - Unfortunately, we have been unable to run the planned film night but the PTFA have swapped this to a school disco on **Wednesday 15th February**. KS1 and LB disco: 4-5pm and KS2 5.15-6.15pm. Payment is now open on MCAS at £2 per child or you can pay on the door.

[World book day](#) - This year this is taking place on **Thursday 2nd March**. The children will spend the day exploring famous authors. Also on this day, children can dress up as their favourite book character and bring the book in to share in school. We will also be holding a book swap event throughout the day and we have moved the KS1 bedtime story event to the same evening at 5-6pm.

[Earrings](#) - If your child has PE, please can you ensure they have their earrings removed that morning at home. Wearing earrings for PE can be very dangerous. If they are newly pierced they can be taped over but otherwise they need to be left at home. The tapping over of earrings in school takes vital time from learning. Please also note that earring should be small studs only.

Mrs Jones



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Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update
Congratulations to Mrs K Hadley who won £8.40 last week.

We have raised £2,394.40 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 – Lucas

YEAR 1 – Georgia & Reece

YEAR 2 – Lilly-May

YEAR 3 – Euan

YEAR 4 – Eva

YEAR 5 – Alfie M

YEAR 6 – Jaiha



Congratulations to all badge winners this week

Bronze – Maya (Yr4)

Silver – Esmae, Gabriel, Elsie, Thomas, Joshua, Martha (Yr1)
Pearl, Olivia, Lilly (Yr2) Daisy, Ollie, Euan, Maggie (Yr3)
James, Brody, Ella R, Gracie (Yr4) Jack, Jacob, Alfie D, Lexi,
Holly, Jenson (Yr5) Terlea, Brodi, Milo, Logan, Jude (Yr6)

Gold – Theo, Arlie, Mia, Archie A (Yr1) Alexander, Emilia P,
Lottie, Lucas, Martynas, Brooke (Yr2) Molly, Isabelle, Sophie
(Yr3) Mia, Alfie M, Charlotte, Eddi, Freddie, Isla, Gabriel (Yr5)
Joseph, Rosie AR, Harper, Millie, Ellie-Mae, Morgan, Tayla,
Jaiha, Alexia, Terlea, Alex, Rosie H, Mollie, Nedelina, Eliza,
Noah, Aida, Chloe, Henry, Ffion (Yr6)

Emerald – Luna (Yr3)

Birthday celebrations

Daisy Y1
Gabriel Y1
Lily Y2





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This week's Talk on Tuesday assembly

TAKEHOME



Does the natural world have rights?

In the news this week

Brazil's new president has said he aims to reduce deforestation and help protect the Amazon rainforest. In his first speech, Luiz Inácio da Silva (also known as Lula), promised to make climate protection a priority and explained he wanted to reach zero deforestation in the Amazon. Scientists often call the rainforest the 'lungs of the planet', because of the role it plays in absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen, saying that preservation of the Amazon is vital to stopping climate change.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you know about the Amazon rainforest with others at home and talk with others about what they know.
- > Do you believe enough is being done to protect the Amazon rainforest? Do you think the natural habitats close to where you live are protected?
- > Whose responsibility do you consider it is to protect natural habitats?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates –

February:

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

7th - Safer Internet day

9th - Dress to impress day - children can express themselves through what they wear on this day

15th - PTFA school disco

17th - End of this half term

27th - INSET day

28th - All children return to school

March:

2nd - World Book Day - children can dress up

2nd - Bedtime story (KS1 5-6pm)

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

8th - Parent Voice 2.30pm

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

May:

1st - Bank holiday (school closed)

4th - School closed for polling day (Y6 in school)

5th - Whole school King's Coronation celebration (more details to follow)

8th - Bank holiday (school closed)

9th - 12th - Y6 SATs week

15th - 22nd - Y2 SATs week

26th - Last day of half term

June:

5th - All children return to school

7th - September 2023 new intake parents meeting

12th - 16th - Y1 phonic screener week

28th - Children's University graduation

July:

4th - ATLP Student Awards

11th - Y6 Leavers production 6pm Coton Centre

15th - Summer Fair 12-3pm

21st - End of the school year

Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 3

Year 1

Year 2

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Top Mathstronauts:

🏆 Evie F - Y3

🏆 Lucas H - Y2

🏆 Ivy - Y3

Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 4

Year 3

Year 2

Year 6

Year 5

Year 1

Top Spellers:

🏆 Evie - Y3

🏆 Victoria B - Y5

🏆 Ella R - Y4



HALL OF FAME



UNDER 1 SEG



UNDER 2 SEG



UNDER 3 SEG

	Zack G, Tayla H	
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UNDER 4 SEG



UNDER 5 SEG



UNDER 6 SEG



UNDER 7 SEG

Learnt G, Ella Ra	Freddie H, Syliva H, Jaiha H	Layton W, Alexandra E, Luna L, Ollie H, Finn M, Toby S	
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UNDER 8 SEG



UNDER 9 SEG



UNDER 10 SEG



UNDER 11 SEG

	Isabel G Kaucee-Rae P	Eva C, Ella Ro	Lexi H
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ATTENDANCE AT WILLIAM MACGREGOR

THIS WEEK	30/1/23
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.6%
LADYBIRDS	99%
YEAR 1	92.7%
YEAR 2	95.3%
YEAR 3	90.7%
YEAR 4	95%
YEAR 5	99%
YEAR 6	83.2%



IT IS GOOD TO BE GREEN!

COME ON WMG, WE NEED
TO IMPROVE
ATTENDANCE
WE ARE AIMING FOR 97%

THE CLASS NEXT WEEK
WITH THE BEST
ATTENDANCE GETS AN
EXTRA PLAYTIME

Year 5 and
ladybirds have the
best attendance
this week!

Well done year 5

**Why is high attendance
important for your child's
education?**

As a parent/carer you want the best life chances for your child/children. Being in school everyday gives them the very best chance of achieving this. GCSE'S may seem a long way off for your child but 90% of children with average attendance at primary school and into secondary school of around 85% fail to achieve 5 or more GCSEs and one third of children fail to gain any.

Poor attendance in school will limit children's ability to achieve their full potential.