



# William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 17th February 2023

## News.....

Today we finish for our 3rd half term which means we are half way through this academic year - the time goes so quick. What a busy half term it has been; especially with our OFSTED visit. The children continue to demonstrate our core values on a daily basis and apply these to the wonderful curriculum they are exposed to. Most children have now had an opportunity this year to complete some learning outside of the classroom or have a trip planned soon. Year 3 children had a wonderful experience last Friday when they visited the MAD museum (Mechanical art and design) and butterfly farm. The children have told me about all the wonderful technological inventions they saw. They loved building marble runs on the magnetic wall!! Year 1 and year 5 have visited the space centre to bring their class learning to life, year 1 also visited Bolehall this week learning all about the local area and where William MacGregor led a school. Year 4 have completed a residential at Whitemore Lakes and excitingly our year 5 and 6 children are off on London and Paris residentials over the next few months. Year 6 also have an exciting careers morning at Arthur Terry school the first day back after half term. We continue to explore our offer for children not only to bring learning alive but to expose the children to as many experiences as possible. Thank you for your help in allowing this to happen through financial contributions and lots of volunteering.

After half term, on Wednesday 1st March, the NEU teaching union will again go on strike. I am not anticipating this will affect the opening of classes that day and as on the previous strike day, I am fairly confident we will be able to open as normal. I will update you on this as soon as we return after the holiday if there is any change.

The children were treated to a lovely assembly yesterday from two ladies who work at St. Giles. If you remember, this is the charity we raised all the money for prior to Christmas with the Rudolph run event. Children learnt about their work and where this money will go. Our school councillors were able to present a cheque of £3,208 to the charity - they were so proud of their achievements as you should be. St. Giles gave all the children a bag that they will bring home today.

This week, we also had our termly disco and it was so well attended. The children had a wonderful time. This would not be possible without our fantastic and dedicated PTA Friends group. Thank you all so much who helped set this up and volunteered on the night. The total raised was over £500. We have had to move the next event of Easter bingo until after Easter as the Y6 children are in France when it was due to take place, so I have also changed the date of non-uniform day for donations for this. When we have a confirmed date for both, I will let you know.

These dates are on the calendar but a reminder that our year 2 and year 6 children will complete their statutory assessment tests in May and these are compulsory so no time off can be given or taken during this time. Year 6 - 9th-12th May. Year 2 - 15th-26th May.

Have a wonderful restful, half term holiday whatever you may be doing. All children will return to school on **Tuesday 28th February** as school is closed on the Monday.

Mrs Jones



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**Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update**  
Congratulations to Mr C Robotham who won £8.10 last week. This has very kindly been donated back to school. Thank you.  
We have raised £2,416.40 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 – Alessa  
YEAR 1 – n/a  
YEAR 2 – Alex  
YEAR 3 – Toby  
YEAR 4 – James  
YEAR 5 – Orson  
YEAR 6 – Alex



## Congratulations to all badge winners this week

Bronze – Olivia, Diana (LB)

Silver – Evelyn, Jaxon, Lily-May, Archie (Yr2) Lewis, Tobias (Yr3) Sarah, Sylvia, Toby (Yr4)

Gold – Freddie (Yr2) Lily, Evie, Alexandra, Emi (Yr3) Livy (Yr4) (Yr5) Brodi, Milo, Logan, Jude, Ronnie, Chase

Emerald – Alisha (Yr5)

## Birthday celebrations

Maya  
Rebeca  
Georgia  
Emelia G  
Brooke  
Max W  
Holly  
Mia L  
Aida  
Alexia  
Chloe  
Rosie AR  
Joseph AR





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Year 6 and Year 5 went to Rawlett on Tuesday 14th February for a netball match against Birds Bush Primary School. The girls who played: Chloe, Millie, Rosie-H, Aida, Alexia, Harper, Nedi and Ella. We all had great resilience and determination. In every quarter we had lovely interceptions, and we marked our players nice and tight. We won 11-0. Thanks to Mrs Dickens for coaching us.



Nedi and Noah presenting our money to St Giles yesterday.



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## Key Dates –

### February:

27th - INSET day  
28th - All children return to school  
28th - Y6 at careers event at AT

### March:

2nd - World Book Day - children can dress up  
2nd - Bedtime story (KS1 5-6pm)  
3rd - PTFA non-uniform day (chocolate donations) **To be rearranged**  
8th - Parent Voice 2.30pm  
W/b 13th - Mother's Day/special person lunch  
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 - 26th - 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 6  
Year 3  
Year 2  
Year 1  
Year 5  
Year 4

### Top Mathstronauts:

🏆 Evie - Y3  
🏆 Aida O - Y6  
🏆 Lucas H - Y2

## Spelling Shed

### Leaderboard this week:

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

### Top Spellers:

🏆 Alfie A - Y5  
🏆 Freddie B - Y5  
🏆 Sarah T - Y4



## HALL OF FAME



UNDER 1 SECS

Rosie H, James B,  
Ronnie C, Alex H,



UNDER 2 SECS

Zack G, Noah C,  
Livvy P



UNDER 3 SECS

Evie F, Louis B, Brody  
H, Toby S, Isabella H,  
Ella R, Logan W



UNDER 4 SECS

Leart G, Ella R, Finn  
M, Jensen D



UNDER 5 SECS

Suliva H, Layton W,  
Chace C



UNDER 6 SECS

Alexandra E, Luna L,  
Ollie H, Kurah H, Eva  
C, Maya L, Ella R



UNDER 7 SECS

Olivia L, Alex B



UNDER 8 SECS

Emmy P,  
Isabel G



UNDER 9 SECS



UNDER 10 SECS



Lexi H  
Layla M



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## ATTENDANCE AT WILLIAM MACGREGOR

THIS WEEK	13/2/23
WHOLE SCHOOL	94.6%
LADYBIRDS	92.3%
YEAR 1	85.9%
YEAR 2	98.9%
YEAR 3	96.4%
YEAR 4	97.2%
YEAR 5	93.1%
YEAR 6	98.8%

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 2 have the  
best attendance  
this week!

Well done year 2!

### 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 and this will impact opportunities in life.