William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 3rd March 2023

News…….

This afternoon I was happy to post our final report from our OFSTED inspection 6 weeks ago. The report was published yesterday and will be available next Friday on the OFSTED website. Please take the time to read this. I am very proud of the children, staff and community and I am excited for the next part of our learning journey together. Next week we have our Parent Voice session so please come along and we can either look at this more closely or answer any questions you may have about school life. This is also your chance to have your say about school life. Last half term this was not very well attended so we have changed the time of the day to see if this suits you better. We hope to see you on Wednesday at 2.30pm.

This is a very exciting half term in school but an unusually short one so we lots packed in. This week year 6 had the amazing opportunity to visit Arthur Terry Secondary school to attend a career fair. The school had organised so many professionals for our children to speak to and ask questions to about the job they do and why they like it. The children chose who they wanted to speak to and hopefully this gave them a small insight into the wealth of careers on offer to them. I spoke with the children after they had been, and they were really enthusiastic about their morning and as ever they represented our school impeccably! We will be doing more to inspire our children with all the possibilities for their future careers over the next year!

World Book Day was an amazing success yesterday and the children looked fabulous. They had a fun filled day exploring a class author, completing an orienteering activity, taking part in a book swap and reading with their peers. Thank you to Miss Noakes who organised such a great day. The bedtime story event is always a success too - a favourite day and event for many!

Easter will soon be upon us and a WMG tradition is our annual Easter bonnet parade and egg competition. If your child is in LB, Years 1 and 2 they are asked to design and make an Easter Bonnet for our parade on the last day of term (Thursday 30th March) these can be as simple or as elaborate as they want them to be. If your child is in years 3-6, they are asked to design and make an egg scene again for the competition on the last day of term. This is always my favourite day of the school year, and I cannot wait to see this year's designs. There will be a prize for each classes' winner and a small prize for everybody who takes part. Happy crafting!

Please can I ask that any toys stay at home and are not brought into school. Also, if anybody has instruments at home from previous Staffordshire lessons in school, can they please be returned asap to the school office.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Jones

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Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update

Congratulations to Mrs C Fairfax-Haycox who won £8.10 last week. This has very kindly been donated back to school. Thank you.
We have raised £2438.00 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. This will be an area dedicated to reflection, one that reaches our senses and provides an area of calmness and sanctuary.



LB – Logan
YEAR 1 – Archie A
YEAR 2 – Lucas
YEAR 3 – Maggie
YEAR 4 - Lexi
YEAR 5 – Charlotte
YEAR 6 – Mollie



Congratulations to all badge winners this week

Bronze – Jai (Yr4)

Silver – Zac, Leon, Joel (Yr1) Isabelle (Yr2) Finn, Kyrah, Isabella, Ella-Rose (Yr4) Seb (Yr5)

Gold – Gabriel, Elijah, Rebeca, Maya (Yr1) Hugo (Yr2) Evie, Euan, Roo (Yr3) James (Yr4) Jacob (Yr5)

Emerald – Eliah, Darcy (Yr3)

Birthday celebrations



Rebeca
Elijah
Zachary
Zack
Eduard
Joseph AR
Rosie AR



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TAKEHOME

6-12 March



In the news this week

It has been suggested that the number of hazel dormice in the UK has dropped from around 3.5 million to only 750,000 in almost 30 years. Currently, their conservation status is classed as 'vulnerable', but some researchers say people should be more worried for them. A recent report from the University of Exeter urges for hazel dormice to be reclassified as 'endangered' and calls for more conservation action.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Describe your local area to someone older. Ask them to share details about their local area from when they were younger. Was it different?
- Talk about different places e.g., the countryside, cities. How can people who live in each take greater care of local habitats?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Key Dates –

March:
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 4
Year 2
Year 3
Year 5
Year 1
Year 6

Top Mathstronauts:
Lucas H - Y2
James B - Y4
Isabelle H - Y4

Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:
Year 5
Year 2
Year 3
Year 1
Year 4
Year 6

Top Spellers:
Charlotte H - Y5
Lucas H - Y2
Alfie M - Y5

Times Tables Rock Stars – HALL OF FAME



UNDER 1 SEC	UNDER 2 SECS	UNDER 3 SECS
James B, Zack G	Livy P,	Evie F, Louis B, Brody H, Toby S, Ella Ra, Stefi S, Alexandra E



UNDER 4 SECS	UNDER 5 SECS	UNDER 6 SECS	UNDER 7 SECS
Leart G, Ella Ra, Finn M, Jenson D	Suliya H,Layton W, Chace C, Maya L, Seb H	Alexandra E, Luna L, Ollie H, Kyrah H, Eva C, Ella Ro	Olivia L, Alex B, Isabel G



UNDER 8 SECS	UNDER 9 SECS	UNDER 10 SECS	WANNABE
Emmy P			Lexi H Layla M, Ava O, Keanan S

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ATTENDANCE AT WILLIAM MACGREGOR

THIS WEEK	27/3/23
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.5%
LADYBIRDS	95.7%
YEAR 1	95%
YEAR 2	96.3%
YEAR 3	94.2%
YEAR 4	92.9%
YEAR 5	99.1%
YEAR 6	95.1%

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 BEXT ATTENDANCE GETS AN EXTRA PLAYTIME



Year 5 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 every day 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.