



# William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 24th March 2023

## News.....

We have loved seeing all the adventures year 6 have been up to this week in **Paris**. They have had such an amazing time especially yesterday when they spent the whole day at Disney! We have been very jealous! I am so proud of the way they have represented our school. This shows a real strength to our ATLP partnership - schools combining to carry out such an adventurous trip has allowed our staff to lean on each other and the children to meet other year 6 children across the partnership. Hopefully, more of this cross-partnership work with the children can continue. Trips like this would not happen though if not for our incredible staff who have given up their week to accompany the children. Many thanks to Miss Sheward, Mr Neiland and Mrs Bailey.

Year 4 have amazed us this week too with the information they shared in our weekly assembly. On Wednesday, children from year 4 had the chance to join the local Tamworth **archeological dig** that took place by the castle. For the short time they were there, they gained so much knowledge about how an archeological dig works and what could be hidden under where the old mill of Tamworth stood. They explained in assembly all their finds which included pottery, glass and maybe even a bone! They were so enthusiastic; we all learnt so much from them. Well done year 4!

The children may have come home and said that they were having lots of photographs taken on Wednesday. We had a **photographer** in school taking lots of new images of the children across the day to update our prints around school and media images for ATLP. Look out for them very soon.

A huge well done to our year 3 and 4 athletes this week that took part in the **indoor athletics competition**. Mrs McNerlin was so impressed with their teamwork and sportsmanship, and they came an amazing 3rd! Well done all! I look forward to hearing about year 5 and 6 on Monday evening.

**Raffle tickets** have been selling super-fast! So much so I had to replenish them yesterday as we had sold a book already! All raffle tickets purchased will go into the draw to win one of the Easter eggs that have been kindly donated. If you think you can donate an egg for this, then please drop it into the office. All proceeds will be going to Tamworth Foodbank.

Mrs Jones x



LB - Miki

YEAR 1 - Rebeca

YEAR 2 - Archie

YEAR 3 - Roo

YEAR 4 - Louis

YEAR 5 - Holly

## Birthday celebrations



Miti  
Archie A  
Ted  
Eva





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# TAKEHOME

27 March  
- 2 April



### How do communities support each other in difficult times?



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## In the news this week

Schools in parts of Turkey and Syria have been reopening in the weeks since the devastating earthquakes hit, many in the form of makeshift tents. Teachers in the affected areas are making certain children's education continues, despite the difficult circumstances. Many school buildings were affected in the earthquakes at the start of February, leading to all educational institutions nationwide being closed for over two weeks. Although many learning centres have since reopened, lessons have had to also continue in tent schools, set up by volunteers and authorities in the worst affected areas.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your knowledge and understanding of last month's earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- > Talk about how difficult it may have been for the affected communities there.
- > Thinking about your own community, how do you work together – especially when things are hard?

**Please note any interesting thoughts or comments**



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## Key Dates –

### March:

28th - Rock Steady Concert (2.15pm) parents of children involved are welcome.

28th - Year 5 London parent meeting 3.15pm

29th - Year 3/4 Easter production 6pm (St. George's Church)

30th - End of term - Easter bonnet parade and egg competition

31st - INSET day

### April:

17th - All children return to school.

18th-19th - Year 5 in London

24th & 25th - Y5 Bike ability

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

12th - Y2 Visit Tamworth Castle

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

20th - Sports day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

23rd - Whole school trip day (more details to follow)

28th - Children's University graduation

### July:

4th - ATLP Student Awards

5th-7th - Y6 transition to QEMS

6th - Moving up morning (Ch. Meet new teachers)

7th - End of school reports sent out

11th - Y6 Leavers production 6pm Coton Centre

15th - Summer Fair 12-3pm

21st - End of the school year

## Maths Shed

### Leaderboard this week:

Year 2

Year 4

Year 6

Year 1

Year 3

Year 5

### Top Mathstronauts:

 Gabriel T - Y5

 Rosie H - Y6

 Millie T - Y6

## Spelling Shed

### Leaderboard this week:

Year 6

Year 5


Year 2

Year 4


Year 3

Year 1

### Top Spellers:

 Emi - Y3

 Terlea T - Y6

 Martynas Z - Y2



### Congratulations to all badge winners this week!

Silver – Charlie, Kyran (Yr3) Lexi (Yr4)

Gold – Elsie, Tobias, Martha (Yr1) Emelia G, Jaxon, Archie (Yr2) Dakota, Emelia, Ollie (Yr4) Ella R, Toby, Gracie (Yr4)

Emerald – Isabella, Keanan (Yr3) Victoria (Yr5)

Ruby – Ivy (Yr3)

### Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update

Congratulations to Miss R Pritchard who won £7.50 last week.

We have raised £2468.80 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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## ATTENDANCE AT WILLIAM MACGREGOR

THIS WEEK	20/3/23
WHOLE SCHOOL	97.6%
LADYBIRDS	96.9%
YEAR 1	94.2%
YEAR 2	98.5%
YEAR 3	97.9%
YEAR 4	99.3%
YEAR 5	97.7%
YEAR 6	99.3%

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 4 and 6 have  
the best  
attendance this  
week!

Well done both  
year groups!

### 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.