



William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 21st April 2023

News.....

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you had a good break despite the very varying weather conditions; still praying for some sun at some point this year!

The term kicked off with our year one and two children competing in an indoor athletics competition. They did fantastic and came second overall. We were so proud of them in their first ever time representing the school. As you may have heard in the news, the teaching union NEU has rejected the proposed pay offer and will continue strike action this term. Two of those dates are in the next two weeks: Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. I don't anticipate that these dates will affect school opening and we will remain open for all children. If anything changes, I will let you know asap.

Friday was Corinna's last day in post as crossing patrol on Basin Lane. I am hoping this post is filled asap but until then I am not sure the council have a stand in so please be aware there may not be a crossing patrol for the next week. It is essential children's safety is put first before parking needs and weather conditions.

During the week beginning 1st May, children will be completing their learning around the King's Coronation. All children will be completing a piece of commemorative artwork that will be displayed for our community to see and then taken home. This piece of artwork will be planned, drafted and a final piece produced all in time for Friday 5th May when we will invite you in to see them and join your child/children for a picnic on the field. The gallery of art will begin at 1pm and the picnic shortly after. I hope you can join us.

A few weeks ago, I sent out a letter regarding the whole school trips. The final day for the deposit payment and to secure your place is the 30th April. Please log on to MCAS to do so.

A reminder that this week we have parents evening. Please ensure you have booked your time slot on MCAS.

Mrs Jones x



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Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update
Congratulations to Mrs K Tromans who won £7.50 last week and have very kindly donated this back to the 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



LB – Diana

YEAR 1 – Delaney

YEAR 2 – Layla

YEAR 3 – Dakota

YEAR 4 – Max

YEAR 5 – The whole class

YEAR 6 – Rosie H



Congratulations to all badge winners this week!

Bronze – Carter M, Dominic, George (LB)

Silver – Noah (Yr4)

Gold – Daisie, Toby, Lewis, Maggie (Yr3) Zack, Isabella (Yr4) Jenson, Jack Kaycee-Rae (Yr5)

Emerald – Ted (Yr2) Liliana, Sophie, Olivia (Yr3) Livy (Yr4) Alfie A, Amelia, Isla, Kai, Kitty (Yr5) Millie, Morgan, Jaiha, Ffion, Chloe, Eliza, Nedelina (Yr6)

Ruby - Luna (Yr3)

Birthday celebrations



George
Nevaeh
Charlie
Evie
Toby
Ella Ro





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Key Dates –

April:

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

Top Mathstronauts:

🏆 Rosie H - Y6
🏆 Morgan M - Y6
🏆 Noah C - Y6

Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

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

Top Spellers:

🏆 Martynas Z - Y2
🏆 Terlea T - Y6
🏆 Emi - Y3



HALL OF FAME



James B, Zack G



Livy P, Toby S, Brody H, Jai N



Evie F, Louis B, Ella Ra, Stefi S, Nevaeh S, Leart G, Alex B, Chace C



Ella Ra, Finn M, Jenson D, Ella Ro, Layton, Maya L



Sylvia H, Seb H, Isabel G, Isabelle B



Kurah H, Eva C



Lexi H, Layla M, Ava O,



Emmy P, Layla M, Kausee P



Max W



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This is next week's Talk Topic:

TAKEHOME



How do you learn best?



bert Timm/hv/BBC

In the news this week

An educational television programme for young people in Afghanistan has been launched by the BBC. The TV show has been created to help children, who have been banned from going to school in the country, and is aimed at children aged 11 to 16. The Taliban group, who took over the country in 2021, have stopped girls over the age of 11 from attending school. The weekly programme is called Dars, which means 'lesson' in Afghanistan's official languages.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on the new TV programme for young people in Afghanistan.
- > Thinking about how you learn, what is your preferred way, e.g., by listening, writing, doing?
- > In what ways would your life be different without school?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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ATTENDANCE AT WILLIAM MACGREGOR

THIS WEEK	21/4/23
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.1%
LADYBIRDS	100%
YEAR 1	97.7%
YEAR 2	96.7%
YEAR 3	95.4%
YEAR 4	98.9%
YEAR 5	88.6%
YEAR 6	97.1%

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 BEST
ATTENDANCE GETS AN
EXTRA PLAYTIME



LB have the best
attendance this
week!

Well done LB!

**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.



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