



## William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 21st July 2023

### News.....

Today we have said goodbye to our **year 6** children. It has been a very emotional couple of weeks. I am so proud of everything they have achieved and the way they have presented themselves around school. Their work ethic has always been amazing and they have truly been a cohort of children that encompass all of our school values. I am confident that they have had a great start to their young lives with us and cannot wait to hear what new adventures await them over the coming years and the next chapter of their learning journey. We also say goodbye to some WMG families alongside the year 6 children that have been with our school across all of their children over many years. We will miss you a great deal! Good luck all - come back and see us soon!

This week we have been able to take 84 children who have **attendance** this year of 97% or above. This is an amazing achievement and something we reward the children for. We know children get poorly and this still allows for that. We are ending today on a whole school attendance figure of 95.2% This is inline if not above the national figure but still below our pre-Covid figures. A reminder going into the new school, no holiday in term time can be authorised.

I have posted this week a **uniform** list for September. Please take a look and let me know if you have any problems or questions.

Our wonderful office staff have posted this week very important information on how as a Trust we are moving forward in ordering **school lunches** from September. All parents will need to register following the instructions given. You will not be able to make meal choices until 1st September but pre-registration is vital.

Remember that the children can register and join up for the **Summer Reading Challenge**. Taking part is very easy and completely free. The children will need to go to any Staffordshire library to begin the challenge and take out their first set of books. When doing this, they will receive their challenge map and their first two stickers. After you have read 6 books and returned your completed reading map you will be rewarded with a bunch of goodies (including a lovely medal 🏆) Please get involved to encourage your child to take pleasure in reading and to support our local library 📖.

Wow - what a year! Another school year has drawn to a close and I know that a lot of you are looking forward to a break from the hectic school runs and general school life for the summer. I definitely know that the children are. There have been many discussions around if the 6-week holiday is too long a break but I know here that it gives children, parents and staff time to reflect, refresh and rejuvenate. This year has been one of lots of change and new opportunities for staff and children but the team and our fabulous community always pull together and we are relentless in our drive for improvement all of the time. I would like to thank Mrs Ford and Miss Noakes again for their dedication to the children over their many years here at WMG; I know we will still see lots of them!

Whatever your plans are for the holidays, please keep safe and enjoy the time with the children at hopefully a slightly slower pace! On a separate page, I have detailed emergency contact numbers for help and support should you need this over the 6-week period.

**We look forward to seeing our whole school community back (with the addition of our new ladybirds) on Wednesday 6th September 2023.**



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## Key Dates – September:

4th & 5th - INSET DAYS (School closed for children)  
6th - New school year begins for all children.



LB - Sameena  
YEAR 1 - Esmae  
YEAR 2 - Ted  
YEAR 3 - Nevaeh  
YEAR 4 - Zack  
YEAR 5 - Charlotte  
YEAR 6 - Brodi

## Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update

Congratulations to Mrs H Hastilow who won £7.20 last week and has very kindly donated this back to the school. Thank you.  
We have raised £2636.80 so far.

## Birthday celebrations

Logan  
Maggie  
Lexi H  
Owen  
Olivia D  
Grace  
Lucas W  
Ronnie  
Ffion  
Kaycee-Rae  
Ted C  
Alfie A



Amelia  
Luna  
abella M  
Martynas  
Alexander  
Allyn-Rose  
Ece  
Isie  
Archie W  
Tobias  
Lewis



## Congratulations to all badge winners this week!

Gold – Ted (Yr1) Max (Yr4)

Emerald – Lilly-May (Yr2) Steffi (Yr4)

Ruby - Tobias, Georgia, Maya (Yr1) Lottie, Martynas, Bella, Freddie, Brooke (Yr2) Orson, Mason, Charlotte, Gabriel (Yr5)  
Brodi, Joseph, Rosie AR, Millie, Ellie-Mae, Morgan, Milo, Tayla, Jaiha, Logan, Alexia, Terlea, Ffion, Alex, Chloe, Jude, Aida, Megan, Noah, Ronnie, Eliza, Chase, Nedelina, Mollie (Yr6)



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### If you need support over the holiday real, please do not hesitate to contact one of these numbers:

#### Domestic abuse:

If you are in immediate danger, call [999](tel:999) and ask for the police. If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have your call transferred to the police.

If you need support, call the freephone 24 hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)

#### Foodbank:

If you require a foodbank voucher, please contact either of the numbers below, answer the relevant questions and request a voucher. Please note that only those who attend the foodbank with a voucher will be offered food.

Citizens Advice Bureau- [08082082138](tel:08082082138)

Local Council – [0300 111 8000](tel:03001118000)

#### Mental Health Support for adults:

For urgent mental health support you can call : [0808 196 3002](tel:08081963002). Alternatively, you can attend your nearest A&E department for an assessment.

#### Mental Health Support for Children/Young People:

Staffordshire Connects can be contacted on [0300 123 0907](tel:03001230907) if support is required for a child or young person, relating to their mental health. Alternatively, you can attend the nearest A&E department.

#### Safeguarding

Urgent safeguarding concerns about a young person can be raised with First Response on [0300 111 8007](tel:03001118007) or though the Emergency Duty Team during evenings and weekends on [0345 604 2886](tel:03456042886)

#### Samaritans

[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

Phone [116 123](tel:116123)

#### Support with Drug/Alcohol related issues:

Betterway Recover can be contacted on [07426 351853](tel:07426351853)



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# ATTENDANCE AT WILLIAM MACGREGOR

| THIS WEEK    | 17/10/23 |
|--------------|----------|
| WHOLE SCHOOL | 95.7%    |
| LADYBIRDS    | 99.2%    |
| YEAR 1       | 93.7%    |
| YEAR 2       | 94.4%    |
| YEAR 3       | 96%      |
| YEAR 4       | 88.9%    |
| YEAR 5       | 97.3%    |
| YEAR 6       | 100%     |

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 6 have the  
best attendance  
this week!

Well done!

### 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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