

WILLIAM MAGGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

Black History Month - This week in school we have been celebrating Black History Month with lots of our learning themed around the arrival of the Empire Windrush in June 1948. The children have been focusing on how children on the journey to England would have been feeling, and what happened to them after they arrived. All of the children have completed a piece of writing and a piece of art to show what they have learned across the week, we are going to create a lovely display of these and will share this via dojo.

Harvest Festival - On Tuesday, the whole school walked to St. George's Church to celebrate harvest. Rev Gary led us in a lovely harvest festival where the children listened to why it is so important. The children learnt how important it is to show thanks and goodness towards others. The children were superbly behaved. Thank you to everybody who has donated food for the foodbank. We will take this to them next week.

Parents Evening - Slots for this are now open on MCAS for you to book. Parent consultation day/evening is on Thursday 9th November 2-7pm. Please go on to MCAS and book to see your child/children's teacher. If your child has an individual learning plan, your child's class teacher will be in touch to book a separate appointment at another time. Linked to this, we are inviting all parents into school for a learning 'showcase'. The children will be presenting their learning in their classrooms on Tuesday 7th November between 2.15pm and 3.15pm. You are more than welcome to come along and see the fantastic learning in each classroom. You can start at your child's and then see learning across the school if you wish. You are able to 'drop-in' anytime in this hour for as long or short as you would like. This is a great opportunity for the children to share their learning with you in preparation for parents' evening and for the children to practise their oracy presentation skills at the same time. We hope you or a family member can join us.

School lunches - Please ensure that you are going on to Relish with your child and going through the menus and choosing together. Particularly if the children have pre-booked, check that they still want this option next half term. Some children have not liked the yogurts for example so lots of these are going to waste so it may be that you go on and change some options. If you have not ordered this half term then please, please go on to Relish and order so that this is not taking learning time in the mornings in school. If you are having any trouble then please contact the office for support.

Attendance - We are in the process of updating our school policy. Please can I make another reminder that if your child is too ill for school then a phone call should be made to the school office. It is a joint legal responsibility between us and yourselves for children to be in school and it is part of our school safeguarding procedures to know where they are if they are not. Please do not message on class dojo. This week the DFE has provided a weblink for parents entitled: 'Is my child too ill for school?' which is a guide detailing which illnesses children need to be off school for and for how long. This is taken from NHS guidance. I have provided this below so that you can click on it for ease.

Mrs Jones

STAR OF THE WEEK

Year 1 – Evie
Year 2 – Thomas
Year 3 – Skyler
Year 4 – Evie
Year 5 – Toby
Year 6 – Gabi



MATHS SHED

Leaderboard:

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



Top Mathstronauts:

- Ana T - Y2
 - Theo R - Y2
 - Liliana D - Y4

SPELLING SHED

Leaderboard:

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



Top Spellers:

- Archie A - Y2
 - Nevaeh S - Y4
 - Ana T - Y2

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Key Dates

October:

25th - 27th: Y4 to Whitemore Lakes

27th: Last day of half term

November:

6th: All ch. return to school

7th: Y1 library visit

7th: Parent learning showcase
(2.15-3.15pm)

9th: Parents' day/evening (2-7pm)

10th: Whole school Remembrance day activities

13th-17th: Anti-bullying week

14th: Y2 library visit

17th: Whole school maths day

20th-23rd: Book Fair in school

21st: Y3 library visit

28th: Y4 library visit

December:

1st: INSET day (School closed to all ch.)

5th: Y5 library visit

12th: Y6 library visit and

Rocksteady concert (2.15pm)

13th: Y1 and Y2 Nativity at St Edithas church 6pm

15th: Ladybirds Nativity at Elim Church 9am

18th: Ladybirds Xmas craft 9-10.15am and Y4 Xmas craft 2-3.15pm

19th: Y1 Xmas craft 9-10.15am and Y5 Xmas craft 2-3.15pm

20th: Y2 Xmas craft 9-10.15am and Y6 Xmas craft 2-3.15pm

20th: Xmas lunch

21st: Y3 Xmas craft 9-10.15am and Y4 Xmas craft 2-3.15pm

22nd: Whole school Carol concert and last day of term

January:

8th: INSET day (school closed for all ch.)

9th: All ch. return to school

TT ROCKSTARS

Congratulations to all of the children who have improved their rock speed this week!

Rock Hero (under 1 sec) -

Rock Legend (under 2 secs)-

Dakota J, Tommy S

Rock Star (under 3 secs)-

Beau O

Headliner (under 4 secs) -

Mia L

Support Act (under 5 secs)-

Breakthrough Artist (under 6 secs)-

Lily P,



HOUSE POINTS



Congratulations to all of our badge winners this week! 🏆

Bronze - Cora, Ilaria, Kobi (Yr1) Skyler, Bella (Yr3) Dakota, Isabella, Lewis (Yr4) Sylvia, Leart (Yr5) Freddie, Victoria, Alisha, Amelia, Isla, Tamzin (Yr6)



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ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 95.5%

Ladybirds: 95.2%

Year 1: 97.1%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 96.7%

Year 4: 95.8%

Year 5: 92.2%

Year 6: 95.2%



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to all children celebrating their birthday this week! 🎂



Keegan (Yr1)

Martha (Yr2)

James (Yr5)

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations Ms L Coates who won £5.70 last week and has very kindly donated this back to the school. Thank you.

We have raised £2,742.40 so far.

We have a new area we are fundraising 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.

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.

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 1 have
the best
attendance
this week!

