

WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

As I write this, although I cannot believe it is **half term** already, the staff and children are very much ready for a break. This has been an exciting half term where the children have showcased excellent learning and progress. The 8 weeks has allowed for class teachers to really get to know their new classes and for the children to showcase their superb learning behaviours. As a school, we have made some whole school improvements in our environment which will continue over half term where we have brand new dinner tables being fitted. These are state of the art and will allow our hall to be completely free of tables for PE lessons and assemblies. We have also made strides towards our school improvement priorities. I am incredibly proud of the time, dedication and hard work our team provides for all of our children to have the best that we can possibly give them. Half term allows for a brain break, rest and rejuvenate ready for an exciting Autumn 2!

An example of this dedication has occurred this week in our staff leaving their own families to take year 4 children on a 3 day residential to **Whitemore Lakes**. I was lucky enough to join them for half of it and what an amazing time we had. The year 4 children have been so well behaved, well mannered and most importantly have faced their fears and overcome some of their worries. For some of the children they have never stayed away from home before so that in itself has been such an achievement. The courage they have shown in facing the challenges of the outdoor activities has been amazing. They have completed activities like a climbing wall, a zip line, a leap of faith, orienteering and a challenge course amongst other things. I think they will have a big sleep tonight! Well done year 4 and a big thank you to Mrs Simpson, Mrs Smith, Mrs Edwards and Miss Marsh.

We end the half term with some more happy news and are extremely happy to announce that **Mrs Douglas** is having a baby! I know you will join me in sending a huge congratulations to her and her family; I know the children will be so excited too. Mrs Douglas' baby is due in March and will leave us just before then for a short period to concentrate on her new addition!

A reminder that school is closed next week and children will return on Monday 6th November. Please complete a **parents' evening** booking before then for that week and join us for the children's showcase of learning if you can.

I have attached some information regarding cheaper food options for children over the holidays. If you have any concerns about the **safeguarding** of children whilst we are not in school or need support, I have also attached a list of key numbers you can access at any time.

Have a great break whatever you may be doing. Keep safe across Halloween and bonfire night events and we look forward to seeing all the children safely back in school after the holiday.

Mrs Jones

STAR OF THE WEEK

Year 1 – Adelaide
Year 2 – Georgia
Year 3 – Lily
Year 5 – Alex
Year 6 – Amelia



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

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)-

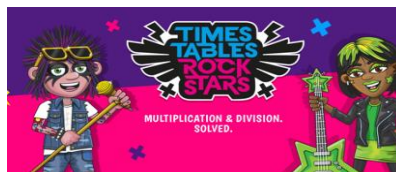
Rock Star (under 3 secs)-

Amelia W, Mia L

Headliner (under 4 secs) -

Support Act (under 5 secs)-

Breakthrough Artist (under 6 secs)-



HOUSE POINTS



Congratulations to all of our badge winners this week! 🏆

Bronze – Evie, Reuben, Adelaide, Clara, Isabelle, James, Caleb, Carter H, Lili, Noor, Sameena, Theo, Diana, Lucas (Yr1) Esmae, Izzy, Elsie, Theo, Arlie, Mia, Archie A, Georgia, Martha (Yr2) Emilia P, Willow, Lucas, Kyren (Yr3) Louis, Isabella, Brody, Alex (Yr5) Mia, Charlotte, Kai, Kitty (Yr6)



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ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 95.4%
 Ladybirds: 95.2%
 Year 1: 97.3%
 Year 2: 95.8%
 Year 3: 96.5%
 Year 4: 95.7%
 Year 5: 92.1%
 Year 6: 95.2%



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

Sahiba (LB)
 Ilaria (Yr1)
 Kobi (Yr1)
 Jackson (Yr2)
 Leon (Yr2)
 Billy (Yr2)
 Bella (Yr3)

Teddi (Yr3)
 Lucas (Yr3)
 Kyran (Yr4)
 Ivy (Yr4)
 Leart (Yr5)
 Orson (Yr6)
 Lexi (Yr6)

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations Mrs K Hadley who won £5.70 last week. We have raised £2,750.00 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!

