

# WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

**Happy new year** and welcome back to the new term. I hope that you were able to take some time over the Christmas holiday for family time and a chance to rest and recharge for the new term. The children have come back brilliantly and were straight back to their learning on Tuesday. If your house has been anything like mine this week; the dark, early mornings coupled with the dip in temperature has resulted in a struggle to get up and out after the lack of routine of Christmas but **attendance** in school this week has been the best we have had this year (98.8%) so I hope this will continue so positively. With the **weather** seemingly getting even colder next week, please ensure children have suitable coats and hats and gloves etc. as they will continue with outside play and PE lessons. If we have icy conditions then please leave enough time to get to school safely in time. Children can wear boots/wellies to school and bring their shoes to change into once they arrive. I will always use class dojo to communicate any messages regarding snow etc.

I was so privileged to accompany 27 of our children this week to the **Young Voices** concert at Resorts World on Wednesday evening. You will have seen the amazing videos and photos on dojo this week but it is hard to capture how amazing this event really is. It was the best start to the new year! The 27 choir children spent the day there in rehearsals and parents of the children were treated to a spectacular show in the evening. Well done to them and a huge thank you to Miss Tuton and Mrs Simpson for its organisation and time in preparing the children each week during the autumn term. A truly inspirational event! On Monday staff took part in various **training** sessions throughout the day including fire and health and safety as well as Prevent training. We also spent some time looking at pupil progress across the school for the autumn term. I am so pleased with progress the children are making. Please remember that having an **iPad at home** will allow you to explore the children's learning on Showbie yourself. Children should also be using times table rockstars, spelling and maths shed and reading plus regularly each evening to continue learning at home. Children should be reading 5 times a week and Boom reader completed as a record of this. Children in Y3 and above can document this themselves.

I have attached all of our known **dates** for the rest of the year on the next page. Please take note of all of these. I will continue to add to these as the year progresses.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Jones x

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds - Max  
Year 1 – Charlie  
Year 2 – Delaney  
Year 3 – Joshua  
Year 4 – Ollie  
Year 5 – Leart  
Year 6 – Freddie



## MATHS SHED

### Leaderboard:

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



### Top Mathstronauts:

- Liliana D - Y4  
 - Lucas H - Y3  
 - Freddie B - Y6

## SPELLING SHED

### Leaderboard:

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



### Top Spellers:

- Archie A - Y2  
 - Sophie H - Y4  
 - Lola B - Y2

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## Key Dates

### January:

15th: Y6 trip

### February:

9th: Last day of half term

19th: First day of Spring 2

### March:

4th - 8th: Year 6 in France

19th: Yr 3 and Y4 Easter

production at St

George's Church 6pm

21st: Parents Evening (2-7pm)

22nd: Easter bonnet parade,  
Easter assembly and last day of  
term

### April:

8th: INSET day (School closed  
to all pupils)

9th: First day of Summer term

16th - 17th: Y5 to London

### May:

2nd: School closed for polling  
day

3rd: Inset day, school closed

6th: Bank holiday, school  
closed

13th - 17th: Y6 SATs week

23rd: Sports day

24th: Last day of half term

### June:

3rd: First day of Summer term

10th - 13th: Book Fair in school

26th: ATLP student awards

### July:

5th: INSET day, school closed

W/b 8th: Reports out

10th - 12th: Y6 secondary  
transition days

19th: Last day of term



## TT ROCKSTARS



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

Rock Hero (under 1 sec) -

Brody H, Lexi, Theo

Rock Legend (under 2 secs)-

Charlotte

Rock Star (under 3 secs)-

Headliner (under 4 secs) -

Emelia H

Support Act (under 5 secs)-

Kyran S

Breakthrough Artist (under 6 secs)-



## HOUSE POINTS



Congratulations to all of our badge winners this  
week! 🏆

**Bronze** — Charlie (Yr1) Dylan, Lilly-May (Yr3) Kaycee, Ted,  
Jack (Yr6)

**Silver** — James, Caleb, Lucas (Yr1) Izzy (Yr2) Kyren,  
Skyler (Yr3) Charlie, Isabella, Lily, Daisie, Ollie,  
Isabelle, Olivia (Yr4) Brody, Leart (Yr5) Mia, Theo,  
Alfie A, Alfie M, Gabriel, Kai (Yr6)

**Gold** — Ivy (Yr4) Alisha, Victoria, Freddie (Yr6)



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## ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 98.8%

Ladybirds: 99%

Year 1: 99%

Year 2: 96.6%

Year 3: 99.1%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 100%

Year 6: 99%



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

Sophia  
George  
Noah  
Jai



## SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations to Mrs C Fairfax-Haycox who won £5.40 last week and has very kindly donated this back to school. Thank you.

We have raised £2828.80 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 5 have  
the best  
attendance  
this week!

