



William MacGregor Primary Newsletter

Week ending 9th July 2021

News...

The children have coped brilliantly this week with being **back in school** after a week at home. I am bowled over by how resilient they have been this year coping with so much disruption. The disruption continues for Yr4 sadly with another positive case in the class this week. To ensure all the children and staffs' safety as much as we possibly can, we are strictly keeping staff to one bubble. Because of this all Yr4 children will be learning from home next week. I need to ask all parents and carers not to send their children into school if anyone in the household is feeling poorly and to get all family members PCR tested. We are finding the lateral flow tests are not showing up a positive case until many days after the person is infected with COVID. So many parents have said that their LFD test is negative and are surprised that the PCR is positive. Please, get a PCR test as these are much more reliable. The **Government announced** that school restrictions with bubbles will cease from the 19th July. With isolation still required if in contact with a positive case, we will not be changing any of our COVID safety systems in school for these last two days. The children will continue to be in their bubbles throughout the school day with staggered start and end times. We still require adults on site to wear face masks. We are doing everything we possibly can to break the chain of infection so no other bubble has to isolate. Next week is our final full week and we are trying to run a couple of events in a COVID safe way. On Wednesday we will hold our **sports day**. Ladybirds and KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. The children will sit in their bubbles instead of their house teams. We are not allowed parents on the school site, but we will take lots of pictures and let you know the overall winners! All children to wear PE kits on this day. We also want to give our **Yr6 children** an event to help them make lasting memories of their years at primary school, they have missed out on so much. On Thursday evening we have booked an outdoor cinema screen for the children to enjoy watching a film alongside some games on the field and enjoying some food. Again, we so desperately wanted parents to join in with this event, but the safety risk is too great, so it will be the Yr6 children only. Your child's end of year **report** will be sent out next week on **My Child at School**. Please ensure you have registered for this using the booklet that was sent home. Any problems then please call the school office. Some information was sent out this week regarding registering for '**My school fund**'. This is simple to do and by doing so gives the school and yourself money back on any purchases at Sainsbury's and Argos. Register at <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/>

Have a great weekend and enjoy the football!! □□□□□□□□

Star of the Week

Ladybirds – whole class

Year 1 – Noah & Sophie

Year 2 – Louis & Chace

Year 3 – Noah & Jenson

Year 4 – Rosie H & Chloe

Year 5 – Lily

Year 6 – Jenson and

James Kea

Birthday celebrations!

Kian

Ellison

Jaiha

Tayla



Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 3

Year 5

Year 6

Year 4

Year 2

Year 1

Top Spellers:

□ - Alfie M - Y3

□ -- Penny B - Y6

□ -- Andrei O - Y6



□ Every week, there will be a battle in each class. Boys VS. Girls. □
Good luck! □□

This week's most valuable players:

Year 2: Sarah & James □

Year 3: Kai-Hei & Victoria □

Year 4: Alex & Alexia □

Year 5: □

Year 6: Ethan B & Veronika □

Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 4

Year 2

Year 5

Year 1

Year 3

Year 6

Top Mathstronauts:

□ -- Aida O - Y4

□ -- Brody H - Y2

□ -- Andrei O - Y5



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Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update

Congratulations to Mrs S Heath who won £14.10 last week who has kindly donated her winnings back to school.

We have raised £1249.60 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. We would like to put artificial grass here and develop a calm area where the children can relax.



Congratulations to all badge winners this week. All badges will be given out when children are back in school.

Emerald – Emelia in Y1

Ruby – Keanan, Noah, Olivia and Isabella in Y1, Zack, Max & Stefi in Y2, Lexi in Y3, Henry in Y4 and Kian and Phoebe in Y5.

COMING SOON



FREE

Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*

*Eligible children and young people will get a letter from school to register

Registration opens 5th July 2021

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Department for Education

Staffordshire County Council

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

School events

Reminder that our school website has all events taking place in school.

www.williammacgregor.staffs.sch.uk

July

14th – sports day for children only. No spectators allowed on site

14th – school reports go out

15th – Yr6 leavers event on the school field.

20th – last day of term

Site Security

If you have visited the school office these last couple of days you will have seen a change in how you gain access to inside the main reception area. To provide an additional layer of security for the staff in the office, we have locked the front door and installed a ring doorbell. Please ring this to speak to the office



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New App warning to all parents and carers.

What is Monkey?

- ? Monkey is an online video chat service that is similar to Omegle or Chat Roulette, with a TikTok style interface.
- ? Users can talk to strangers from all over the world via webcam.
- ? Once a conversation is finished, or one user wishes to leave the conversation or talk to someone else, they click 'next' and are presented with a new user who could be from anywhere in the world.
- ? Users are asked to select their gender before meeting people.

Age Rating?

- ! The **website** states that all users must be over 18, but there is zero age verification. Users only have to tick a box to confirm that they are over 18. **Google Play** Age Rating: Parental Guidance.
- ! The app is currently **only available** on Android devices.

Key Safeguarding Concerns

- ! **Harmful Content** – Whilst testing this platform, reviewers found that every second or third user was a male masturbating, with some attempting to interact. Reviewers found countless examples of adverts for **sex** as well as **pornography** and bestiality. Extremely harmful content can flash up for a few seconds before the user clicks next, meaning there is no time to report in most cases.

The unpredictability of this content is likely to increase the shock factor and harmful impact because users have no warning as to what may appear.

- ! **No age verification** – There is little to no age verification mechanisms which children of any age can easily bypass. All users must do is tick a box to confirm that they are over 18. If users are signing in using their Facebook or Google accounts, the platform will still ask for a date of birth without any proof. The place where users input their DOB is pre-set to age 18.
- ! **Designed to attract children** – Everything, from the name, to the graphics used on the platform suggest this is created to attract children. It is described as 'an Omegle Alternative with TikTok vibes'. On Google Play Store, its description reads 'Make friends and chat to celebrities' and the app has copied TikTok's vertical style video feed.
- ! **In-app purchasing** – There are ample opportunities to spend money via VIP profiles or through buying more in-app currency called coins.
- ! **Location sharing** – The location of every user is shared publicly (not specifically but will say a country and a town/city) and there is no option to block this.
- ! **Users can not access this platform without turning their camera on.** If you deny the camera, Monkey will prompt you 'Monkey needs the cam'.
- ! **Young people access Monkey Web via other mainstream platforms** – Our online safety experts have located numerous examples of screenshots from Monkey being shared on mainstream social media platforms including TikTok and Instagram. Monkey also has its own accounts on TikTok and Instagram with a link to the site in the bio of each profile. This means that young people may be driven to the platform by viral videos discussing the site.
- ! **Sharing personal information online** – As with all livestreaming apps, children and young people could give away personal information without realising. They may also share details with strangers online or via linking their Facebook or Google accounts.