



William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 28th April 2023

News.....

I have been really impressed with how good our whole school **attendance** has been this week; the best week in a long time -98.2%! However, the number of children arriving late has been quite significant. Please remember that the school day begins at 8.40am. Any child who comes through the school office after the gate has closed (8.40am) is marked as late and if this is after 9am then an unauthorised mark is given as registers have closed. Our whole school attendance target is 97% and children are aiming for the same. Please remember that we can issue Calpol with your consent in school and that all holiday requests in school time will not be authorised.

A reminder too please that **PE kits** are plain black bottoms and tops with a plain house coloured t-shirt. Trainers should only be worn on PE days. As we have returned from Easter, I am seeing more multi-coloured PE tops and more trainers on school uniform days. Please come and see me if you need any support with uniform.

Since we have returned from Easter, you will know that our **menus** have changed for lunch. I understand that this has caused some problems with the choices children have. The menus are designed for children to try different things they may not do normally. I do know though that the sandwich options have been an issue. From the 9th May, Jo will now be making ham, tuna or cheese sandwiches and baguettes each day. So if you choose the sandwich option on the menu, Mrs Bannister will find out what filling they would like on the Tuesday morning for the rest of the week. Choose the wrap/sandwich or baguette option and we will sort from there as we cannot change the menu on MCAS once it is on. Please, please, please also choose your child's food by the Monday evening at 6pm for the following week as this needs ordering. Some children have not been on the lunch lists this week as choices were not chosen in time and therefore have not had their preferred choice. Any lunch question or query then please direct these to Mrs Bannister in the school office and not directly to Jo. Our change to the lunchtime routine in and outside has gone really well and the children have fed back how much they are enjoying it.

Thank you to all parents who came to **parents evening** this week. I hope you were able to have a purposeful discussion with your child's teacher and find out how they are progressing in school. Your child's teacher will have told you about things they can do to improve as we are always striving to be the best we can be. I am so proud of the learning the children display on a daily basis particularly our year 6 children who are working so hard in preparation for their SAT tests in the next few weeks. Their dedication to early morning and after school tutoring has been amazing and I know they couldn't be any more ready. If you would like any further support, please do not hesitate to contact me. Year 3 and 4 parents have had an added bonus over the last two weeks as they got to see their child's learning explained by the children themselves in their **show case events**. Well done to all the children involved who spoke with confidence and clarity in presenting their learning to adults - great oracy learning!

Thank you to all the children and adults who bought **raffle tickets** for the Easter egg raffle. We raised a total of £431 which we will be donating to Tamworth Food bank.

Please see some additional dates I have added to the school calendar below: school disco (24th May 4-5pm LB/KS1 5.15-6.15pm KS2)
Father's Day/special person breakfast (14th, 15th, 16th June 8am - more details to follow)

A reminder too that school is closed: Monday 1st May, Thursday 4th May (except year 6 8.30-12.30pm) and Monday 8th May. We will be remaining open on Tuesday 2nd May (teacher strike day) Mrs Jones x



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Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update
Congratulations Ms C Wallis to who won £7.50 last week and has very kindly donated this back to the school. Thank you.

We have raised £2518.80 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.

This will be an area dedicated to reflection, one that reaches our senses and provides an area of calmness and sanctuary.



LB – Filip

YEAR 1 – Mia

YEAR 2 – Willow

YEAR 3 – Kyran

YEAR 4 – Ava

YEAR 5 – Tommy

YEAR 6 – Rosie A



Congratulations to all badge winners this week!

Bronze – Reece (Yr1)

Silver – Evie, Isabella (LB) Daisy (Yr1) Teddi, Dylan, Zachary (Yr2)

Gold – Evelyn, Isabelle (Yr2) Kyran (Yr3) Finn, Sarah, Lexi (Yr3)
Seb, Lexi (Yr5)

Emerald – Brooke, Freddie (Yr2) Molly, Alexandra (Yr3) Mia,
Theo (Yr5) Joseph, Rosie, Tayla, Terlea, Alex (Yr6)

Ruby – Eliah (Yr3)

Birthday celebrations



Molly
Tamzin
Eliza P
Alexia
Alex H





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Key Dates –

May:

- 1st - Bank holiday (school closed)
- 4th - School closed for polling day (Y6 in school)
- 5th - Whole school King's Coronation celebration 1pm
- 8th - Bank holiday (school closed)
- 9th - 12th - Y6 SATs week
- 12th - Y2 Visit Tamworth Castle
- 15th - 26th - Y2 SATs week
- 24th - School disco (LB/KS1 4pm KS2 5.15pm)
- 26th - Last day of half term

June:

- 5th - All children return to school.
- 7th - September 2023 new intake parents meeting
- 12th - 16th - Y1 phonic screener week
- 14th, 15th, 16th - Father's/special person breakfast 8am (More details to follow)
- 20th - Sports day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
- 23rd - Whole school trip day
- 28th - Children's University graduation

July:

- 4th - ATLP Student Awards
- 5th-7th - Y6 transition to QEMS
- 6th - Moving up morning (Ch. Meet new teachers)
- 7th - End of school reports sent out.
- 11th - Y6 Leavers production 6pm Coton Centre
- 15th- Summer Fair 12-3pm
- 21st - End of the school year

Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

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

Top Mathstronauts:

- 🏆 Rosie H - Y6
- 🏆 Morgan M - Y6
- 🏆 Noah C - Y6

Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

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

Top Spellers:

- 🏆 Lucas H - Y2
- 🏆 Martynas Z - Y2
- 🏆 Emi - Y3



HALL OF FAME



UNDER 1 SEGS

James B, Zack G



UNDER 2 SEGS

Livy P, Toby S, Brody H, Jai N, Leart, G



UNDER 3 SEGS

Evie F, Louis B, Ella Ra, Stefi S, Nevaeh S, Alex B, Chace C



UNDER 4 SEGS

Ella Ra, Finn M, Jenson D, Ella Ro, Layton, Maya L



UNDER 6 SEGS

Sylvia H, Seb H, Isabel G



UNDER 6 SEGS

Kurah H, Eva C



UNDER 7 SEGS

Chloe J



UNDER 8 SEGS

Emmy P, Layla M, Kaycee P



UNDER 9 SEGS

Sophie H



UNDER 10 SEGS

Max W



WANNABE

Lexi H, Layla M, Ava O,



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This is next week's Talk Topic:

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

The coronation of King Charles III is taking place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May. During the ceremony, the King will be crowned alongside Camilla, the Queen Consort. Buckingham Palace has announced various events for the weekend, including a concert and laser light show at Windsor Castle on Sunday 7th May. There will be an extra bank holiday across the UK on Monday 8th May and people are also being invited to hold street parties, and to take part in volunteering projects in their local community.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you plan to watch the coronation, is it something that you are looking forward to?
- Are there any events organised in your local area?
- What other events do you like to celebrate and how do you celebrate them?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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ATTENDANCE AT WILLIAM MACGREGOR

THIS WEEK	28/4/23
WHOLE SCHOOL	98.2%
LADYBIRDS	99.7%
YEAR 1	95.7%
YEAR 2	96.3%
YEAR 3	99.3%
YEAR 4	100%
YEAR 5	99.7%
YEAR 6	96.8%



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 4 have the best attendance this week! 100%

Well done Year 4!

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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