

WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

Wow, I could not have been more impressed with the effort and thought that has gone into today's costumes for **'Maths Day.'** The children must have had so much fun getting ready for school this morning! Thank you all for supporting this and really allowing the children to fully embrace the day! I have set the children a task at home this weekend to see where maths is needed in the job that you and other families may do. We speak to the children all of the time about how maths is needed everyday of our lives. KS2 children had great fun in Timetable Rockstar battles across year groups as well as Yrs 5 and 6 coaching Yrs 3 and 4 in Timetables they find tricky. Ladybirds and KS1 have completed a day full of 'Number Block' activities centered around their favourite number. Year 2 also took part in a live interactive lesson online. There has also been an ATLP Rockstar competition this week with all of the primary schools in our Trust. We will find out next week where we have come. Thank you to Miss Sheward for organising such a fun day; we have all had so much fun!

Children have also spent the week exploring **'Anti-bullying week.'** We kicked the week off with a whole school 'Bullies Out' virtual assembly reminding children what bullying is and the different types. We focused a lot on ensuring children knew who their trusted adult may be if they feel they or someone they know are being bullied. In classes then throughout the week, children have continued some learning with 'Bullies Out'. Although we have marked it in school this week, this is something we continually focus on through out the year. Stuart Turnbull also delivered a superb assembly to children yesterday focused on inclusion and how we should celebrate our differences. The children were so receptive of this. Thank you to Mrs Douglas for organising this. For both 'Anti-bullying Week' and 'Maths Day' photos please see Class Dojo.

Some **school trips** have been added to the school calendar and you will have received communication about these from the office. As you can imagine these take a lot of organising by the admin team. The cost of these trips are exponentially increasing due to the transport costs. We feel it is so important that children have these experiences so will continue to offer them. We have extended payment periods to help with this but please come and see me if you are having any difficulty paying.

A reminder that we still have **Food Bank** vouchers in school that you can come in and gain. We are a registered provider of these and Tamworth Foodbank is very near to us on the Glascombe Rd. As Christmas approaches, please, please come and see me or the office and we can give these out once every three weeks. This is a community provider which we donate so much too and you can use.

Mrs Jones

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds - Salome
Year 1 – Noor
Year 2 – Ana
Year 3 – Freddie
Year 4 – Alexandra & Roo
Year 5 – Finn
Year 6 – Mia



MATHS SHED

Leaderboard:

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



Top Mathstronauts:

- Brody H - Y5
 - Liliana D - Y4
 - Theo R - Y2

SPELLING SHED

Leaderboard:

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



Top Spellers:

- Emi Z - Y4
 - Jenson D - Y6
 - Sophie H - Y4

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Key Dates

November:

20th-23rd: Book Fair in school
21st: Y3 library visit
23rd: Year 2 trip to Mad Museum
27th: Year 5 trip to Tutbury Castle
28th: Year 3 trip to Tanglewood
29th: Y4 library visit

December:

1st: INSET day (School closed to all ch.)
5th: Y5 library visit
5th: Y4 trip to Derby Faith Trail
12th: Y6 library visit and Rocksteady concert (2.15pm)
13th: Y1 and Y2 Nativity at St Edithas church 6pm
14th: Ladybirds trip to Snowdome
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
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
10th: Young Voices Concert

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

TT ROCKSTARS

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

Rock Hero (under 1 sec) -

Tamzin H, Beau O

Rock Legend (under 2 secs)-

Emi Z, Ollie H, Jenson D, Kitty F, Amelia W

Rock Star (under 3 secs)-

Headliner (under 4 secs) -

Support Act (under 5 secs)-

Lily P,

Breakthrough Artist (under 6 secs)-



HOUSE POINTS



Congratulations to all of our badge winners this week! 🥳

Bronze – Grace, Olivia, George, Jacob, Diana, Keegan (Yr1)
Evelyn, Ted, Dixie, Hugo, Layla, Freddie, Lilly-May (Yr3)
Lily, Luna, Daisy, Emelia, Evie, Ollie, Liliana, Nevaeh, Roo, Darcy, Isabelle, Noah, Olivia (Yr4)
Ava, Noah, Toby (Yr5) Alfie A (Yr6)

Silver – Ivy (Yr4)



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ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 95.2%
 Ladybirds: 91.4%
 Year 1: 99.2%
 Year 2: 97.3%
 Year 3: 93.8%
 Year 4: 93.7%
 Year 5: 98.4%
 Year 6: 92.9%



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

Isabelle (Yr3)
 Roo (Yr4)



SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations Miss M Sheward who won £5.70 last week.

We have raised £2,771.60 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!

