

# WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

Today marks the end of another fabulous week in school. The children looked amazing in their **Christmas jumpers**. Thank you to those that made donations for St. Giles by wearing it. Children can wear their Christmas jumper again on their Christmas craft day, Christmas lunch day (Wed. 20<sup>th</sup>) and on the last day of term for the whole school Christmas carol concert.

Our **choir** really got into the Christmas spirit this week too. Two groups of children spent their afternoon on Monday and Tuesday singing to the residents of Sunningdale Care home. The staff and residents were overwhelmed with the amazing performance of our children and it will now become an annual event in ours and their calendars. The children were exemplary and I was so proud hearing about it and seeing the photos. A huge thank you to Miss Tuton for leading the choir and Mrs Douglas for organising it. If you have a present for a resident of the care home, please bring these in next week as Mrs Douglas will be delivering these.

The children have been out and about lots over the last few weeks on various **autumn term trips**. The children as ever, have represented themselves fantastically. Year 2 have visited the mad museum and butterfly farm, year 1 – Bolehall Manor, year 3 have visited Tanglewood – outdoors activities in Cannock Chase, year 5 have been to Tutbury Castle and this week year 4 have visited the Derby faith trail where they compared customs and beliefs in a mosque, Baptist Church and Gurdwara. These trips have complemented the learning this half term in the children's curriculum time. I am so glad to see Tamworth library visits back up and running too after the library's recent renovation.

Ladybirds are off to the Snowdome this week and year 6's France trip is fast approaching. Thank you to our parent volunteers who allow these trips to happen.

Today we said a sad farewell to **Mrs Edwards** who works in our year 5 class. Mrs Edwards has gained a place on a teacher training course from September and is taking some time to study and prepare for this new journey. We are incredibly proud that our children have inspired Mrs Edwards to move forward into a teaching career. We will still see her each day for lunchtime and she will continue with her dance club until the end of term.

Last week we had our **school improvement partner** in school (Tracy Ruddle) for our first school performance review of the year. Tracy comes in to support and challenge myself and the leadership team in our progress in our school improvement priorities. This review concentrated on the use of iPads across the school, our new and improved RE curriculum and our writing and presentation journey so far this year. I was pleased she was able to speak to some children who could confidently talk through their learning on the iPads. She was pleased with the progress we continue to make in improving outcomes for all our children and we valued her feedback on our next steps.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Jones

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds - Lucy

Year 1 – Cora

Year 2 – Theo

Year 3 – Layla

Year 4 – Darcy

Year 5 – Lexi

Year 6 – Victoria



## MATHS SHED

Leaderboard:

Year 2

Year 6

Year 4

Year 3

Year 5

Year 1



Top Mathstronauts:

- Liliana D - Y4

- Archie A - Y2

- Jack S - Y6

## SPELLING SHED

Leaderboard:

Year 2

Year 4

Year 6

Year 5

Year 3

Year 1



Top Spellers:

- Theo - Y2

- Ana T - Y2

- Sophie H - Y4

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## Key Dates

### December:

**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 (Wear jumpers)  
**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) -**

Mia L, Alfie M,

**Rock Legend (under 2 secs)-**

Ivy F, Alfie D, Mason S

**Rock Star (under 3 secs)-**

Isabelle B, Lewis P-E, Lily P,

**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** – Carter M, Dominic, Miti (Yr1) Billy, George, Jackson, Mason, Lola, Ted (Yr2) Isabell, Lottie, Pearl, Jaxon, Archie (Yr3) Tobias (Yr4) Kyrarah, Zack, Jai, Max, Gracie, Isabel, Chase, Ella Ro, Eva, Steffi (Yr5) Ella, Eduard (Yr6)

**Silver** – Evie, Logan, Noor, Theo, Cora, Ilaria (Yr1) Martynas (Yr3) Alexandra, Emi, Euan (Yr4) Louis, Sylvia, James (Yr5) Freddie, Victoria, Amelia (Yr6)



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## ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 94.6%  
 Ladybirds: 93.7%  
 Year 1: 94.1%  
 Year 2: 88.6%  
 Year 3: 97.2%  
 Year 4: 95%  
 Year 5: 98.5%  
 Year 6: 95.4%



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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



Lucy LB    James LB  
 Hugo Y3    Dylan Y3  
 Olivia Y3    Ella Ra Y5  
 Ava Y5    Kitty Y6



## SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations Mr M Shepard who won £5.10 last week and has very kindly donated this back to school.

Thank you.

We have raised £2792.80 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!

