

WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

Wow, what a super busy week in school we have had. It has been a week of events. Firstly thank you for attending our postponed **sports day** on Thursday. It was a really fun day for the children and we were so pleased that the weather for once was on our side. Elizabeth house were our eventual winners by just 1 point with Charles in second place. A great day had by all. Well done children!

On Wednesday our **ATLP student award winners** visited Drayton Manor for their ceremony. What a wonderful day, celebrating the fabulous children of the ATLP family. A huge congratulations to all the children who were nominated for an award. Our William MacGregor winners were very well deserved. Congratulations to ..

★ Livy and Izzy for their charity fundraising ★

★ Charlotte for her contributions to school life ★

★ Dixie for her creativity ★

★ Olivia for her extracurricular activities ★

★ Charlie for special endeavour ★

And our wonderful Gracie for hosting the celebrations alongside another student from the ATLP. You made us very proud! 🍷

On Friday, myself, Miss Marsh and Mrs McNerlin had the pleasure of joining 23 of our wonderful children at Birmingham University to take part in their **gold graduation ceremony for Children's University**. It was a lovely afternoon where we watched other ATLP students receive their awards too. Well done to all of these children who have been completing so many hours of extra curricular learning outside of school. We have our silver graduation in school on Tuesday afternoon too. We will continue this next year and launch again in September. Well done all!

It has also been a very musical week in school. Our year 5s and year 3s had the chance to showcase their musical talent at different events. Year 5 took part in the annual Entrust ran instrument concert on Friday and did a fantastic job of displaying their excellent progress in their **Ukulele** playing that they have been learning all year. Well done year 5! On Wednesday, year 3 spent the afternoon and evening at Lichfield Cathedral taking part in a **music share event**. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to take part in and sang fabulously joining two other schools for an evening concert. Thank you to Miss Tuton for organising the event and Miss Grief for preparing the children so well.

Our dads, granddads and all our special people also joined us for **breakfast** this week too. Thank you to the kitchen staff Sean and Julie for being able to offer this and start their day earlier to make it happen.

Unfortunately, we are going to have to postpone our annual **summer fair** this year. This has not been an easy decision by our FriendsPTA but as they are now such a small group of 4 volunteer parents, this is an impossible task to organise and run even with all the staff support. This is a real shame as not only is it a great community event but raises so much money for our children. In September we will hold an AGM in school and hopefully we can gain more support to expand our PTA so all the wonderful events the children love can continue. We will still hold our 'break the rules day' non-uniform event this Wednesday and change our 'bring a bottle' non-uniform day the following Friday for another 'break the rules day'. All the money raised on these days will go back to the PTA for the children. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please let me know.

On Monday morning, we will let children know their **new teacher** for next year. We would normally do this on moving up morning but as this is much later this year due to the year 6 transition dates being much later, we felt the children and yourselves would want to know sooner. We will post this on Monday on dojo. We are still working on support staff so will finalise this over the next few weeks.

A reminder school is closed on **Thursday 4th July and Friday 5th July**. We are again being used as a polling station and have an already planned INSET day. Children will have work set on Showbie for Thursday to complete. We will be using these two days for staff CPD and working on 2024/25 school improvement plan. Many staff will receive training in being a learning coach for our ATLP teaching school and we will be working on ensuring our autumn curriculum plans are edited, completed and ready for September. Staff also have GDPR and cyber security training to undertake.

I will not do a newsletter next week as we have such a short week but look out on dojo for our 'Speak out' winners in their final on Friday. We also have a **learning showcase** on Wednesday where you are invited in to explore the children's learning over the summer term. Children will spend the week taking part in election activities too.

And finally..... a huge congratulations and good luck to **Miss Crowther** who gets married next Saturday! We hope she has a lovely day. When she returns on Monday she will be Mrs Wilding!

Mrs Jones

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Key Dates

July:

2nd: Children's university bronze and silver gradation in school
1.45pm

3rd: Learning showcase
afternoon 1.15pm and
Non-uniform day 'break the rules'

4th: Closed for polling day

5th: INSET day, school closed

W/b 8th: Reports out

10th - 12th: Y6 QEMS transition days

12th: Moving up morning and non-uniform day 'break the rules'

13th: Summer Fair (12-3pm)

POSTPONED

18th: Year 6 production at QEMS
6pm

19th: Last day of term

September:

2nd: INSET day, school closed

3rd: INSET day, school closed

4th: First day of the autumn term for all children 20224

October:

25th: Last day of half term



TT ROCKSTARS



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

Rock Hero (under 1 sec) -

Rock Legend (under 2 secs)-

Rock Star (under 3 secs)-

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! 😊

Silver – Hunter, Salome, Emilia, Hugo, Alexandru, Evie, Mia (LB) Tyler (Yr3)

Gold – Carter M (Yr1) Summer-Mai, Olivia, Joshua (Yr3) Alfie D, Jack (Yr6)

Emerald – Evelyn (Yr3) Daisie, Kyran, Darcy, Maggie, Noah, Olivia (Yr4) Jenson (Yr6)

Ruby – Alexander, Lucas (Yr3) Emi, Euan, Sophie (Yr4) Toby (Yr5) Holly, Charlotte (Yr6)



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ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 94%
 Ladybirds: 93.3%
 Year 1: 96.3%
 Year 2: 92.1%
 Year 3: 93.5%
 Year 4: 96.9%
 Year 5: 95.2%
 Year 6: 90.7%



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

Y4 have the
 best
 attendance
 this week!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

Florence
 Jaxon
 Katherine
 Noah M

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations to Mrs S Norton who won £5.10 last week and has very kindly donated this back to school. Thank you!

We have raised £2991.20 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.

