

St Margaret's Academy

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you've all had a restful Easter break and managed to spend some quality time with your children. Staff feel recharged and it's been lovely coming back. It has been a delightful first week with the sun shining mainly and lots of happy faces; a great start to what is always a busy and exciting term.

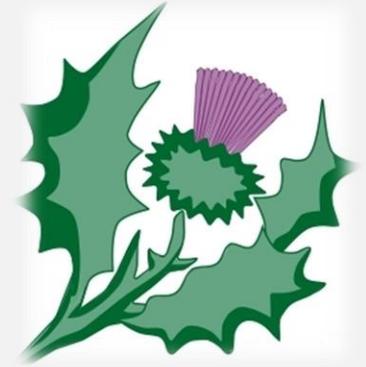
Relationships

We started the week with our assembly to launch our PSHE Jigsaw theme for the half term: *relationships*. With so many of us interacting with each other, it's a useful reminder that relationships are at the core of everything we do at St Margaret's. We consider it the most important thing to get right to enable everything else to work as well as possible.

Curriculum News

Information about learning in the summer term is being updated on the website. You can find this under 'Curriculum' and then scroll down to your child's year group where you will find the information letter, termly overview and collectables. As a reminder, one of the main uses for the collectables is to help you at home have an "easy to view" idea of the expectations for learning in that subject to help you best support at home. Also, there are parent curriculum meetings taking place to share this information and to give you a chance to ask any questions. Look out for the dates and times.

Have a look in the [Computing Blog](#) to see how our Digital Leaders have been helping Year 1 children with their computing skills. Have a look in the 'Latest News' under 'Hearing Support Centre' to see how a [past deaf pupil](#) is joining us for the summer term to run weekly sports events for our deaf children.



Art Homework Project

This term's subject competition is based on Art. Our friends from Dunboyne Court will be coming in to judge the entries again on 4th July so there is plenty of time for your children to get stuck in. With art being very much *in the eye of the beholder* I imagine it will be an especially tricky one to judge this time. The theme is *self-portraits* and any type of media goes, or even a mix up: drawing, painting, collage, textile, sculpture... whatever piques your child's interest. Some examples to help inspire you can be found on the [Arts Blog](#). Have fun.

Torbay Youth Drum Ensemble

This looks exciting and what a fantastic opportunity. For future reference this leaflet can also be found on the website under 'Parents' – 'Family Opportunities and Activities'.

Post Cared for Coffee Morning

Are you looking for some impartial advice regarding the education of your previously cared-for child under a SGO or adoption? This is held at the Beehive Children's Centre at 10am – 12pm on the 24th of April. The full address is: Paignton enterprise centre Bishops Place Paignton TQ3 3DZ. Then it's held again at The Barn Children's Centre from 12pm – 2pm on the 23rd of May. The full address of the centre is: Brixham Enterprise Estate Rea Barn Road Brixham TQ5 9DF

Help with Rising Costs – Reminders

- Do you need help with child care? If so, try this website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- Help for households – very useful government website: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- This community kitchen has some very affordable meal options and is well worth a look: <https://www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen/>
- The PTA has lots of quality school uniform for a small donation – see their FB page
- Martin Lewis: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>
- Free uniform and help with rising costs: <https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>
- Try here for cheaper broadband: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

Have a fandabby weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)





Beech	Bobby is our star this week. He has produced some aspirational independent writing this week and continues to wow us with his amazing reading skills. Keep it up Bobby!
Pine	Alfie is our star this week because we were so incredibly amazed that he managed to complete the entirety of Numbots! What an aspirational little boy
Oak	Eva- for showing responsibility by putting her hand up to share her ideas with the class and helping out around the classroom. Eva also represented our school very well at the 'A' games this week and she joined in well with the activities. Thank you for you showing a happy and helpful attitude Eva- you are a star!
Apple	Amira is our star this week. She is so helpful, kind to others and is making great progress in all her learning recently. This week Amira also represented the school at the 'A' Games, showing respect at all times and a great boost to her confidence.
Birch	Bella - for going up a group in phonics and joining in with our whole class reading sessions. She's also scored highly on her book quiz this week too! Well done!
Rowan	Charlie - has been amazing this week in all subject areas for his accurate, thoughtful and well worded responses to questions posed. An absolute superstar!.
Cherry	Elyce is the star of the week in Cherry Class. She has been showing great aspiration through her participation in lessons and we have been especially impressed with her answers in maths lessons this week. She also always shows our school value of respect by always being reading for her learning. Well done Elyce.
Hazel	Frankie is our star of the week for trying so hard with your handwriting over the past few weeks and gaining your pen licence. You should be so proud of this achievement! Well done Frankie.
Willow	Willow's star this week is James. James has really impressed us with his aspiration and resilience in his Maths this week when measuring angles using protractors. He has really been working on his reasoning and explanations and it is really paying off! Well done, James. You have worked so hard and we are so proud of you!
Holly	Thomas is our star this week as he has shown such perseverance and resilience in his learning, especially in the areas which sometimes can be tricky. He has really impressed the adults in Holly class and we are so proud!
Maple	Maple's star of the week is Tyler! Tyler has impressed all of the adults this week with his excellent attitude towards his learning. Tyler has been so aspirational and resilient in his writing AND his maths! If you want to read a fab newspaper report, have a look at Tyler's work! Well done Tyler :)
Hawthorn	Bea is our Star of the Week, for her tremendous aspiration. She works so hard to act upon the advice she is given to improve her work and always does her best. She has made fantastic progress in maths in particular, because of her determination and effort. Well done Bea - we are very proud of you!