

# St Margaret's Academy

We started this week with a role-playing assembly to help us navigate our way through relationships – falling out and falling in. We used Bear Grylls apple image again to help show how we might look okay on the outside but words can be very hurtful and damage us on the inside. On Facebook, I have shared a couple of images now that help remind us of the power of kindness. Doing something kind for others is also very good for own mental health

## Big Orchard News and Thank you

In today's assembly, we were joined by Olivia from South West Water who have donated £2000 for us to have an 'Orchard Changing Shed'. This is to enable the children to access the orchard ALL YEAR ROUND and WHATEVER the weather! The new purpose built shed will be on the right as you enter the orchard containing wellies, overalls and coats for ALL to use. A really big thank you to Mrs Posey for pulling various strings to make this happen.

The orchard is currently in full, summer term, swing. Thank you to Mrs Baker for making it an exciting place to be at lunchtimes with lots of outdoor activities and for the Friday gardening club. Forest School is also encamped here once a week.

## Heart Warming Visit to Dunboyne

The winners of the DT project visited Dunboyne Court on Monday afternoon. The residents loved having them and were very complimentary about their behaviour and respectful manner. It was such a rewarding experience for both the children and the residents. Read more in the [SMSC Blog](#) (*spiritual, moral, social and cultural*) and enjoy the warm photos.



**The class with the highest attendance this week is HAZEL with 96.8%**



**Please see Page 4 for upcoming events and important dates. This will be updated each week and attached to the Newsletter**



On Monday, the PTA met to work on plans for the summer fair that's taking place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. It's a massive job for them organising this which is all to the benefit of your children. If you are able to help in anyway, please do let the office know so we can pass on your contact details. The PTA are looking for raffle prizes, so if you are able to get hold of some super cool prizes, again, please do let us know. One other request: if you know of any local groups e.g. drama, dance, that would be able to put on a show that day, please inform the office or contact the PTA. Last year's fair was a major success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

## Curriculum News

There are a lot of exciting historical enquiries taking place this half term in each year group. Our Year 1s in Beech Class had a really exciting day on Wednesday when they were joined by medical students from Plymouth University as part of their 'Significant Nurses' topic. Read more and see the fantastic photos in the [History Blog](#). Year 1 Pine Class will enjoy this experience next week too.



I'm sure you know that we have superb sporting provision at St Margaret's, second to none, under the leadership of Mr Mayling. This includes our offer in lessons and clubs, as well as various festivals and success in competitions against other schools. Last week, Year 2 took part in the 'A Games' at Cuthbert Mayne. Look in the Sports Blog to see how they got on. Here's what one child commented about the experience: "We enjoyed the volleyball and the trampolines; they were both fantastic! I loved the A Games; it was amazing and I hope I get to go again next year!"

In the Sports Blog, you can also read a [match report](#) written by Alfie in Year 6 about St Margaret's win in the quarter finals of the boys' cup.

The [Arts Blog](#) now has a poster advertising the Dunboyne Portrait competition. Thank you to Isla, Bea, Ellie and Ruby in Year 6 for making this.

Look in the [Eco Blog](#) to see how Mr Tullier and the student council got on with a clean-up of Oddicombe Beach as part of Earth Day and thinking about one of our core values: *respect*.

In the [Computing Blog](#), you can see how Year 3 Rowan Class have been enjoying animating their stick man drawings.



## Free Yoga

Opportunities for [free yoga](#) across May and June. Have a look under 'Parent' on our website – 'Family Opportunities and Activities'. More info here too: [HOLISTIC Treatments Torquay](#) | [Nuture by Nina](#) ([nuturebynina.co.uk](http://nuturebynina.co.uk))

## Acorn Centre Strike Day Support



The Acorn Centre have partnered with Select Soccer to deliver a club on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for children affected by the strikes. These sessions will run from 9.30am-3.30pm at a charge of £15 per child and will consist of indoor and outdoor activities, arts & crafts, games, and a range of sporting activities. Optional early morning drop-off or a late pick up is available for an additional charge. To book please either message Select Soccer on Facebook, call 07966055740, or email [info@selectsoccer.co.uk](mailto:info@selectsoccer.co.uk)

## 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'.



## 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>

Enjoy the long weekend.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



# Diary Dates

24th April	Y4 & Y5 Parent information meeting for Summer Term
26th April	Y1 & Y2 Parent information meeting for Summer Term
28th April	Year 3 Parent information meeting for Summer Term
1st May 2023	May Day Bank Holiday
3rd May 2023	Hazel Class Parents Evening
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Year 3 Roman Day (2.30pm for parents to watch a Roman Dance performed by the children)
4th May 2023	Hazel Class Parents Evening
4th May 2023	Year 6 Parent information meeting (Spring book look, SATs information, Skern Photos)
5th May 2023	Mufti wear Red White and Blue to celebrate the King's Coronation
8th May 2023	Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
9th May-12th May 2023	Year 6 SATs
29th May- 2nd June 2023	Half Term
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	PTA Summer Fayre



Beech	Ollie C is our star for being such a superstar all the time. You are so polite to all staff and join in with our learning every day. You share your ideas with the rest of the class and bring so much to our class discussions - thank you
Pine	Sophia 'Wowed' us with her incredible knowledge of the Judaism artefacts today. She worked so hard. Well done!
Oak	Shahriyar- for participating very well in all lessons. It has been great to hear and see him sharing his wealth of knowledge about lots of different things. Super effort Shahriyar- well done!
Apple	Daisy is our star in Apple. She has shown super aspiration and perseverance in her maths tutoring recently and she is also trying really hard in class. Daisy is a delight and could easily get star of the week every week! Well done
Birch	Isaac for showing such high levels of enthusiasm with his learning. Your positive energy inspires the class and you always, always try your best. We are so proud of you!
Rowan	Hayden for his aspirational efforts to improve his handwriting. He has embraced the resources to support him in class and has demonstrated a huge amount of resilience when working. We are so proud of you Hayden- Keep up the amazing work - You WILL get there!
Cherry	Veronica is the star of the week in Cherry class. We have been super impressed with how she has been deepening the moment in writing. Her work is always beautifully presented too. Well done Veronica - you have a truly aspirational approach to your learning.
Hazel	Hazel star of the week is Willow for her amazing writing this week. You wowed the whole class with your amazing vocabulary and super character's feeling in your narrative. Very aspirational. Well done!
Willow	Libby is our Star in Willow this week. Libby could get star of the week every week. She consistently makes the right choices; she is always aspirational and always shows great kindness to all of her peers. She has been particularly fantastic this week with her Maths - choosing the most challenging work and even pushing herself with the extension! Well done, Libby! Keep being the star that you are!
Holly	Lilly is our star this week, she has shown such responsibility towards her learning. Lilly was incredible in PE and always shows kindness to others. She is also a fantastic helper and could easily get star of the week every week! Well done Lilly, we are so proud of you!
Maple	Olly is our star of the week in Maple. We've been so impressed with Olly's attitude this week. He has tried his hardest in lessons, showing real aspiration to succeed. Olly has also been incredibly kind, offering to help tidy the classroom, hand things out and also showing lovely manners. Keep it up Olly and well done.
Hawthorn	Our star of the week is Alfie. He has worked really hard on completing his reading comprehension independently this week. He also wrote a fantastic football match report. This is great aspiration Alfie - well done!