

St Margaret's Academy

We started the week with a celebration of reading in assembly and finished the week marking World Book Day with children and staff dressing up as characters from the story, *The Day the Crayons Quit*. Today's celebration assembly also included a special music performance from our Years 1s.

Curriculum News

Catch up with news in the Sports Blog about the Lionesses' continued success as they eye the top spot in the league. In the Computing Blog you can see how two of our digital leaders (Myo and Harrison) have created their very own tutorial for others to learn [Scratch](#) programming. Well done to them.

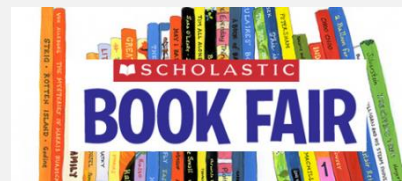
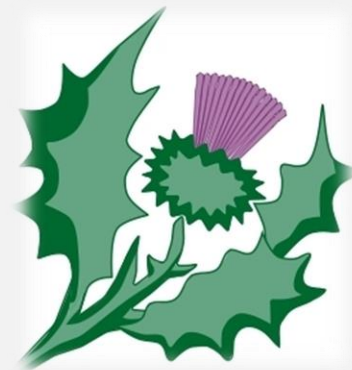


Parking Safety

I regularly receive worried emails, phone calls and comments about the safety on the roads at morning drop-off and collection. Our site staff are out and about talking to drivers, placing cones and trying their best to help. Please can I appeal to you to park a safe distance from school to help alleviate this situation and keep everybody safe. Thank you.

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/>



The Book Fair will in school next week 6th-10th March from 3.15pm. On Monday the PTA will be selling cakes along side the book fair to raise funds for the library. Please come and support!

ATTENDANCE

The class with the highest attendance this week goes to

BIRCH CLASS
99 %
WELL DONE

- Try here for cheaper broadband:
<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>


Enjoy your weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

Watcombe, Willows & Higher Barton Community Partnership presents

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- ♦ FREE BUFFET LUNCH
- ♦ INFO & ADVICE STALLS
- ♦ ENTERTAINMENT
- ♦ FREE RAFFLE
- ♦ TORBAY LEGO MASTERS
- ♦ GUEST SPEAKERS

Saturday 4 March, 12-3pm
Barton Baptist Church
Happaway Road, Torquay TQ2 8EU

Tickets are free but numbers limited. So residents of Watcombe, The Willows, Barton & Hele, register & book now online!
costoflivingtq.eventbrite.com
Or call Helen on 07548 704876



Diary Dates

6 th March -10 th March 2023	Book Fair after School (all week)
6 th March 2023	PTA Cake Sale
15 th March 2023	KS1 Trip to the Zoo
17 th March 2023	PTA Mini First Aid Reception and Year 3 Children
20 th - 24 th March 2023	Year 1-6 Parents Evening (booking details to follow)
24 th March 2023	PTA Non-Uniform Day - Donation of a chocolate egg
28 th March 2023	PTA Easter Bingo after school
29 th March-31 st March 2023	Year 6 residential to Skern Lodge
3 rd April- 14 th April 2023	Easter Break
17 th April 2023	Start of the Summer Term



Beech	Flynn is our star of the week. He is such a polite, friendly and respectful member of our class. He shows true aspiration in everything he does in every area of his learning. Thank you, Flynn, for being such a super member of Beech Class.
Pine	Iris is our star this week because she was SO kind and helpful to a younger pupil when they joined our class yesterday. Great job Iris.
Oak	Flo has shown all of the school values, in particular responsibility. She has been participating in lessons more and trying her best, particularly in phonics. Fantastic effort with your learning Flo- well done!
Apple	Olivia is our star this week. She is such an amazing Apple and every day Olivia shows at least one of the school values and has such a contagious smile! Thank you, Olivia, for being a wonderful member of our team.
Birch	Owen is our star this week for amazing work ethic, enthusiasm and showing kindness to all around him. Keep this up Owen - you're a true superstar!
Rowan	Oliver is our star this week as he always shows all the school values. He is always willing to help and tries his hardest in all aspects of his work. Well done Oliver!
Cherry	Lily is the star of the week in Cherry Class. She has impressed us with her dedication to learning especially during our current maths topic on fractions. Well done Lily, you consistently demonstrate all of the school values and we are proud of you.
Hazel	Our star of the week in Hazel class is Rico. He has worked so hard on his maths learning this week and has shown a great amount of motivation for our fractions unit of work. We are also very proud of your resilience when some things were a little tricky. Keep it up!
Willow	Amy is our star this week. Amy has been so aspirational with her Maths, pushing herself and working so hard! We have also noticed a really positive change in her attitude towards her learning which is so lovely to see! Well done, Amy! Keep it up!
Holly	Bella is our star this week for her aspiration in writing. We are focusing on a narrative linked to our space topic and her hand is often up sharing wonderful vocabulary choices. Bella has also worked so hard on her spelling and using a range of punctuation, she has become much more confident in both areas - well done Bella!
Maple	This week's star of the week goes to Freddie for his aspiration in writing. We have been looking at Wallace and Gromit's "cracking contraptions" and Freddie has made great contributions to the class discussions about using technical vocabulary - keep it up!
Hawthorn	Rocco is our Star of the Week for his increasing aspiration and determination to do his best, particularly in English lessons. He has been working hard on improving the content of his writing and has put fantastic effort into developing a neat joined handwriting style. Well done Rocco!