

Summer Term Newsletter No.2 (3.5.19)

Last week, Year 3 and Year 4 visited Torquay Museum to help launch their Egyptian work. They represented themselves, their families and the school really well. Heather Adams, the Learning Officer commented: *"It was a pleasure to welcome the children and staff from St. Margaret's to the Museum today and yesterday for our Egyptians Workshops and we hope you enjoyed the day. We were so impressed by the children's behaviour, enthusiasm and really interesting questions."* Check out the website to find out more about [their visit](#). The museum is also offering some interesting events out of school which you can find out about in our blog.

Check out the Year 1 Riddles on the [website](#).

Find out [here](#) how some of our pupils with a hearing impairment got on when they went sailing in the Bay on Wednesday.

Our super PTA has set up a fantastic website to use for bookings and notifications of events. If you have your own business, you can even advertise on their site. It should help make everybody's busy lives a lot simpler. Check it out: www.pta-events.co.uk/smapta

Many thanks to Chris Thomas, one of our Meal Time Assistants, who has taken the initiative to get school composting back up and running. He has been to look at how it works well in another school to get ideas for here. We're very grateful to Chris for volunteering his time and look forward to see how this develops. The Orchard is a very popular place for the children and it's exciting to see what will happen here in many ways. This week, I was approached by one child who wants to get weeding and caring for the area so she's got some friends together and thanks to our MTA Lead, Nicki Scaife, they are up and running. Our first three chicks are in the Orchard and the second batch of four are currently thriving in Beech Class. [Track the chicks](#).

Don't forget about the parent presentations on 'Understanding Emotional Development' that are taking place on Tuesday 9.00—10.30 am and Wednesday 1.30—3.00pm next week. It's the same presentation both times so please feel free to come to either. [More information here](#).

Help Needed! Magic Breakfast has been a great success with the children this week. If any parents are able to help buttering and / or handing out bagels (even just 1 day a week), please see Mrs Pike. Help is needed for buttering from 8:15am and handing out from 8:45am. Many thanks in advance!

Torbay Council has requested your help in finding out more about childcare. Please follow [this link](#) to find out more and complete a short questionnaire.

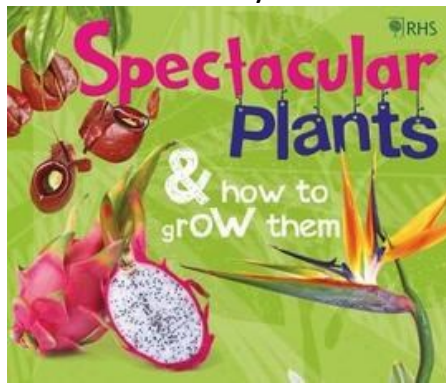
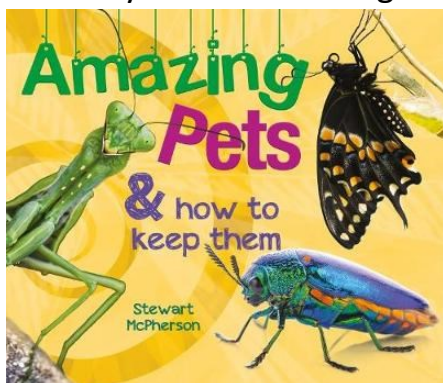
We're had some lovely comments from parents this week letting us know how much they appreciate the work of the school staff. You can be assured they are a very dedicated group of professionals who put the child at the centre of all they do to help make a difference to their lives. I would like to add my thanks to the staff for all their above-and-beyond commitment. It is a pleasure to work in such a team.

If you're looking for a good read for your child this long weekend, there is now a large selection of recommendations from The Reading Ambassadors under the [Reading Blog](#) on our website. Increasing your child's vocabulary through reading is a proven and strong indicator of future success.

Enjoy the long weekend. Looks like there might be some sun but not as warm as Easter.

Tim Hughes

Miss Palfey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



Written by Stewart McPherson and in our library now.

Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Rowan Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **97.7%** attendance. School target: 96% The whole school achieved **96.1% this week**



This Week's Star Pupils!



- Ash — Talah - For showing great progress in your reading, you are spotting lots of tricky words and are using your sounds.
- Lily F - You are such a kind member of our class. Super writing about your super vegetable this week - we loved how independent you were.
- Elm — Lyncoln - You are such a super star, trying so hard to listen to the sounds in words to write. You are doing this all by yourself now...such aspiration to succeed!
- Alfie V - You show such kindness towards your friends and teachers. This week you have been very thoughtful, solving problems to help other people. We are lucky to have you in our class.
- Beech — Autumn- you are always so kind, helpful and thoughtful. You put so much effort into your work and it shows - well done!
- Pine — Jacob, for taking responsibility for his learning. Showing an excellent growth mindset and for concentrating so well, well done !
- Oak — Seren Panther-Glenn- for showing great responsibility for her learning. She has settled down to every task quickly and shown great concentration in all activities. Great aspiration Seren.
- Apple— Barney - for being aspirational with his learning and giving 100% concentration, well done!
- Birch — Corey- For being extremely aspirational with your contributions in class and your recount writing this week. Keep up the hard work!
- Rowan — Tamsin - for being so aspirational in all of your writing! Your class level contributions also demonstrate your enthusiasm.
- Cherry — Kloe - has shown real aspiration in all her learning recently, particularly in maths. Well done - keep up the great effort!
- Maple — John- for being aspirational and writing a fantastic recount that included all of the tool kit.
- Holly — Buster - for being a great friend and showing kindness to all members of our school community. Well done.
- Willow — Alfie Dakin is constantly kind and a great learning partner to work with
- Hazel— Noah - for exceptional effort, participation and positivity throughout Year 6. You are an excellent example to others in everything you do and an absolute pleasure to teach.
- Hawthorn— Bobby- for showing enthusiasm and aspiration in everything that he does.

Diary Dates

Wk Beg Tue 7.5.19	Deaf awareness week—we will be raising awareness across the school in all classes
Tue 7.5.19 9.00am	<i>Understanding Children's Emotional Needs</i> - course for parents in school
Wed 8.5.19 1.30pm	<i>Understanding Children's Emotional Needs</i> - course for parents in school
Wk beg 13.5.19	Year 6 Statutory Attainment Tests (SATs) - please ensure your child is in school promptly this week.
Saturday 29.6.19	PTA Summer Fair

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION