

St Margaret's Academy

Dear Parents,

This week we have been focusing on demonstrating our school value of kindness. In Monday's assembly I used a tube of squirry cream to show how once we say or do something unkind, it's hard to take this back (as in, you can't easily put the cream back in). We shared some ways to be kind to others and we revisited our approach to behaviour and relationships. This is all about helping children to reflect on what happened and then to make restoration to help fix the situation.

We used this lovely *bucket filling* story to exemplify how to make others happy. Well worth a look:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EuemNAo6XE>

Across the week, teachers have been following this up in class and I've had many conversations with children who have approached me with their lovely stories. For example, in Year 3 Birch, children showed their kindness with a smile, helping others in various ways, asking after somebody, giving someone a hug and giving someone a high 5.

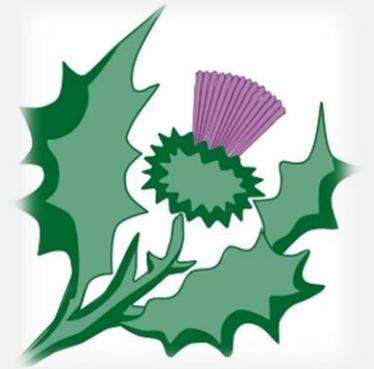
One act of kindness that really struck me was from Summer in Year 5 who had her long hair cut short to donate the cuttings for making into a wig for children with cancer. Amazing!



School Community

I always feel very privileged to be the Head Teacher here. I've been running several tours for potential new parents across the autumn term (and I know some of you also took the opportunity to join these). On every tour, right across the school, there is a lovely feeling of warmth, with engaged and happy children. I shall be running a few more of these in the spring term for current parents so do look out for the dates as it's a great way for you to see what goes on.

On Monday we showed the England football team's opening World Cup match in the hall – for those children who wanted to watch it. It



Children in Need

Thank you for your kind donations, we raised

£250



This week's Attendance Star goes to

Maple 99.3%

Amazing!

was a great way to come together as a school community and was much enjoyed by children and staff.

Thank you again for the lovely feedback and helpful suggestions on the parent questionnaires. If you haven't yet returned yours, please do so as it really helps us. You can get a copy from your child's teacher or the office if you haven't received one.

Celebrating School Achievement

Because of the pandemic the government made the decision that schools do not need to publish their results for 2022. We have decided, however, to share our achievements, right across the school, in helping the children to close gaps and catch up. We know we still have further work to do but we are proud of our progress so far. For your interest, you can find the results on our web under 'About the School' – '[School Performance Data](#)'. Enjoy.

We have also been recognised locally as one of the three best schools in Torquay: <https://threebestated.co.uk/primary-school-in-torquay>

In Memory of Frazer

Thank you again for the money raised for Batten Disease in Frazer's memory. You can see a lovely [certificate of thanks](#) and letter from the Batten Disease Family Association on our website in the PSHE Blog.

More Sports News

Congratulations to Lilli in Year 4 who won two gold medals at the International Taekwondo Championships. Congratulations to Archie in Year 3 who came third in the [Devon Skiing Championships](#) last weekend and well done to the Year 5 and 6s who won the [swimming gala](#) last Friday.



Help with Rising Costs – Reminders

- 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 your weekend. Not long until Christmas.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

5 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day (Only packed lunch option available to all other year groups)
5 th December	PTA design a Christmas tree competition (in school activity)
6 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day (Only packed lunch option available to all other year groups)
6 th December	PTA Elves visiting the school
6 th December	PTA fully funded Christmas Disco
7 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day (Only packed lunch option available to all other year groups)
7 th December	PTA fully funded Cinema trip Years 2,3,4,5 & 6 Recp & Year 1 Film in the school hall
8 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day (Only packed lunch option available to all other year groups)
8 th December	KS1 Nativity at Babbacombe theatre
9 th December	Rudolf Charity Run for Rowcroft
13 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Craft afternoon 1.30-3pm
13 th December	KS2 Carol Concert St Cuthbert Mayne
15 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Show 1.30-3pm
17 th December - 3rd January 2023	Christmas Holidays
4 th January 2023	Pupils return to school

ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY PTA



Christmas Tree colouring Competition!

On the 5th December (during school hours) the children are invited to design a Christmas tree. Winners will be chosen by the residents of Dunboyne Court from categories:

- Reception/Year 1
- Years 2 & 3
- Years 4, 5 & 6

WINNERS FROM EACH CATEGORY WILL BE GIVEN A CHOCOLATE TREATS BUNDLE AND A SMALL TREAT FOR EVERYONE IN THEIR CLASS FROM THE PTA. WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS DISCOS

TICKETS ARE FULLY FUNDED BY THE PTA

6TH DECEMBER 2022

RECEPTION/YR1 : 5 - 5:30

YR2 & 3: 5:45 - 6:45

YR4, 5 & 6: 7 - 8

THE TUCK SHOP WILL BE OPEN WITH SWEETS AND TREATS RANGING FROM 20P - £1

Whilst this event is free of charge, **tickets will still be required for Insurance and Safety reasons.**

Please keep an eye out for information on when we will be on the playground for this.



ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY PTA PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS Cinema Trip

FOR YEARS 2 - 6

7TH DECEMBER: 10AM

TICKETS AND POPCORN FULLY FUNDED BY THE PTA

POP CORN

ADMIT ONE

SCREENING THE NEW MUSICAL COMEDY FILM 'LYLE LYLE CROCODILE'

2 PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PER CLASS - SPEAK TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER

Merlin Cinema, Union Street, Torquay.

www.lylelylecrocodile.movie

ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY PTA PRESENTS...

CINEMA AT SCHOOL!

Reception & Year 1

To save their little legs, we will be bringing the cinema to them with a showing of...

The Gruffalo's Child

Wednesday 7th December 10am

POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED - PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE POPCORN

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Beech	Sophie is our star of the week in Beech because she has made such a lot of progress with her reading and maths over the last few weeks. You have worked really hard and should be very proud of yourself.
Pine	Emmerson is our star of the week because he is a star everyday. He takes responsibility for his own learning and always has his hand up to answer questions. You are growing in confidence so much - well done!
Oak	Anu is Oak's star of the week because he always shows respect and kindness. He listens extremely well in lessons and offers his help to those who need it. Anu has also impressed me with his aspiration and focus when writing a diary about The Great Fire of London. Well done Anu, you are a star!
Apple	Our star this week is an amazing apple! Joshy has been really trying to be more responsible by showing kindness and respect to his peers. Additionally, he has also been an amazing writer this week in our first independent piece. Great work Joshy, keep it up!
Birch	Oliver for increasing his accuracy on TT rockstars (it is now above 80%) and for getting 100% on his book quizzes this week. He is also our handwriting hero today!
Rowan	Rowan's star of the week is Charlie! He has such a great attitude to all aspects of his learning. He gives everything a go and is such a lovely member of Rowan class.
Cherry	Max is Cherry class star of the week for the wonderfully aspirational attitude he has towards all of his learning. He not only works hard in school but also at home with his homework and reading. Well done Max, you are a fabulous learner and should be proud of all your efforts.
Hazel	Noah - For being a wonderful friend, team member and role model to all of your peers inside and outside of the classroom. Thank you for being a fantastic member of Hazel class!
Willow	Willow's star this week is Louis. Louis is such a kind, caring and thoughtful boy and is a real ambassador for Willow and St Margaret's. Louis has particularly impressed us this week with his resilience and perseverance in Maths. He has not given up when things became tricky and has even offered to help his friends! Miss Davies and I are so proud of you, Louis. Keep it up!
Holly	Our star in Holly this week is Anton! He has blown me away with his maths, it's an area that Anton does find tricky and he has been completing fraction tasks independently as well as actively remembering to use his times table knowledge - we're so proud of you!
Maple	We are so happy to announce our star of the week is Noah! He has shown real resilience this week in PE. He has also taken responsibility in writing by choosing a quiet space to focus. Keep it up Noah - we are so proud of you!
Hawthorn	Hawthorn's star this week is Isla. She has shown fantastic effort in PE lessons, asked thoughtful questions during our science lesson from visiting doctors and shown super independence in writing and RE lessons. Well done Isla!