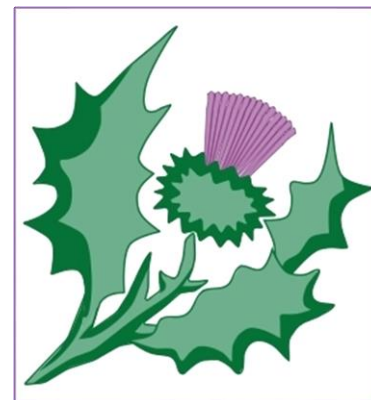


St Margaret's Academy

Dear Parents,

Gosh! There are just 3 more weeks remaining of this academic year. A big thanks to all the teaching staff who are working hard to make this a memorable and engaging end of the summer term.



Working with Dunboyne Court

Photos and news from our work with Dunboyne Court is on the *Curriculum in Action* web page now. You can see how the competition was judged in school, in the [Geography Blog](#) and see photos of the winner visiting Dunboyne in the [SMSC Blog](#). It was a great experience and linked well to our Windrush Diversity Day.



Here's a lovely message from Phil Smith at Dunboyne following the children's visit there on Monday: *"Everyone here was also full of compliments on how knowledgeable, polite, friendly, and well behaved the children were. We were all agreed that they are undoubtedly an immense credit to you, St Margaret's staff, and their parents/guardians. Please pass-on our thanks and these comments to all those who contributed."*

In the autumn term, I hope we can encourage even more children to take part in a new homework project competition.

Sporting News – all in the Sports Blog

There has been a bumper number of sporting events recently, inspired by [National Sports Week](#). Thank you very much to Mr Mayling for organising and providing all these opportunities.

Find out the results, read the news and see the photos from last week's [Sports Days](#). Read about the success of our Year 6s who came first in a [Rounders competition](#) with other Torbay schools. Read about the success of our Key Stage 2 children at last week's [athletics competition](#) at St Cuthbert Mayne.



Last Sunday, several of our pupils took part in the [Torbay Half Marathon](#) by joining the one mile schools' run. It was such a great experience for them



Saturday 9th July

Summer Fayre 11am-2pm

11-15th July

Reports to Parents

Wednesday 13th July

Year 6 Show 2pm & 6pm

Thursday 14th July

Year 6 Show 6pm

Thursday 21st July

M&M production for Y3-Y6
Year 6 Leavers Disco

Friday 22nd July

Year 6 Leavers assembly
and BBQ

joining an event like this on closed roads with lots of people cheering them on. A really big well done to them for their effort. Well done to Mr Mayling and Mrs Posey who ran alongside, giving encouragement.

Computing News

If you enjoy a good joke and need a laugh – or you would like to learn more about flowers or Minecraft, do look in our [Computing Blog](#). Year 4 have been using the *Audacity* programme to record, edit and broadcast podcasts. Highly recommended!

Hearing Support Centre News

On Wednesday two of our pupils who use British Sign Language (BSL) joined other deaf pupils for an event in Plymouth. It was a great opportunity for them to network with other deaf pupils and to practice *cued speech*. Read more in the '[Latest News](#)' section under 'Hearing Support Centre' on our website.

St Margaret's Close

St Margaret's Close is a private road with no access at all for vehicles. It is a pedestrian right-of-way only. Please do respect this. Thank you for your support.

Summer Fair Fast Approaching – Saturday 9th July

Please help. The Summer Fair is a big money earner and it all goes to helping enrich your child's time at school. Most of the sign-up events are just 90 minutes long. Please sign up using the link below, Thank you. If you are able to help set-up for the event, please message the PTA on their Facebook page. Any help is greatly appreciated.

<https://volunteersignup.org/3YPC4>

Reminder - Support and Ideas for Families

If you are looking for some top tips to help at home, Mrs Pike has found this fantastic website which is really worth a look: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

If you're looking for some help during these times of rising costs and pressures, here's another great place to look: <https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>

If you're looking for free summer holiday activities, here's a great place: <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/event-list/?d1=25%2F7%2F2022&d2=02%2F09%2F2022&q=other>

Reminder: **Free yoga** on Torre Abbey Meadow every Sunday 9.30-10.30am right through until 11th September.

Enjoy your weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Clayton is our star for amazing improvements in his writing and also his drawing. You have worked so hard and are able to write more and more words independently. You are always ready to get started with your morning jobs and try your hardest - well done!
Pine	Zak is our star (again!) for his fabulous writing this week. We are so impressed with his independence. Well done Zak. He also composed his own music and performed with the boomwhacker to the rest of the class.
Oak	Lennon - For his amazing writing and for signing (BSL) his work to the Year 3 children. Well Done Lennon!
Apple	In the Autumn term Ella was awarded star of the week for being so brave coming into school. As the year has gone on, she has continued to be aspirational and responsible and because of this she has made fantastic progress in her learning. Well done Ella!
Birch	Giovanna for amazing improvement in her independence and for showing a real positivity to her learning. Well done, we are so proud of you!
Rowan	Archie for taking responsibility in his role as digital leader and using his computing knowledge to help his classmates! Well done Archie!
Cherry	Poppy is our star of the week for the amazing effort she puts into all of her learning. I have been especially impressed with her lovely story about a whale this week. Well done Poppy.
Hazel	Ines is our star of the week in Hazel class for her superb writing this week. You are extremely aspirational and always put 100% into everything you do. Well done!
Willow	Willow's star this week is for Sushmita. Sushmita joined us during the middle of last week and it feels like she has been with us forever! Sushmita has shown us that she is very talented and a very kind friend. We are so pleased you joined us, Sushmita! Well done!
Holly	Ellie D has continued to show our school values over the year. She is kind and respectful to all, responsible for her learning and shows aspirations by aiming high and always trying her best!
Maple	Freya is this week's star as she has worked so hard in the play, listening to adult advice and putting her best efforts into playing her role well. Super job Freya, we're all proud of you!
Hawthorn	Vaughn is Hawthorn's Star of the Week for his fantastic singing and performance during our Year 6 play rehearsals and his positive attitude to his learning over the last two weeks. Well done Vaughn!