



# ST MARGARETS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER # 7 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

We started this week with our Harvest Festival. Thank you so much for all your donations which were gratefully received by the Riviera Life Church.

## Train to be a teacher- Locally

Would you like to train to be a teacher? Or do you know someone who would like to? If so, read on. We are partnering with SWIFT (South West Institute for Teaching) Teacher Training to help train the next generation of teachers. St Margaret's is part of SWIFT Teacher Training's Torbay Campus. This means you can train close to home and St Margaret's can be one of your placement schools. SWIFT Teacher Training courses have been designed by expert teachers from across the area and backed by the University of Nottingham. Adults will be able to train close to home to help work around other commitments like childcare. To find out more please visit [www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk](http://www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk) or email Nicky or Abby via [info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk](mailto:info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk). You can also read more detail on [our website](#) under 'Useful Resources for Parents'.

## Curriculum Excitement

Have a look in our Forest School Blog. Mrs Posey and Mrs baker ran their first session last week for the [Year 1s](#) who enjoyed fun in the mud and rain. Some great pictures of children being children.

Look in the Arts Blog to see how [Year 2](#) used their knowledge of the colour wheel to shade fruits as part of their science study of healthy eating.

This term we have started a new partnership with Reach Outdoors to help get our children out and about, adventuring in the outdoors around the Bay. [Year 6](#) kicked this off with an amazing new coasteering experience off Anstey's Cove. They were accompanied by experienced guides and the sea conditions were perfect. See the Sports Blog for more information and some cool photos.

In the PSHE Blog you can see how the children enjoyed [Halloween yoga](#) this week while also discovering the history behind Halloween. Thank you to Nina Adwick for these thoughtful weekly sessions of yoga, much enjoyed.



## SEND Virtual Roadshow

If you missed the SEND roadshow (bus in the carpark) when it visited recently, the Torbay SEND team is holding a virtual version: you'll be able to find out how the local area works to meet your child or young person's Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND). You'll also get the chance to ask us your questions.

Register your interest for the online event, which takes place on Monday 30 October from 6pm to 6:30pm: [Join the guestlist – SEND virtual roadshow – Teams, Mon 30 Oct 2023 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

Learn more about our new SEND Provision and Support toolkits: <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/graduated-response/> which help to get the *Right Support, in the Right Place at the Right Time*.

## PTA Annual General Meeting

It would be fantastic if you could spare some time to join the PTA for their AGM on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November immediately after school in Year 5 Rowan Class, opposite the sloped gate. If you have a little one, we are running a creche in Year 5 Birch Class to help you out.

## Vacancy for a Trustee

We currently have a vacancy for a new trustee. If you, or somebody you know, might be interested in helping with the governance of the school, please do let me know. It's a great opportunity as a parent (or grandparent) to help shape the direction of the school, take a look behind the scenes, get into classes and to see your child in action. We have a great group of trustees who would welcome you in. You don't need a background in education; in fact, it is useful to have a range of skills and backgrounds. If you are interested, we can start with an informal chat for you to find out more, and just take it from there.

Have a wonderful half term. See you on the other side for the fun run to Christmas.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



## Stars of the Week

Beech	Ella is our star of the week for being such a responsible member of Beech Class. She always shows respect to all adults and tries her hardest with everything she does - Thankyou Ella.
Pine	James is our star for being such a good friend and for trying so hard in class, he often has his hand up to answer questions, well done!
Oak	Pippa is our star this week as she showed great responsibility by joining in with all of her learning and helping out around the classroom. She also impressed me with her explanations in the maths lessons this week. Super learning Pippa, well done!
Apple	It can be very tricky starting a new school but our star of the week has been so brave since she joined us recently. Chloe you have grown in confidence so quickly and this can clearly be seen in your learning, well done! It's great to have you as part of our class.
Holly	Our star of the week could be the star of the week every week, if we're honest! He is responsible, caring, polite, and always puts 100% effort into his learning. Always happy to help others, he has become our Holly class tech guru. Well done, Anu, and thank you for being wonderful.
Willow	The star of the week in Willow class is <b>Thomas</b> for the amazing colour poem he has written this week. He demonstrated aspiration in wanting to make his poem as descriptive as possible. Well done Thomas.
Cherry	Lily for her amazing attitude to learning non year 4. You have shown such high motivation and enthusiasm and are a delight to teach. Keep it up!
Hazel	Oscar is our star of the week in Hazel class for your fantastic independent work this week - especially in maths. You have thought carefully about your presentation in every lesson and you truly are a maths superstar!
Birch	Harrison is our star this week in Birch class. He has worked extremely hard on his responsibility in his learning and it is really paying off! The work that he has produced has been amazing, we were especially impressed with his speech in Writing. Well done, Harrison - keep up the good work!
Rowan	Arlo is this week's star as he has shown such responsibility and kindness to both adults and children. He has worked so hard in his learning recently, always eager to share his ideas as well as always being the first to offer to help. Super job, we're so proud of you!
Maple	Our star of the week is Miley for being such a great role model to the class. Miley is so aspirational; she listens carefully to instructions and is always ready for her learning. Miley's work is always presented incredibly neatly too. Keep it up Miley!
Hawthorn	Emilia is our Star of the Week. She has worked very hard on her poetry writing and has shown great resilience in Maths. She didn't give up when she found long multiplication tricky which led to success. Well done Emilia - we are very proud of you.



DATE	EVENT
<b>23rd-27th October</b>	<b>October Half Term</b>
31st October	Flu Vaccinations
2nd November	PTA Halloween Disco
6 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA AGM after school Y5 Rowan class
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Trip to Torquay Museum
13th November	Parents evening week
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Kents Cavern Trip
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need
20th November	Individual Photos
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Dunboyne Court Writing competition deadline
1st December	KS1 Christmas Nativity
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Dinner
6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Cinema Trip Y2-Y6
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Dinner
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Rocksteady performance
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Special Visitor in school (PTA event)
8 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA after school sale of hot chocolate and cookies

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# Dunboyne Writing Homework!

faithful friend  
is a  
rainy shelter  
he who finds one



As I walk through the autumnal  
leaves, I'm greeted with the fresh  
smell of crushed flowers. Their  
bright colors glisten in the sunlight.  
Crunching leaves support some  
strange animal in the sky or the trees  
around in the air or in the ground.

The noise being louder today  
bristles against my face as I walk  
along the freshly groomed path.  
Finally, the relaxing air breaks on  
my tongue, filling me with  
happiness.

hand in by 29th  
November 2023

Let your imagination  
go wild!

- A speech
- Calligraphy
- Descriptive writing



by entering, earn a paint for your house!



**The Fox and the Grapes**

One afternoon a fox was walking through the forest and spotted a bunch of grapes hanging from over a high branch. "Just the thing for which I'm famous," quipped the fox.

Taking a few steps back, the fox jumped and just missed the bunch of grapes. Again the fox took a few more back and tried to reach them but still failed.

Finally, giving up, the fox turned up his nose and said, "They're probably sour anyway" and proceeded to walk away.

MOON, IT'S LATER TO BECOME WHAT YOU CAN GET HERE.

A short story, illustrated - so many different genre types

**Dunboyne Writing Homework Competition**  
Wednesday 29th November 2023

**A comic strip**