

ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #3

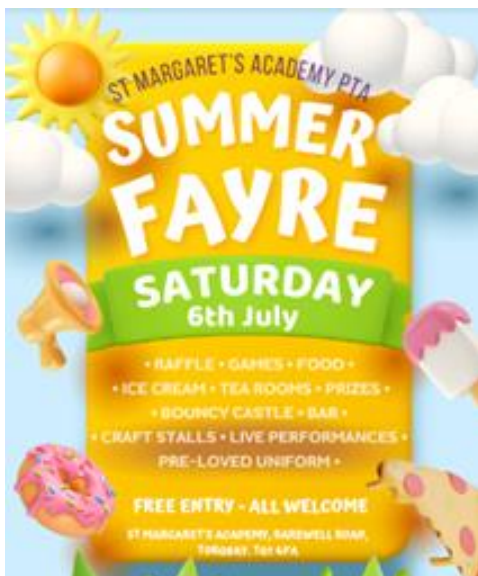
3rd May 2024

Dear Parents,

We started this week with an exciting assembly to launch a fun spring competition. In association with the Babbacombe Bay Bloomers, each class is growing a sun flower. The class that has grown the tallest one, by the last day of term will get a special surprise. A nice bit of fun.

Summer Fayre Message from the PTA

We are pleased to announce that the School Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 6th July! We would love to see you all there to help show your support for the PTA, and help us raise much needed funds for the school. If you are free on the day and would consider helping us out, please click the link below and pop your name against a volunteer slot. The Fayre can only go ahead with the support of the Parents and Teachers, there are only 3 PTA committee members and they are unable to do it on their own! <https://volunteersignup.org/BK9RQ>



Curriculum News

Look in the Maths Blog to see how [Year 1](#) enjoyed exploring all about capacity last week and how [Year 5](#) have been translating shapes this week.

In the Science Blog: see [Year 2s'](#) and [Year 5s'](#) encounter with some animals last week and enjoy looking at [Year 3](#) exploring sound.

In the Computing Blog you can see clever [Year 3](#) creating stop-frame animations. Wow!

In the [Writing Blog](#) you can see our writing group's latest publication from the St Marychurch Gazette.

In the Music Blog you can see [Year 5](#) enjoying playing the fife.

In the History Blog you can see [Year 5](#) exploring Tudor crimes and punishments.

We've been focusing on looking at writing lessons in school this week as we continue to develop our skills in the classroom. A key part to all the teaching is to make sure the children are engaged and excited by the topic. In the Writing Blog you can see a good example of this with three poems written by Esmaj, Flynn and Millie from [Year 2 Oak](#) all about 'What I would do if I was in Charge of the School?' Enjoy.

Football News

The schools' football season concluded this week. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Scaife and Mr Mayling who have given up so much of their time, to coach the teams and take them to league and cup fixtures across the season. St Margaret's is very fortunate to have them on our team, providing these opportunities for the children.

In the Sports Blog you can see the end of season write-up for the [boys](#) and read how the [girls](#) got on in the semi-final of the cup. Both played at Torquay United's home ground which was an amazing experience for them. The girls narrowly lost in the semi-final, on penalties, while the boys made it to the final but lost 1-0.

Last Sunday, four of our Year 4s who play for the Torquay Academy Trojans (William, Michael G, Michael D and Henry) took part in a special all-day tournament. They played 7 games and made it to the final. They've been very excited about their success, sharing their medals and trophy with us. We look forward to them being our new generation of St Margaret's footballers



Enjoy the long weekend. See you again on Tuesday 7th May.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

Recent Reminders

- Riviera Life Church Food and Baby Bank – [link here](#). We can make a referral for you or phone 07486 402493
- Healthy snacks: [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Our Amazon Book Wish List: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share

Help with Rising Cost- Reminders

- **Household Support Fund** – if you are on a welfare benefit / tax credit or have a disposable income of less than £50 per week: [Household Support Fund - Torbay Council](#)
- 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/>

Try here for cheaper broadband:

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



Diary Dates

6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
W/C 13th May 2024	Year 6 SATS Week
21st May 2024	Y5 Kayak @ Goodrington
23 rd May 2024	PTA Summer Disco
27th May- 31st May 2024	May Half Term
W/C 10th June 2024	Bikeability level 2 Year 5 & 6
12th June 2024	HSC celebration event 10-12.30
17th June 2024	KS1 (year 1&2) Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
17th June 2024	Foundation Stage Sports Day 1.15-3.15pm
18th June 2024	Class Photographs
20th June 2024	KS2 (Year 3-6) Sports Day 9.30-11.30
6th July 2024	PTA Summer Fayre
W/C 8 th July 2024	Reports Home to Parents
9th July 2014	Y4 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
10th July 2024	Y6 Show 2pm & 6pm showing
11th July 2024	Rock Steady performance (time TBC)
11th July 2024	Year 6 Show 6pm
16th July 2024	Y3 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
17th July 2024	Picnic on the field (Current Reception and New Starters) 3.30-4.30
18th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Disco ? TBC
22nd July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am Leavers BBQ

Beech	Oliver Green is our star of the week. You have tried much harder to be in the right place at the right time. Your writing about snakes has been fantastic and much much neater. I didn't even know you were lining up for your dinner today because you were so super quiet and respectful!
Pine	George is our star this week. He always has a smile on his face and is trying so hard to put his hand up more in class. He is also the most AMAZING TREE CLIMBER!
Oak	Kyrie is our star as she has joined us showing kindness and respect to all. She always tries her best and she has a positive attitude to learning. We are so pleased that you joined our class Kyrie, keep up the great effort. Well done!
Apple	James is our star this week. He has settled in really well and has made some lovely friendships. He has also been nominated by another adult for his super participation in his phonics group - well done!
Holly	Our star of the week is Jude. Not only does he give his best in all lessons within school, but he makes such a fab effort outside of school. He's quizzed 5 times in the past week, scoring 100% on nearly all of them, and he's 2nd on our class leaderboard for TTRockstars. Others could learn a lot from you, Jude!
Willow	Jack is the star of the week in Willow Class as he has been working hard on his writing. This week, he has written a lovely poem about a sound collector and he has shared his ideas and writing with the rest of class. Well done Jack.
Cherry	Ruby is our star of the week in Cherry Class as she has been trying so hard with her learning. In writing today she was finding things tricky, but she asked for help, persevered, and ended up finding things much easier. Well done Ruby, it just goes to show where perseverance and resilience can get you!
Hazel	Our star this week is Vincent. He is an incredible young man. He is always doing his best to be ready for learning and shows amazing respect at all times. You are a joy to have in Hazel Class. Thank you
Birch	Our star this week is Myles. He has worked incredibly hard in writing and has produced a well-thought-out and interesting biography. He has shown off lots of the Year 5 writing skills we have been working on which has been lovely to see. Well done Myles!
Rowan	Our star this week is Lita. She has shown such aspiration and responsibility in her learning. In both writing and maths, she has worked hard to improve her learning - as well as focusing on improving her handwriting too! Keep up the amazing work Lita.
Maple	Our star of the week is Liam for his aspiration. Liam has been so conscientious about his maths learning in the lead up to SATs, always asking for challenges and trying his absolute best, making him a great role model. What a fantastic attitude to have Liam. Keep it up!
Hawthorn	Oliver is our Star of the Week for his fantastic attitude and aspiration. He consistently works so hard to do his very best. We have been very impressed by the progress that he has made with his reading comprehension and writing in particular. Well done Oliver!

