

St Margaret's Academy

Hands-Face-Space- Fresh Air- Act as if you've got it

Dear Parents,

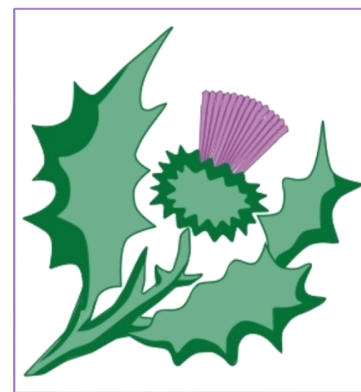
This week we concluded our half term focussing on relationships and look forward to the theme of 'Changing Me' after the half term break.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education

This week you should have received a letter from our PSHE Lead, Mrs Russell about our plans for teaching relationships, sex and health education. Teachers have amended our policy in light of the pandemic and their understanding of the needs in each year group. Mrs Russell is inviting your views on the policy and parents in Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to view the materials related to sex education. A parent Q&A evening is scheduled for Wednesday 9th June at 6.00pm. All the documents and information related to this can be found on our website under 'Curriculum Information' – ['Relationships, Sex and Health Education Information'](#).

Curriculum News

Have a look in our [Sports Blog](#) to see how Year 5 got on with bikeability last week and to see how well our new bike and scooter racks are being used. Congratulations to Cole in Year 3 who was signed for [Exeter City](#) Under 9s this week! Would you like to know how to make a moving duck mechanism? If so, check out the [Design Technology Blog](#) where you can see Maddi's completed project, including her instructions for how to make it. Look in the [Chess Blog](#) to see our club in full flow this week with Year 4s playing tournament games and friendlies over lunch. Have a look in the [Eco Blog](#) to see the Shorts Farm gardening club in action for the first time last Friday. Well done to Mrs Baker, Mr Thomas and James for getting this club up and running. Have a look in the [Reading Blog](#) to see Year 1 perform a very poignant singing and signing rendition of the 'Today is Monday' by Eric Carle.



PE REMINDER

Could you please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days, dressed in the school PE kit.

The school PE kit consists of a purple St Margaret's t-shirt with **plain** black or grey bottoms. (Joggers, leggings or shorts)

Children should not be wearing bottoms with stripes or logos.

Also, if your child has their ears pierced, please make sure they have been removed or that your child is able to tape them on PE days.

Many Thanks

Mr. Mayling

More Important News

Help for Parents

One of the negative impacts of the pandemic noted nationally is the increased risk of sexual harm to some children caused by the isolation and increased lengths of time on-line. On our website in the *Wellbeing in Action* section under *Resources for Parents* you can find a [useful toolkit for preventing harmful sexual behaviour](#). It covers how to create a safe environment for your child, tips on how to talk to your children about these issues and tips to help your child navigate the online world positively.

PTA Appeal – Please Help!

As we start to plan ahead for a greater return to normality (hopefully), we are looking to get PTA events up and running again. As such, we are looking for new recruits. If you are interested, please contact Ella Brennan on Messenger or leave a message with the school office. As mentioned previously, next year we are partnering with other schools and the Open University on a Reading for Pleasure project. We would love to increase our stock of books and build up our school library. PTA fund-raising could be a really great way of doing this and helping your children with their reading.

Holiday Clubs

If you are looking to find any out-of-school clubs such as in the holidays, Torbay Council is collating a list of opportunities that you can find by [clicking here](#).

Enjoy the half term break. See you all on Monday 7th June!



Tim Hughes

(Head teacher)



Whole School Attendance

97.0%

This week's
class attendance star goes

to

Beech Class with

99.3%

Well done!





Beech	Evie - for your enthusiasm to learn how to count in 2s. Your eagerness to practise and get better at them has been wonderful to see. She has even made us a picture to help us count in 2s in our maths area! - Thankyou!
Pine	Lily- For following all of our school values, she is especially good at helping others and is always looking out for her friends. We love having you in Pine class Lily!
Oak	Archie- for consistently showing all of the school values and having a positive attitude towards his learning. You are a role model to the class. Well done Archie!
Apple	Alfie V - He comes in with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. We have been really impressed with how he has worked independently on his writing about foxes this week.
Birch	Kyle - For being SO aspirational with your homework over the past few weeks! You have really excelled in our 'telling the time' topic. Keep up the hard work - we are very proud of you!
Rowan	Alexa - for wonderful sitting, looking and listening all term. You are such a pleasure to teach!
Cherry	Chloe- for the improved attitude to learning she has shown over the past couple of weeks. It has been wonderful to see your increased concentration and effort. Keep up the good work Chloe.
Hazel	Luciana is Hazel's star of the week for really impressing Mrs Essam in the effort that she has put into her writing and maths learning. Great participation in our afternoon lessons as well, and always with a smile!
Willow	Logan - What an improved attitude to your learning these last couple of weeks! I am so proud of how well you are working on your resilience in class and your contributions to our lessons is fantastic! Well done!
Holly	Milly - for always being kind and respectful. She has shown great aspiration by working hard to become more independent and try even when tasks are tricky, particularly in Maths and English lessons. Well done Milly.
Maple	John for showing the school values at all times. He has worked so hard this week in both maths and English - it's a joy to see!
Hawthorn	Millie has really impressed us this week with everything she has done. What a responsible learner you have been. Well done young lady!