

Spring Term Newsletter No.11

That must be the shortest, most action packed half term ever! This week has been jammed packed too!



Tuesday saw our Performing Arts Club up on the stage at the Festival of Arts in the Riviera Centre. Heidi and Natasha had a short interview with Parkfield Xtreme radio about their choice of songs and then they performed "Reach" and "Count On Me". They enjoyed watching the other schools and it was great for them to experience all the live music and dance performances over the evening.

Tuesday also saw our football team celebrating their win over Oldway Primary School in the semi final of the Bewley Cup. They played at Roselands School and won on penalties, which means they are now through to the final against Sherwell Valley school which will be played on the Finals Night at Torquay United's grounds.



Year 2 also had an exciting Tuesday at Paignton zoo, linked to their topic.

On Wednesday KS1 parents were invited in to make Easter hats with their children and much fun was had! There was much card, tissue paper, pompom and stencil sticking going on and some of the largest ever Easter hats were created!

Photographs of all of the week's events are on Twitter. Please have a look to see what we have been up to!

This Week's Star Pupils:



Ash— Mylee Cree
 Elm— Skye Cooper
 Beech — Joshua Liley
 Pine — Ben Jolly
 Apple— Dillon Culley
 Oak— Connor Fortune
 Cherry— Fearne Harby
 Holly — Amari Hadley
 Willow— Ashliee Darke
 Maple — Fraser Heavisides
 Birch — Finlay Shaw
 Rowan — Daisy Garvey
 Hawthorn — Megan Smith
 Hazel — Tyler Maidlow

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 11th April—Non Pupil Day
 Tuesday 12th April—first day of the Summer term
 Friday 15th April—Y4 Trip to The Eden Project (**late return—approximately 5:30pm**)

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Maple Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 98.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 93.9% attendance overall which is below our target of 96%.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Maths Challenge

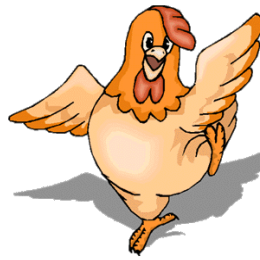


Family Ponder...
Would you enjoy Easter if there were no chocolate eggs?

11. The three glasses on the left are full, three on the right are empty. Moving only one glass, make a row of alternately full and empty glasses.



Thank you for supporting Wear A Hat Day! We raised £310 for Brain Tumour Research which is great news for Ellen and her family!



Hazel Class are on "Chicken Duty" after the Easter break. Please remember to send your child in with a coat and if they have wellies that could stay in school for the week that would be great—it avoids muddy shoes and trousers (and carpet through the school!)



Year 1

Year 1's home learning has been absolutely amazing. They were asked to create a miniature garden and the resulting gardens are fantastic. They show great creativity and imagination and the other children in the school have loved looking at them in the Orchard. Thank you for getting so involved in this project!



Our four Change4Life Health Champions spoke to the whole school today about the amount of sugar that is often hidden in our food. We learned there are 9 sugar cubes in every coke can and that is over the daily limit for primary aged children! Bella, Cindy, Daisy and Peter have distributed Sugar Smart Packs to some of the classes today. More information can be found on making smart swaps on the Change4Life website.

<http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/smartswaps.aspx>

Infant Food Questionnaire

Thank you for your responses. Our kitchen staff will be looking at these in more detail over Easter and responding to some of the suggestions. We have made an instant change to the summer menu and reduced the number of days that Jacket Potato is available as an option. We will still offer this as a third choice on a Tuesday and Wednesday as we know that these are the days more children choose a jacket potato (Monday, Thursday and Friday will only have two choices). The salad bar will still be full and available to all children everyday—so they could have fishfingers and chips then head on over to the salad bar.

Our new building is still on schedule to be completed by the start of the Summer term, however, the next stage is very weather dependent as the units cannot be craned in on windy days so it is possible that the weather could hold us up.

We are assuming the back gate will be open again on Tuesday 12th April and will send a text out if it has to remain closed because of delays. We really appreciate your patience with the inconvenience caused by this gate being closed. When it reopens please remember that St Margaret's Close is a private road and cars should not be parking in it. Many thanks.

Rights Respecting School.

We are working towards becoming a Rights Respecting School.

What is this?

In 1989 governments across the world made a promise to all children to help them to have the same rights. They wrote a document called the United Nations Convention on the rights of the child (UNCRC).

There are 54 articles in the convention and these focus around the areas of

the right to an education
the right to be healthy
the right to have a childhood
the right to be treated fairly
the right to be heard

We are working towards becoming a rights respecting school so that the children of St. Margaret's Academy will learn about their rights and responsibilities in order to grow into kind and responsible adults. Please read and discuss the child friendly 'I've got rights' sheet sent out with this newsletter.

If you would like to be more involved in our journey it would be lovely to have some parents to join our steering group so please let Mrs Wall know as she will be leading this across the school.

“I’VE GOT RIGHTS!” 

 SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES

UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
In Youth-Friendly Language

Digital Leaders

Mr Rogers is keen to get a digital leader in every classroom. This child will be trained and will have key responsibilities linked to all the technology in school. Mr Rogers has asked the children who are interested to apply for the position. There is an advert for the job and a job description (emailed out with this newsletter) and he is hoping some keen children will start thinking about this over the Easter break so they can apply early in the Summer term.

PTA

We would like to thank the PTA for funding the Easter Egg hunt today. The children have enjoyed scouring the grounds to find the letters of an Easter phrase and they will, no doubt, enjoy the chocolate egg later!

Our PTA has a few key members but they are struggling to hold all the events they would like to. They have some great ideas for future events and are keen to keep some of the traditional events, such as the Junior Disco, going but really need people to offer some time to help. If you are able to offer an hour of time to help they would really appreciate it and it would mean that the children still have fun events whilst raising money which then gets spent on things the children have asked for. The PTA will be sending leaflets home and trying to raise the profile of the PTA. Please look out for them some afternoons after school—they will be wearing purple PTA t-shirts and handing out information leaflets.

... and finally, all the Staff at St Margaret's Academy would like to wish you a very happy Easter. We hope you all have a relaxing break and look forward to seeing all the children on Tuesday 12th April.

