



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #7
7th June 2024

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. This is the big busy one for teachers with a host of additional events and reports to write.

We started the week with an assembly on our theme of 'Changing Me'. It's the time of year when we prepare the children for the many changes ahead: in terms of their personal development and the practical realities of preparing for a change in year group, and for our Year 6, the massive change of leaving primary school.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education

All the information about our approach to Relationships, Sex and Health Education can be found on our website (quick link [here](#)) which includes what will and won't be taught in each year group. This includes the specific sex education lessons in Years 5 and 6 that parents have the right to withdraw their child from. Teachers in each year group will share information with you before starting this.

Curriculum News

Amazing news. Evelyn (in Year 3) wrote a poem that we shared on 'X'. Just before half term, it had 1700 views. Well done Evelyn! Have a look in the [Writing Blog](#) to read it. In the [Maths Blog](#) you can see how Year 5 got on with an online challenge to multiply and divide decimal numbers. You can also see two fabulous videos of [Year 1 Beech](#) class's tea party showing you how young children first learn to do division. In the DT Blog have a look at [Year 4](#) Hazel Class researching different fabrics for their bookmarks and [Year 5](#) researching mechanisms for their pop up books. In the Computing Blog you can watch a video of [Year 5](#) learning programming skills

Social Media Workshops

On Monday, Sally Squires (one of the lecturers from South Devon College) ran workshops for parents to learn more about the dangers of social media. The parents who attended reported they were very informative and much appreciated how we are trying to help children and families navigate through the dangerous elements of social media. Sally has very kindly agreed to run these again. Next time we will be opening them up to all parents (not only those in Year 5 and 6). As soon as we have a confirmed date, I will let you know. Do look out for it. **I highly recommend you attending. You will find out crucial information about how to keep your children safe in an ever-changing world.**

Sun Protection

Please do remember to apply sun cream to your children in the morning and send them in with plenty of water to drink.

Spare Clothes

If you have any spare clothes that you might consider donating to school in case we have to help children who might have had an accident, we would be very grateful to receive them.

- Foundation Stage is looking for pants (boys and girls), socks, trousers, skirts and shoes
- KS1 is looking for pants (boys and girls), socks and trousers
- KS2 is looking for pants (boys and girls), socks, shorts and skirts.

If you have any of these spare, please do pass to your child's class teacher. Many thanks

SEND / Neurodivergent

If you think your child might have Special Educational Needs or be neurodivergent (diagnosed or suspect), you can book on to the following *free* Let's Talk events designed to help parents. To sign up, click the link below:

- 2nd July [Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing](#)
- 4th July [Anger and Challenging Behaviour](#)
- 9th July [Healthy Relationships](#)
- 11th July [Online Safety and Exploitation](#)

Men's Health Week

If you are reading this section and can relate to this or know a man who might benefit, please do forward this on to them.

Surveys show that males everywhere are reluctant to talk about their mental health and are more likely to die by suicide than females. Many men find themselves grappling with prescriptive, antiquated ideas about gender — and this struggle can contribute to mental health issues and make it difficult to seek the help they need.

Safer Futures are hosting a series of webinars throughout Men's Health Week in June 2024. Daily webinars include behaviour change and addressing men's abusive behaviour; celebrating men's vulnerability; support for men who have experienced domestic abuse; and strategies for supporting men and boys' mental health.

Recent Reminders

- Free Park Yoga: running from now until September, there are free weekly yoga sessions on Torre Abbey Green at 9.30am every Sunday. Just turn up; no need to book.
- Summer Fayre, Saturday 6th July. The Fayre can only go ahead with the support of parents and teachers: <https://volunteersignup.org/BK9RQ>
- Cryptosporidiosis outbreak. More info here: [Cryptosporidium outbreak - Torbay Council](#).
- Lilli's Australian adventure: if you would like to help <https://gofund.me/45b9e4d9>
- 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

Have a lovely weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

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| 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 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 |



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| Beech | Asiya is our star of the week for making amazing progress in maths. You can tell how much she enjoys it and her enthusiasm shines out in our lessons. You have shown great understanding in our fractions unit and I am sure when we start quarters next week you will continue to shine. Well done! |
| Pine | Lottie is our star this week for being such a super kind friend to Evelyn. She has been so caring and supportive. Lottie has also amazed us with her poetry writing this week. Well done Lottie |
| Oak | Ollie C is our star this week, Ollie always has his hand up ready to join in class discussions and can always be relied upon to give an answer. Ollie your work is always a pleasure to read and you are a kind and happy member of the class, keep being you! Well done Ollie |
| Apple | Our star this week brings sunshine to our class every week. She has a lovely sense of humour and a sunny smile to go with it. She always tries her best and the whole of Apple Class benefits from her kindness. Thank you, Athena, you are a star! |
| Holly | Lewis is our star of the week. Lots of adults have noticed how he's been listening really well, doing his absolute best in his learning and being respectful to others. He has really impressed us during his maths work on time this week too! Well done, Lewis! |
| Willow | Jazzy is the star of the week in Willow class. She demonstrates all of our school values everyday. I am especially impressed with her listening skills and her readiness to learn. Well done Jazzy you have such a great attitude to learning |
| Cherry | Always kind, aspirational, responsible, respectful and resilient, Emily is our Star of the Week this week. Emily always tries her best with her learning, is kind to everyone in the class, and can always be trusted with a job. Thank you, Emily for being such a lovely member of Cherry Class! |
| Hazel | Amelia is our star of the week. She has shown great aspirational skills in our new maths unit on shape and in particular has been a whizz at symmetry. We're so proud of you ! |
| Birch | Our star this week is River! She has been such a delight and engaged in lots of learning. I have been particularly impressed by her efforts in writing and DT. River is definitely a worthy star - well done on a fantastic week! |
| Rowan | This week's star has shown such responsibility in all aspects of classroom life. Isaac has demonstrated perseverance in maths and is always incredibly aspirational in writing - his books always look beautiful too! Well done and keep up the great work. |
| Maple | Our star is Miley for her amazing aspiration. Miley blew us away with her beautiful voice while practicing for the play. She has been dedicated to learning her lines and practicing in her own time. Well done Miley! What a great role model you are :) |
| Hawthorn | Kyan has made us proud by behaving responsibly and with maturity this week. He has been helpful in class and has joined in enthusiastically in lessons, especially in our learning and discussions about D-Day. Well done Kyan - keep this up! |