

# St Margaret's Academy

We started this week with the launch of National Science Week in Monday's assembly. We looked at how a Devon company designed and made the parachute for the Mars Perseverance Rover that landed on Mars in February 2021. This was the inspiration for work in class over the week. Year 2s even made their own parachutes.

## Curriculum News

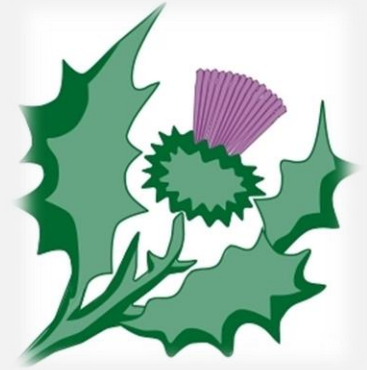


The Design Technology homework project was a huge success this week. There were so many amazing entries, making it a really tricky job for our friends from Dunboyne Court to choose the winners. It has helped raise the profile of this subject and remind children why they study DT: to make a product for a purpose (textiles, structure or moving mechanisms) and a reminder to focus on the design cycle. I hope you enjoyed seeing these after school today. The winners will be taking their projects to Dunboyne Court on Monday afternoon to share with the residents who are less mobile. See the [DT Blog](#) for photos, a message of thanks from Phil at Dunboyne Court and a full write-up from the Year 6 leaders: Bea, Ashleigh, Ruby, Amelia and Ellie.

Have a look in the Computing Blog to see how [Year 6](#) have been using technology to manipulate 3D objects and how [Year 4](#) have been programming repetition into games they have created.

The [skipping workshops](#) this week was really enjoyed by all the children and it's now lovely to see the children practicing their skipping at playtimes. See the Sports Blog for more information.

Look out for the next article in the St Marychurch Gazette from our school writing group who have been reporting on our learning about Beethoven, the skipping workshops and how to stay safe in the online world. Thank you to Holly, Larissa, Seren and Anton who led on this, and also preparing our Year 5s to take over next year. See the [Writing Blog](#) for the full article ahead of publication.



**Parents evening for years 1-6 will be held w/c Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The booking system on eschools will close on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm.**

**Should you have any problems please contact the office**



The class with the highest attendance this week goes to

**Oak CLASS  
99 %  
WELL DONE**

## Parents Evenings and Parent Questionnaires

I hope you have received your invite for next week's parents' evening. On Monday, please look out for a parent questionnaire. We didn't get many responses in the autumn term so I'm hoping that a return to an online version, bespoke to your child's year group and class, will help gather more responses.

### Help with Rising Costs – Reminders

- 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>

Wishing you a tranquil weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Pippa has been so brave in so many ways over this half term. She has grown in confidence enormously. Her behaviour and enthusiasm for everything at the zoo was wonderful - thank you Pippa
Pine	Albie is our star this week. He follows all our school values and is particularly respectful. He has also been adding to our class discussions more and more. Well done Albie!
Oak	Louie- for amazing effort and participation in the phonics and science lessons this week. He showed all of the school values when visiting the Zoo. Thank you for sharing your wealth of knowledge with us this week. You are a star Louie!
Apple	Our star in Apple has shown one of our unofficial school values this week - resilience- in an abundance! Arya F kept going and was so determined to finish her recount of our trip to the zoo and it was also a joy to read. Well done Arya.
Birch	Harry for being such a champion with his learning. He consistently demonstrates our core values and has been participating in lessons too. Well done Harry!
Rowan	This week Lily has responsibly approached our Maths learning. She has been aspirational and really challenged herself by developing a great knowledge and understanding of fractions. Super skills Lily - keep up the amazing work. What a super star!!!
Cherry	Isabella is the star of the week in Cherry class. She has been working really hard on her understanding of fractions and has shown real aspiration to develop her mathematical thinking. Well done Isabella.
Hazel	Archie is the star this week in Hazel class. He is consistently aspirational in all his work and always goes above and beyond in his homework every week! Well done Archie, keep up the amazing work!!
Willow	Eryn is Willow's star this week for her awesome piece of Writing! Eryn always tries so hard with her work and it has really paid off, I really enjoyed reading it! Please keep up the hard work - we are immensely proud of you!
Holly	Ines is this week's star, she always gives her absolute best in all areas of learning and can always be seen showing all school values. She has shown such aspiration recently to develop her writing skills. Keep up the amazing work!
Maple	Our star of the week is George! George has made a real effort this week to join in with all of the learning and try his best. George has also been kind towards other children in the class, for example, helping them with their reading. Keep up this positive attitude George!
Hawthorn	Adam is Hawthorn's Star of the Week for the active contributions he has made to discussions in lessons recently, as well as the hard work he has been putting into developing the content of his writing. This is great aspiration - well done Adam



# Diary Dates

w/c 20th March 2023	Parents Evening for years 1-6
22nd & 23rd March 2023	Foundation Stage Vision Screening
24th March 2023	PTA Non-Uniform Day - Donation of a chocolate egg
28th March 2023	PTA Easter Bingo after school
29th March-31st March 2023	Year 6 residential to Skern Lodge
3rd April- 14th April	Easter Break
17th April	Start of the Summer Term