

ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER # 6

13th October 2023

This week we started with an assembly to launch our new Dunboyne homework competition and to start thinking about World Mental Health Day

Sponsored Read Bonanza

During this week the children have been busy reading as part of our sponsored read. Thank you for encouraging them to read at home and for helping them to both raise and collect their sponsor money. As a school we have raised over £600! This means Usborne books will give us £360 worth of books for the library. Please if you have any sponsor money at home can your child bring it in on Monday so we have a final total and can source more books for the library. Thank you for your help we really do appreciate this.



World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday we marked World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow with children spending some time sharing their worries and discussing solutions. The adage, 'a problem shared, is a problem halved' is so true. Have a look on 'Useful Resources for Parents' to find some great [top tips](#) to help with mental health at home.

Bag End Hobbiton

If you haven't had a chance to see our amazing outdoor library art work, do have a walk past. It's super well-worth a visit. Knock on a door and you might even be invited in for a spot of supper or a second breakfast by a hospitable hobbit. Thanks again to the PTA and the very talented artist, Neil Wilkinson Cave from Sacred Art Murals.

Sporting News

Check out the Sports Blog to see the photos and read about the winning success of the [Year 6 tag rugby](#) teams



House Teams

We are expanding our house teams this year. As well as using them for Sports Day, points will also be awarded across the year for entering the Dunboyne competition, for reading certificates and for representing St Margaret's in festivals, competitions and events.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella

If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date with vaccinations, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit the [NHS website](#)



Dunboyne Writing Homework Challenge

This term's project is based on *writing*. In assembly we shared all sorts of different types of writing, some handwritten, some typed on the computer. Your child could write a short, illustrated story or a long chapter book. They could get arty and produce some beautiful calligraphy or a comic strip. They might feel a bit dramatic and work with some friends to write and perform a play. They could be tech-tastic and write a scene description to put into AI to make it come to life. They might want to be a journalist and report on something important or curious. They might feel like writing a letter of persuasion to MP Kevin Foster to make a better world with recycled products. Essentially, anything goes with a connection to writing. We want the children to be interested and excited to write.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday 29th November. Our friends from Dunboyne Court will be in on this day to judge the entries. This time, they will be choosing winners from each year group who will enjoy lunch with our friends in school and then take their writing to share with less-mobile residents at Dunboyne in the following week. All the children who enter will have some time to share their entry with our friends and they will earn points for their house team.

Harvest Festival

Reminder: Monday 16th October is our Harvest Festival in school when we will be joined by the Reverend Nathan and the Cuthbert Mayne Jump Team. Any donations will be gratefully received which will be passed on to Riviera Life Church which operates a well-established foodbank in Torbay as part of the Riviera Food Alliance.

PTA Annual General Meeting

It would be fantastic if you could spare some time to join the PTA for their AGM on Monday 6th November immediately after school in Year 5 Rowan Class, opposite the sloped gate. If you have a little one, we are running a creche in Year 5 Birch Class to help you out.

Vacancy for a Trustee

We currently have a vacancy for a new trustee. If you, or somebody you know, might be interested in helping with the governance of the school, please do let me know. It's a great opportunity as a parent (or grandparent) to help shape the direction of the school, take a look behind the scenes, get into classes and to see your child in action. We have a great group of trustees who would welcome you in. You don't need a back ground in education; in fact, it is useful to have a range of skills and backgrounds. If you are interested, we can start with an informal chat for you to find out more, and just take it from there.

Have a fun weekend

Tim Hughes
Headteacher



Stars of the Week

Beech	Zachary is our star of the week for working really hard with all of his learning this week. You have been so responsible and are making really great choices everyday. Thank you.
Pine	Dolly is our star of the week for being such an enthusiastic dancer and for always having a smile on her face :)
Oak	Lily is our star as she always treats others with kindness and respect. She has also shone in the geography and science lessons where she shared her amazing knowledge of being healthy and the world around us. You are a star learner Lily, well done!
Apple	Apple's star could quite easily be chosen every week! He is so helpful in the classroom to everyone, is very responsible in all aspects of his learning, shows kindness and respect and is a super digital leader. Keep doing what you do Zane, well done!
Holly	Our star of the week in Holly is Mila. She is <u>always</u> doing the right thing, in the right place, at the right time - a real role model to everyone in the class! Thank you for being wonderful, Mila.
Willow	Ella is the star of the week in Willow Class. She shows great responsibility for her learning every day. She listens well and works with great focus to complete tasks. We have loved reading her poetry about colours this week. Well done Ella.
Cherry	Abigail for being an all-out amazing role model to others with her brilliant sitting, looking, listening and work ethic. You're doing brilliantly! Keep it up!
Hazel	Louie is our star of the week in Hazel class for your aspirational attitude to all learning. You are also a role model for fantastic behaviour in the classroom - always being one of the first to be looking, listening and showing respect.
Birch	Harry is our star this week in Birch class. Harry has been showing great aspiration and responsibility with his work this week, especially with improving his handwriting and presentation. We really hope he keeps up the hard work! Well done, Harry
Rowan	This week's star has shown such aspiration in his learning. He is always the first to be ready to learn and has worked so hard on his writing. The transformation in his handwriting already is incredible. Well done Bertie and keep up the amazing work!
Maple	Our star of the week really stood out this week to multiple adults! Well done to Ethan for his fantastic aspiration and resilience on our coastering trip; he conquered his fears and managed every jump into the sea! We are so proud of you!
Hawthorn	Theo is our Star of the Week. He is a great role model as he is always respectful and ready to listen and learn. He particularly impressed us with his resilience this week by conquering his nerves to join in so well with Year 6 coastering.



DATE	EVENT
16 th October	Harvest Festival- Donations gratefully received
18/19 th October	Year 5 Oddicombe Beach Trip
23 rd -27 th October	October Half Term
31 st October	Flu Vaccinations
2 nd November	PTA Halloween Disco
6 th November	PTA AGM after school Y5 Rowan class
10 th November	Year 4 Trip to Torquay Museum
13 th November	Parents evening week
14 th November	Year 3 Kents Cavern Trip
17 th November	Children In Need
20 th November	Individual Photos
29 th November	Dunboyne Court Writing competition deadline
1 st December	KS1 Christmas Nativity
4 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner
5 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner
6 th December	Reception Christmas Dinner
6 th December	PTA Cinema Trip Y2-Y6
7 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Dinner
7 th December	Rocksteady performance
8 th December	Special Visitor in school (PTA event)
8 th December	PTA after school sale of hot chocolate and cookies

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Dunboyne Writing Homework!

faithful friend
is a
rummy shelter
he who finds one



As I walk through the orchard
I see the grapes with the dark
leaves of autumn. Their
bright colors glow in the sunlight.
Chirping birds supply their
melody to the sky as the wind
moves their wings in excitement.

The more I see, the more I like
the grapes against my face as I look
along the brightly colored stalks,
feeling the refreshing air break on
my tongue. Being the only
one.

hand in by 29th
November 2023

Let your imagination
go wild!

A speech
Calligraphy
Descriptive writing
by entering, earn a point for your
house!



The Fox and the Grapes



One afternoon a fox was walking through the forest and spotted a bunch of grapes hanging from one of the trees. "Just the thing for my diet!" quipped the fox.

Taking a few steps back, the fox jumped and just missed the grapes. "How far they are!" he said. "I'll take a few more back and start to reach them this afternoon."

Proudly, going up the tree trunk, he found the grapes and said, "they're probably just anyway" and proceeded to walk away.

MORAL: IT'S EASY TO DESPISE WHAT YOU CAN'T HAVE.



A short story,
illustrated - so
many different genre types

Dunboyne Writing Homework Competition
Wednesday 29th November 2023



A comic strip

PEANUTS

