

St Margaret's Academy

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy time for Year 6 in school this week with the return of national curriculum assessments after a two-year pandemic gap. Despite the obvious stresses, it was also weirdly enjoyable for the children. It acts as a bit of a milestone and a bonding exercise; almost like a rite of passage. Whatever their results, they should each be hugely proud of themselves. Each child put in a great effort and were well prepared by our brilliant staff who have helped them to plug those pandemic gaps. We hope they enjoyed their SATs breakfast too. Look out Year 5, lots of fun to come!

Beautiful Orchard

Have a look in our [Eco Blog](#) to see the orchard starting to bloom for summer with sunflowers and children's dens. Thank you to Mrs Baker, Mrs Price and the team. We're so lucky to have such giving staff.



Also, see the [Science Blog](#) to find out how Year 1 used the orchard for their learning in science this week.

Staying Safe Online – for older children and teenagers

It's always good to stay up to speed with your children in the online world... and even get ahead if you can. This is why I'm sharing this useful advice about *sexting*. It is more relevant for you if you have a teenager at home but as we know, children grow up fast. This site also includes useful advice about some dangerous social media apps. Find out more here: <https://famisafe.wondershare.com/teen-sexting.html>

Various Wellbeing Resources for Parents

A useful reminder: we have various [Resources for Parents](#) under our *Wellbeing for Families* page covering all sorts of topics that you will likely find useful.



Tuesday 17th May

Year 1 & 2 Disco 5:00-5:45pm

Year 5 & 6 Disco 6:00-7:00pm

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Half Term

Monday 6th June

School Closed to mark

Queens 70th year as monarch

Wednesday 22nd June

Geography homework competition deadline

Covid Vaccination Update

Healthy 5 to 11 year olds are also now being offered vaccinations outside of schools in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GPs and walk-in centres.

You can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#), to get vaccinated without needing an appointment. You should also have received a letter from the NHS with more information about how to get your child vaccinated.

Reading

This year we have been developing our love of reading. At the start of the year, we asked if parents could complete a reading questionnaire and we are asking you to complete this again now we are drawing to the end of the year. Please use the link below to complete the quiz.

Thank you for your support, the Reading team

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N3MWGQ3>

Fundraiser

A pupil here at St Margaret's is in need of a specially adapted bike that will aid her in building core and leg muscles. The cost for such bike is around £2000. If you would like to find out more and donate to this worthy cause please use the following link which will take you to a go fund me page

<https://gofund.me/05c1e709>

School Facebook Page

Our school Facebook page is up and running! Please click the link to like and follow our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076186211032>

Thank You

Thank you to Joanne Terry for her donation of much needed balls for our PE lessons and playtimes.

Have a lovely weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Lennon - for your participation in class this week and your amazing progress in your independent writing. Well done - keep it up!
Pine	Elazora- for her attitude towards her homework this week. She decided that she wanted to go above and beyond and this has really impressed us. She has only been with us for a few weeks and it has been lovely to see how she is trying so hard.
Oak	Farah- for her fantastic listening and effort in lessons this week. It has been lovely to see you joining in more Farah. Keep up the great work- Well done!
Apple	Owen is our amazing Apple this week. He consistently shows all the school values and is a great member of the crew. However, it has been his fantastic attitude to learning that has stood out to us recently, well done Owen!
Birch	Livia for massively improving your handwriting, story writing and spellings. Lots of reads at home and a huge effort with her homework. Well done!
Rowan	This week, the adults have chosen THE WHOLE CLASS as star of the week for showing kindness and understanding towards the children in Year 6. As our classroom was being used by them, we had to move our learning up to the Woodland Den and everyone has been superstars! Well done.
Cherry	Max is our star of the week. He always shows all of our school values. He is a thoughtful work partner and contributes enthusiastically in lessons. Well done Max.
Hazel	Joe - For your fantastic growth mindset in maths. You try extremely hard in every lesson and show great resilience when solving questions involving decimals.
Willow	In Willow, our star this week is Ella. Ella could easily get star of the week every week, but she has particularly stood out to us for her kindness, respect and effort in her work. Well done Ella!
Holly	Evie has maintained such a high level of respect and responsibility throughout the year. She is still working so hard and pushes herself to do her best, reflected in a fantastic score in her recent maths test. Well done!
Maple	This week's star in Maple is Floyd. He has shown such determination and focus this week during the assessments! Well done Floyd, we are so proud of you!
Hawthorn	Grace - for her fantastic resilience and positive attitude this week. We have really admired her terrific effort and perseverance during the challenging assessments. Well done Grace!