



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Spring Newsletter #11
22nd March 2024

This week was British Sign Language Week. Classes took part in a national live [on-line signing](#) lesson. Have a look at the 'Latest News' under 'Hearing Support Centre' under 'About the School'.

How Every Child can Thrive by Five

This wonderful short TED talk video is well worth 7 minutes of your time to watch. A 7 year-old girl tells us of the importance of the first five years of a child's life. [Molly Wright: How every child can thrive by five | TED \(youtube.com\)](#)

Free Easter Activities

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals there are a wide range of free Easter holiday clubs you can book on across the Bay via this link: [Holiday Activity and Food Programme - Torbay Council](#)

Dunboyne Court Diversity Homework

This term's collaboration with our friends from Dunboyne Court was another successful and rewarding experience, with much enjoyed visits to St Margaret's and Dunboyne Court. Have a look in our [SMSC Blog](#) to read a comment from Phil at Dunboyne as well as to see some photos. As always, the children have been a credit to themselves, yourselves and the school. Looking forwards to the summer one – which will be a bit different!

PTA Summer Fair- Help Needed

Advance notice: the fair is on Saturday 6th July. If you are able to help in anyway on the day or with preparation, please do let Laura or Felicity know. Or, you can let the office know and we can pass on your name.

In the meantime, you can also support by agreeing to have a HS Owen Estate Agents' sign in your garden advertising our fair. For every sign, HS Owen will donate £17 so the money raised could quickly add up, as well as having the benefit of advertising the fair. HS Owen will erect the board week beginning 29.4.24 and collect after the fair. If you are willing to help in this way, please do let Laura, Felicity or the office staff know by 25th March. Thank you.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening (year 1-6) will take place W/C 22nd April.

The booking window will open on Monday 25th March at 4.30pm and close Wednesday 17th April at 4.30pm. Please log onto to [eschools](#) to book your meeting. If you experience any problems, please contact the school office.



[Login | St Margaret's Academy \(eschools.co.uk\)](#)

Or via the app

Curriculum News

Have a look in the Arts Blog to see the masterpieces of water colours that [Year 2 Apple](#) created last week to link up with their mashed up fairy tale writing that was re-tweeted by Michael Rosen.

In the Writing Blog you can read some of [Year 1s' recounts](#) of their woodland adventure. Clever children with fantastic vocabulary.

Teachers are always looking for ways to make the curriculum engaging for the children. Miss Drennan, who teaches in Year 4 Cherry contacted the artist, *My Dog Sighs* and had a personal message back for the children inspiring them to keep going and looking forward to seeing their completed work. As you can imagine, the children were very excited and motivated by this. Check out the artist's work here: [My Dog Sighs](#)

In the Writing Blog you can see how [Year 2](#) have been using the Padlet app to collect facts ready for their Singapore writing unit.

In the Maths Blog you can see how [Year 1](#) have been enjoying learning about measure.

Parent Volunteers

If you are able to volunteer any time to help in school, we would love to hear from you. We have heard about the "2.30pm Club" in some schools when parents come in to listen to readers and help prepare some resources instead of sitting in their cars or waiting at the gate. If you think you might be able to help in anyway, please do have a chat with your child's class teacher. It's always good to have a chance to be a *fly on the wall* as a parent. Many thanks

Recent Reminders

- Increasing levels of measles, rise in respiratory infections, whooping cough, scarlet fever and chickenpox predicted this term. MMR info can be found on this [link](#). The [e-bug website](#) provides useful resources and ideas for how to help keep your child well.
- If you would like to donate to [Children with Cancer UK](#) in support of Miss Blackburn and Mrs Cosh's marathon fund raiser, you can do so via this [link](#).
- Riviera Life Church Food and Baby Bank – [link here](#). We can make a referral for you or phone 07486 402493
- World Book Day is 7th March – dress as a favourite book character
- Healthy snacks: [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Pile in the Tesco Blue Tokens at Tesco: Barton Torquay, Torquay Fleet Street, Torquay Express (garage on Teignmouth Road), Paignton Victoria, Paignton Torquay Road, Torquay Lymington Road, Brixham Express and Torquay Babbacombe Road
- Dunboyne Diversity Competition deadline is 6th March
 - Our Amazon Book Wish List:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref_=wl_share

Train to be a Teacher- Locally

For further details on the SWIFT Initial Teacher Training, look on our [website](#) under 'Parents' and / or the provider site: <https://www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk/>

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

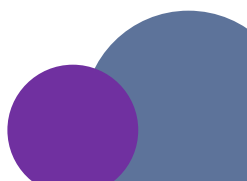


Tim Hughes
(Headteacher)



Diary Dates

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| 26 th March-28 th March 2024 | Year 6 Skern Lodge |
| 26 th March 2024 | PTA Easter Bingo |
| 29 th March – 14 th April 2024 | Easter Holidays |
| W/C 22 nd April 2024 | Parents Evenings all week |
| 17 th June 2024 | Year 1 & 2 Sports Day 9.30-11.30 Reception Sports Day 1.15-3.15 |
| 18 th June 2024 | Class Photographs |
| 20 th June 2024 | Year 3-6 Sports Day 9.30-11.30 |
| 22 nd July 2024 | Last day of term for Pupils |





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| Beech | Arthur is our star of the week for his great independent work in DT. He made a wonderful picture with a lever and persevered all the way to the end. I can't wait to see what his final product will look like! |
| Pine | Ayla is our star this week. She is always doing the right thing and we love how much she contributes to our class discussion; she ALWAYS has her hand up, well done Ayla! |
| Oak | Olivia is our star this week as she has shown great aspiration and effort in the Art lessons, resulting in her producing some well-drawn and painted pictures inspired by Quentin Blake. She has also made good progress in her reading due to her effort both in school and at home. Well done Olivia! |
| Apple | Parker is our star this week as he has made great progress in his phonics. Parker has moved up a group and is excelling already! He is also showing more focus in lessons and is always keen to join in. Well done, keep up the responsible learning. |
| Holly | Henry is our star this week. He continues to be the first to look and listen - every single time! He follows instructions quickly and does his very best with his learning. He's the first to have star of the week twice in our class. Well done, Henry. Keep it up! |
| Willow | Logan is our star of the week for the positive attitude he has been showing in class. He is listening well, joining in enthusiastically in lessons and really trying his best with his work. Well done for such fantastic aspiration - Well done Logan! |
| Cherry | Lola H is our star of the week. She has been aspirational recently and has been trying so hard with all of her work no matter what subject we are learning. Keep up the good work Lola! |
| Hazel | Vincent is Hazel's star of the week! Vincent consistently demonstrates our school values and can always be relied upon to do his best and treat others with kindness and respect. Well done Vincent, we are all very proud of you! |
| Birch | Myles is our star in Birch this week. We have been improving our writing over the week and Myles has shown great aspiration and produced some fantastic work! I really enjoyed reading your work to the class, keep it up! |
| Rowan | Rowan's star this week is Zoe. Zoe is someone that can always be relied on to show aspiration in her learning and respect to those around her. She has also grown in confidence over the last half term which has been incredible to see. We're so proud of you! |
| Maple | Maple's star of the week is Neave! She can always be relied upon to do the right thing. Each lesson, Neave is ready for her learning and takes responsibility to be prepared. She will always get on quietly and will ask for help if she needs it. Keep it up Neave! |
| Hawthorn | Toby is our Star of the Week for his aspiration and hard work in all lessons. He listens well when others are speaking and is always so enthusiastic about contributing ideas during discussions and answering questions. We love to see this in class, Toby - well done! |