



Autumn Term Newsletter No. 7

Thank you for attending the Parents' Meetings this week. They were well attended with 72.5% of parents making an appointment to discuss their child's progress. We would love to bring this figure up to 100% as all the research shows that strong links between home and school are very effective in raising achievement for the children. It was also lovely to see so many parents dropping into the classrooms to share their child's learning by looking at books and displays.

Today is the last day of school for Mrs. Harrison for a little while as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and look forward to meeting her baby before too long! Maple Class will be taught by Mr Tullier until Mrs Harrison returns. Mr Tullier would like to hold a short Meet the Teacher session straight after school on Wednesday 2nd November to introduce himself to Maple Class parents.

The THRIVE bus is now in use as a private space for children who need a little help with their emotions—perhaps as a result of a loss in the family or some other family trauma; or perhaps linked to friendship problems. Some children can cope with everyday ups and downs but some need time out to talk and explore their feelings. The bus has been named "The Nest" as it is a cosy and special place for children just to 'be'.



This Week's Star Pupils:



- Beech — Bali Coco Mudge
- Pine — Caterina Langella
- Apple— Eleanor Lane
- Oak— Jack Slater
- Birch— Amelia Evans-Rogers
- Rowan — Ethan Curran
- Cherry— Annabelle Cook
- Maple — Summer Hapgood
- Holly— Lewis Stockton
- Willow — Charlotte Sweeney
- Hawthorn — Sam Foley
- Hazel — Jack Howlett

Diary Date Reminders:

- Monday 31st October - School starts
- Monday 31st October—PTA film night 3:05-5:00pm
- Tuesday 1st November—Y3 and 4 Magic Workshops
- Tuesday 1st November—Y6 visit to Bygones
- Wednesday 2nd November—Y5 visit to Bygones

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Rowan Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.9% attendance overall which is so close to our 96% target!



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

PTA Film Night—Monday 31st October

Hotel Transylvania 2 is showing from 3:05pm to 5:00pm in the school hall. If your child is joining us for this seasonal film please make sure you are prompt to collect your child so PTA members and staff can leave to spend time with their own families. Thank you.

Family ponder...
Is it better to play well and lose or play badly and win?
(Maple Class)

Football News

Last Friday we took part in the ESFA (English Schools Football Association) Cup and performed exceptionally well. We beat Sherwell Valley, Queensway and Kings Ash in the group stages finishing with 9 points out of 9. We then knocked out Cockington and White Rock in the quarter and semi finals and reached the final without having conceded a single goal. After a very close game we eventually lost the final 1-0 conceding in the final five seconds of the game! All of the boys were a credit to the school and played some fantastic football. Finishing second, we have now qualified for the next phase of the competition which is the regional finals where we play the winners of the Exeter and Plymouth tournaments.

A great achievement! I don't think the boys appreciate how well they did and just how well they played!

Mr Robinson.

Netball News

A few of us were selected to represent our school for a netball match on Tuesday. Although we didn't win we enjoyed this opportunity to play for a team. We were all asleep on the first two halves but we played well on the last quarter! Our team captain was Natasha (she even did the three cheers). Homelands was a spectacular team. Everyone in our team played their best and stayed positive throughout the entire game. Sadly we lost 8 - 0. They were extremely kind, giving us drinks and biscuits after the game. We are now going to train as hard as possible to try and improve our skills for the tournaments we are competing in soon. We would like to say a big Thank You to our coaches, Mrs Price and Mrs Broom.

By Natasha Aston and Sam Foley

Disadvantaged Children

This year Christmas is about to pop up! But some children don't have any presents! We are very grateful for what we have but some children don't have anything to be grateful about! So we really need your help by delivering a shoe box for Rotary Shoebox Scheme to send to different countries for people who really need your shoebox! You could perhaps put in new, small toys, games, puzzles, soft toys, balls or maybe a toy car. Just don't pack—food, sweets, chocolates, drinks, battery operated toys, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols! Also nothing sharp in the box!

Please help someone today by getting a shoebox.

Also something that might help is to write a card with your name and picture!

Thanks,
Aliyah Davey Y4

£2 a box - available from Mrs Turner
in KS1 or from the office.



RESPECT

CREATIVITY

INDEPENDENCE

Pupil Voice

We believe in giving children opportunities to be involved in all aspects of school life and having their voice heard. We also want them to take on roles and responsibilities throughout the school so they can develop a sense of community, with the older children supporting the younger ones. Our children do us proud with their commitment to their school. Over the next few newsletters we will share some of the ways that children are involved in decision making or how they take on responsibilities around the school.



Peer Mediation

The year 6 Peer Mediators are volunteers who give up their lunchtime to help sort out friendship problems on the playground. They will always listen to the problem and help children to come to a solution themselves. Peer mediation gives Year 6 children the opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills and gives other children the chance to work through a problem with help of older children.

Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors meet with Mrs Turner every week to discuss ways to help save our planet. We are determined to achieve our Silver Eco School Award this year! We think about reducing, reusing and recycling and have a plan of ways to improve this across the school. We also came up with a logo linked to our aims:

PLANET - People Looking After Nature's Environment Together



SNAG

This stands for School Nutrition Action Group and we meet with Mrs Stell, the kitchen staff and parents to discuss food. This could be looking at school meals and the dining experience or learning about growing and cooking food. This year we would like to do more cooking in school and visit more farms to learn about where food comes from. We are also going to make a wood fired pizza oven in our Orchard!

Lunchtime Crew

In Year 5 we help out in the Orchard Bistro at lunchtime. We sit and talk to the younger children, fetch them milk and water, encourage them to try new foods and help them clear up their plates.

We also help the Mealtime Assistants by wiping down the tables and brushing the floor. We volunteer for this job and give up one of our own lunchtimes every week to help out.

