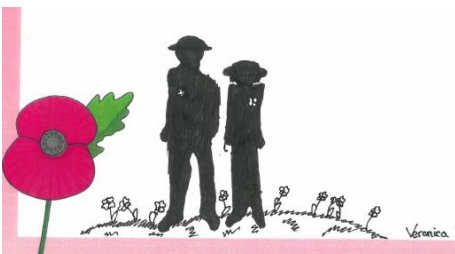


ST MARGARETS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER # 8 10th November 2023



Curriculum News

Have a look in the History Blog to see how [Year 2](#) have been discovering some surprising information about Guy Fawkes and how [Year 3](#) have been getting stuck into some Stone Age Poo (great pics). In the Sports Blog you can read how the new generation of [Lionesses](#) got on in a tournament this week. Look in the [Writing Blog](#) to see how Year 2s' fiction has gone nationwide on Twitter (X). In the Forest School Blog you can see [Year 1 Beech](#) Class getting really muddy – fantastic photos. In the Sports Blog you can see how [Year 6](#) got on at a Parkour workshop at Cuthbert Mayne. In the SMSC Blog, you can read two beautiful [remembrance poems](#) written by Maddie and Veronica in Year 5.



We started this week with a visit from MP Kevin Foster who joined our assembly to launch UK Parliament Week. He spoke to us about the role of a MP and how democracy works. It was very interesting and we were able to relate this to our school councillors. The children had a range of questions for Mr Foster. It was fascinating to see this engagement and interest from your children.

Car Park Safety

Please can parents not use our school car park for dropping off and picking up. It is very congested as it is. Thank you.

Halloween Disco

The Halloween Disco was a huge success. It was lovely to see so many smiling children. A big thank you to the PTA and the parent helpers.

Remembrance Day

Mr Tullier and the school council laid a wreath today in preparation for the remembrance service tomorrow. They discussed the importance of those who gave their lives for our freedom and reflected with a minute's silence.





Book Fair

There will be a Book Fair every day after school, week beginning Monday 20th November. This will be held in Rowan Class (opposite the gate at the top of the slope) from 3.15-3.45. This could be a great opportunity to buy books some early Christmas presents for other people as well as books you might want to read with your children. We get a percentage and will use this to restock our library. You can pay for books on the day either by cash or via your phone with a QR code we have. You can also order the books via the website and pay online. We really appreciate you supporting us with this and look forward to seeing you if you can make it.

Let's Talk Primary

The South Devon Community team is hosting two sessions aimed at parents and carers of children aged 5-9 to hear about the challenges young people face in this ever-changing world and to hear about the tools and techniques you can use to support your children. The topics covered will be as follows:

Session 1 - Tuesday 14th November (click this [link](#) to sign up):

- Development
- Anxiety Landscape
- Family life
- Ever changing risks and world
- The online world

Session 2 - Tuesday 21st November (click this [link](#) to sign up):

- Relationships
- Gender stereotypes
- Positive body image
- Mental health

Train to be a Teacher - Locally

Would you like to train to be a teacher? Or do you know someone who would like to? If so, read on. We are partnering with SWIFT (South West Institute for Teaching) Teacher Training to help train the next generation of teachers. St Margaret's is part of SWIFT Teacher Training's Torbay Campus. This means you can train close to home and St Margaret's can be one of your placement schools. SWIFT Teacher Training courses have been designed by expert teachers from across the area and backed by the University of Nottingham. Adults will be able to train close to home to help work around other commitments like childcare. To find out more please visit www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk or email Nicky or Abby via info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk. You can also read more detail on [our website](#) under 'Useful Resources for Parents'.

Enjoy your weekend.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Star of the week



Beech	Lexi for her wonderful attitude to learning. She tries her hardest with everything and has produced some lovely writing this week due to her hard work. Well done Lexi!
Pine	Roman for his enthusiasm and focus in busy time and during our maths lessons. We loved his donut planet!
Oak	Martha is our star as she has shown a positive and resilient attitude in all areas of her learning (particularly maths). Super responsibility and effort Martha, Well done!
Apple	Our star of the week certainly brightens up any day! Joshua brings laughter and smiles but also kindness and aspiration in his learning. He is making super progress in his writing and is eager to join in with everyone. Well done Joshua, you really make our day everyday.
Holly	Our star of the week is Evelyn. She has put in extra effort with her writing this week, keen to add extra details and show of her skills. She is also so kind to others and always willing to help. Bravo, Evie!
Willow	Arya P is the star of the week in Willow Class for her amazing resilience during our indoor climbing session. Even though she was a little nervous, she managed to climb to the top of the climbing wall. Well done Arya, what a wonderful achievement.
Cherry	Felix for his amazing work ethic, resilience and positive attitude! You have been a pleasure to teach - keep it up! We are so, so proud of you.
Hazel	Our star of the week is April for your aspirational writing this week. You wrote a fantastic story about saving chocolate and going on a 'choco-plot!' You really are a writing superstar!
Birch	Birch's star this week is Jemima. Jemima has absolutely blown us away with her aspiration in her learning this week, especially with her Fractions work! Jemima also has the kindest heart and is always looking out for her friends, always considering others and making sure that no one is left out. Jemima, we love having you in Birch class! Keep up the good work.
Rowan	Dylan is Rowan's star this week for his aspirational attitude in all areas of his learning. Dylan is a fantastic role model and can always be seen following the school values as well as being a fantastic helper. Keep up the fantastic work!
Maple	Our star of the week in Maple class goes to Precious for her fantastic effort in her writing. Precious has been so aspirational, trying hard to include lots of ambitious vocabulary. Well done!
Hawthorn	Poppy is our Star of the Week, for being such a great role model. She is always polite and kind to others and works hard in every lesson to achieve her best. This has been particularly evident in the quality of her writing this week. Well done Poppy - you are such an asset to Hawthorn class!



DATE	EVENT
W/C 13 th November	Parents Evening
14 th November	Year 3 Kents Cavern Trip
17 th November	Children In Need
20 th November	Individual Photos
20 th -24 th November	Book Fair after school in Rowan Class
29 th November	Dunboyne Court Writing competition deadline
1 st December	Year 4 Trip to Torquay Museum
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