



Autumn Term Newsletter No.9

On Monday 5th November the children in KS1 were very excited to welcome Theresa and Bickleigh the dog from The Blue Cross. Theresa was with us for much of the day and during this time she worked with every class. The children learned about feeding and caring for dogs on a day to day basis and also why they might need to visit the vets if unwell but also yearly to help prevent an illness. The children were taught how to greet a dog and that if they don't know the dog they should ask the owner first before stroking them. At the end of the visit the children were able to meet Bickleigh and give him some affection; whether by stroking him, brushing him or giving him a treat. The children enjoyed meeting him and Bickleigh loved all of the attention!



Remembrance



The Junior School Councillors went to the Remembrance service at St Mary's Church today and laid a wreath to commemorate the lives that have been lost in wars. The children in school also took part in a minute of silence.

School Photographs

Our school photographer is in next Wednesday and Thursday to take photographs of individual children and sibling groups. If you wish to have a pre-schooler included in a photograph then there will be an opportunity at the end of school on Wednesday for you to have your family photographed together.

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Beech — Ines always makes the right choice and has shown amazing aspiration in her maths this week.
Pine — Darcey has participated in class discussions and Guided Reading sessions brilliantly!
Apple — Jake is a star and works hard in all of his work. We are very proud of him!
Oak — Naomi has taken part in all activities in class and always tries her best. Well done, Naomi.
Birch — Erin has grown in confidence with her learning and is opting for more challenging tasks.
Rowan — Avalon has worked hard at school and home, particularly in her reading and maths.
Cherry — Felix showed excellent participation in French and Food Tech at St Cuthbert Mayne.
Maple — Alana always puts her hand up, participates in discussions and obviously enjoys her learning!
Holly — Kass has an excellent approach to all aspects of his learning.
Willow — Amara really aspired to add suspense to her writing! A great effort.
Hawthorn — Bobby is a role model to others with his energy and enthusiasm!
Hazel — Ashton has an aspiration attitude and goes the extra mile!

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 12th November—Odd Socks Day
Monday 12th November—Willow Class swimming lessons
Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th—School photographer in
Friday 16th November— Children in Need Day: Donations to wear non-uniform or fancy dress
Tuesday 20th November Y2 maths workshop for parents 3:10pm and repeated at 5:00pm and Thursday 22nd at 9:10am



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

The whole school achieved 96.5% attendance. Well done everyone!
Keep it Up.

We have lots of different events happening next week!



It is Anti-Bullying week and we will be launching the week by wearing our Odd Socks to school on **Monday** to show our support for the campaign. Throughout the week the children will be focusing on the theme of “Choose Respect”, including being respectful on the internet.



On **Friday** we will be raising money for Children in Need. Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform or fancy dress for a donation towards the charity. Please remember to make sure the children have suitable footwear on for school and can fit a coat over their costume.

PTA

The PTA have been working hard to organise Christmas events for the children. The Fair takes a lot of organising and the PTA are trying some new ideas –one of which is the Christmas Trail. This involves the children participating in 5 craft activities (which they keep) and visiting Santa where they will receive a small gift. This Trail costs £5 a ticket and the PTA will be selling the tickets for the last time today from 3:05pm.

There will also be a small competition to design a calendar, which will be returned to the children to keep. The calendars cost £1 and will be available from the class teachers. They need to be returned to school for judging which will take place on 5th December. There will be three winning calendars chosen across the school with £5 WH Smiths vouchers as prizes. (Infants, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2)

The PTA have registered with easyfundraising, it's a great site where you can help St Margaret's Academy PTA raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping!

Over 3,300 big name retailers are included, such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you!' It's completely free and over £20M has been raised for causes just like us so far.

We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmptatorquay/>



Running Track

The running track was installed this week. We will be able to start using it next week so watch out for photos of the children running the golden mile on our brand new track. It looks great!

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.