

St Margaret's Academy

Another half term flies by! The summer holiday fast approaches.

We started this week with an assembly reminder about the Dunboyne Art Portrait Homework project. We shared the beautiful portraits from our very own talented artist, Miss Pritchard. We really hope your child will get involved. There is still plenty of time as the deadline is Wednesday 5th July. For inspiration, do have a look on our [Arts Blog](#)... or maybe track down Miss Pritchard.

We sadly say goodbye to May's composer of the month – Elgar. If you need a little emotional pick-me-up, do have a watch of this short video and beautiful Nimrod soundtrack– nice for a sense of perspective in our busy lives: [Edward Elgar - Nimrod - YouTube](#)

Curriculum News

This week, it has been lovely to see so many parents and family in school, either joining the curriculum work or having a look in your children's books. I really hope you found it worthwhile and informative.

In the Arts Blog you can see the fun that [Year 6](#) children and parents had making Greek masks out of modrock on Tuesday this week. Parents were also in Year 4, helping sew the Batik pencil cases. Here you can see some of the stunning Batik work done in [Year 4](#) Cherry Class. In the DT Blog you can see [Year 2 Apple](#) enjoying sewing egg cosies with their parents while [Year 3 Birch](#) children have been teaching their parents all about moving mechanisms this week.

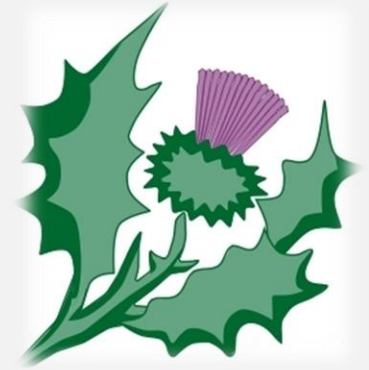


Online Safety Newsletter

We have a new helpful monthly feature on our website to help you and your children to safely navigate the online world. Under the 'Parents' tab – 'Useful Resources for Parents' you can find the [May edition of this newsletter](#) covering all types of social media, help with online games, internet connected devices, a special feature on *What's App* and even support for our grandparents out there.

Singing Club

Spaces are available in our Singing Club after school on **Fridays 3.20-4.20pm** with our lovely singing tutor Amanda. Please contact Phillipa if you are interested on: office@educationbox.co



The class with the highest attendance this week is OAK CLASS With 98%



School Lunches

Please ensure school lunches are ordered in advance via the school gateway.

Help with Rising Costs – Reminders

- **Household Support Fund** – if you are on a welfare benefit / tax credit or have a disposable income of less than £50 per week:
[Household Support Fund - Torbay Council](#)
- Do you need help with child care? If so, try this website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- Help for households – very useful government website: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- This community kitchen has some very affordable meal options and is well worth a look:
<https://www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen/>
- The PTA has lots of quality school uniform for a small donation – see their FB page
- Martin Lewis: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>
- Free uniform and help with rising costs: <https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>
- Try here for cheaper broadband: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

Wishing you the best half term. See you again on Monday 5th June for 7 more weeks of fun.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Olivia is our star of the week in Beech class for her wonderful involvement in our history lessons. You have shown so much enthusiasm for your learning this week and many grown-ups have commented on this - thank you!
Pine	Joshua is our star this week for his effort and enthusiasm in music and dance. He has wonderful rhythm and an infectious smile!
Oak	Zak- for super effort and trying his best in all of his learning this week. He has impressed us with his independence and focus when writing a set of instructions and completing some maths quizzes. Well done Zak- you are a star!
Apple	Our star this week has been so aspirational in her writing recently. She has been working hard on her handwriting and spelling. Not only this but she is always kind and respectful to everyone. Well done Lexi!
Birch	Michael D - for working really hard in our Design Technology unit on levers and linkages. Your moving mechanism prototype was fantastic!
Rowan	Kaiden is our star of the week this week for being so responsible and aspirational in our DT work this week. He has created a fantastic and informative picture with moving parts. He hasn't been afraid to seek solutions to problems and develop and change his design to improve the finished product. Great work Kaiden.
Cherry	Genevieve is the star of the week in cherry class. She has worked so hard on her art and DT project. She has produced a lovely design in batik and then sewn her batiked fabric to produce an amazing pencil case. Well done Genevieve you have demonstrated great patience, care and perseverance with this project over the last few weeks.
Hazel	Evie B is our star of the week in Hazel class for being a fantastic role model to the rest of the class. You are a delight to teach and a wonderful friend to everyone. You work so hard in every subject and we have been especially impressed with your effort in Maths recently!
Willow	Willow's star this week is Lokklyn. Lokklyn has really been working hard on his aspiration and responsibility in class. He has absolutely blown us away with his hard work and effort this week! He has really grown up and definitely almost ready for year 6! Well done for a fantastic week, Lokklyn! We are so proud of you!
Holly	Summer is this week's star in Holly class. She has worked so hard on her independent writing this week and showed such perseverance in DT. Making moving toys proved to be quite tricky but she was eager to problem solve and try her best. Well done!
Maple	This week, Theo is our star as he has consistently shown the four core values. In particular, Theo shows respect to his peers and the adults around him. He is a kind and caring friend and has been so helpful cleaning up after our mask making this week. Well done Theo:)
Hawthorn	Miah (plus a special mention for her dad!) is our Star of the Week for her work in design technology this week. The Year 6 children worked with their parents and adults to make Ancient Greek-style masks. Miah produced an excellent design and her mask was fantastic!