

Autumn Term Newsletter No. 2

A newsletter with a twist this week.....

On Wednesday 14th September, Year 6 took over the school! On Thursday 15th September, Year 5 took over the school! They had the roles of Y2 -4 teachers and teaching assistants, sports teachers, Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, office staff and site manager. The children were responsible for planning what they wanted to teach, made resources and even marked the books! Everyone enjoyed being in charge of the school and took care of it very well! As the Headteacher, I observed lessons in every classroom and behaviour on the playground. All of the children were listening well in class after the teachers counted down and were joining in with their learning. Children worked neatly in their books and got their work done on time. At playtime, I discovered children played sensibly together, looking like they were enjoying themselves and they all walked calmly into class when they were asked. My favourite part of the day was watching the children while they were teaching. We think Year 5 and 6 did an amazing job of running the school and might even want these careers when we are older!



Mr Peter Aiton (Headteacher for the Y6 day!)

This Week's Star Pupils:



Beech — Harry Hutchings
Pine — Jameson Stbbs
Apple— Noah Dean
Oak— Zack Hopkins
Birch— Ryan Hughes
Rowan — Nathan Disley
Cherry— Harrison Moore
Maple — Alfie Cooper
Holly— William Harries
Willow — Charley Matterface
Hawthorn — Leah Farmer
Hazel — Bethany Kirby

Diary Date Reminders:

Ash and Elm Class in from 8:45am—12:30pm Monday to Thursday, all day Friday from 8:45am to 3:00pm.



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Birch Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 100% attendance.

The whole school achieved 97.6% attendance overall which is fantastic! Let's keep this up!



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

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Reception Children

The Reception children have started school this week and have spent time exploring their indoor and outdoor classrooms and making new friends. They have settled in really well and we look forward to getting to know them. They have been to visit the chickens and are getting to know their way around our school grounds. Next week they stay for lunch too and by the end of the week they will be in full time!

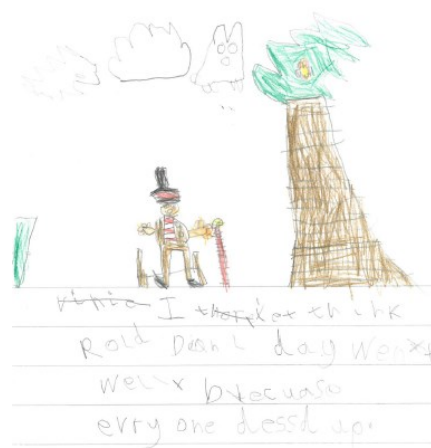


Year 3 News

We have some very talented artists in Y3! The children really understood the concept of Quentin Blake's art and have illustrated some of Dahl's books in the same style. Their attention to detail and their skills in using water colour paints are very impressive!



Roald Dahl Day was fantastic! We loved the costumes the children came in and they enjoyed playing as their character throughout the day. Thank you for supporting us with this brilliant day. The staff obviously loved it too—we have put a short clip of what they got up to in their lunchtime on our Twitter page!



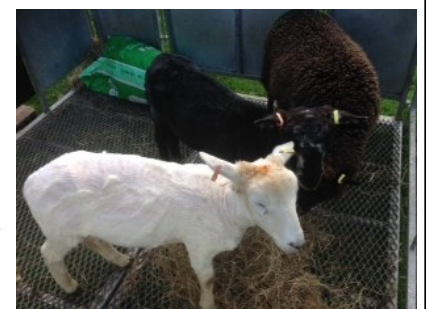
Year 2 loved Roald Dahl Day and wrote about everything we got up to that day. The dinner was very popular—who doesn't like wormy spaghetti? Our Golden Ticket winners were delighted to win a book token and hopefully, they will be off to buy a Roald Dahl book!



Before

Special Visitors to School Today

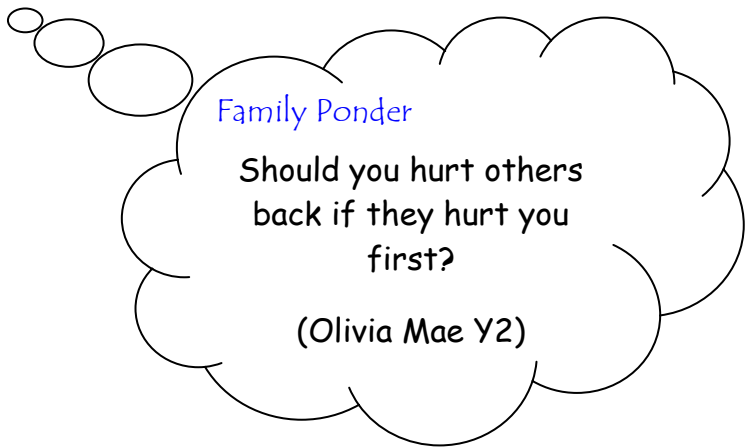
What an exciting way to end the week... Year 1 had a visit from a farmer today with four beautiful sheep. The children are learning about how wool is made so the farmer sheared the sheep to show them the fleece. The children loved it!



After

This term we are focusing on Article 15 from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIRS

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school
Wednesday 28th September - Wednesday
5th October.

Multi-Agency Information Sharing

Torbay Education Safeguarding Service works in partnership with schools to promote the welfare of children and young people, and to ensure they are safe from harm.

As part of their work they will receive information from partner agencies, such as the police and social care. If it is considered in the interest of the child or young person, this information will be shared with the school.

If information is shared, this will be in accordance with the key principles of the Data Protection Act and be on a need to know basis, and will only occur to help schools protect and promote the welfare of your son or daughter. When there is any sharing of information, schools should discuss this with you to enable a partnership approach to meeting the needs of your son or daughter.

If you have any questions about the service please ask at school, or telephone the Torbay Education Safeguarding Service on 01803 393857

Key Dates for the Year

Parents Meetings: Week beginning 17th October and 6th February. Tuesday is the late appointment night.

Y6 SATS WEEK : 8th –12th May 2017

Y1 and 2 Phonic Screening 12th–16th June 2017

Y2 SATS—throughout May 2017

KS2 Christmas Service at Upton Vale Baptist Church (Monday 12th December 6:30pm)

KS1 Nativity—pending confirmation from the Princess Theatre

Sports Days - In the week of National Sports Week (week beginning June 19th—to be confirmed)

RESPECT

CREATIVITY

INDEPENDENCE