



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #1
19th April 2024

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break. It has been a lovely first week with lots of fun and laughter in class and breaks. Our theme this half term is *relationships* which we introduced in our Monday assembly

Marathon Legends Blackburn & Cosh for *Children with Cancer UK*

Turn on the telly on Sunday morning and look out for the legends, Sue Blackburn and Hilary Cosh who are running the marathon in London to raise money for *Children with Cancer UK* which has a vision for a world in which every child survives cancer: [The Charity Fighting Childhood Cancer | Children with Cancer UK](#)

If you would like to make any donations, there is still time: click [here](#)



Understanding Harmful Online Behaviours

On our website under 'Useful Resources for Parents' you can find a really helpful [flyer](#) to help you and your child understand harmful online behaviours and how to report them. Suitable for older children and very worthwhile having a look at.

Curriculum News

Have a look in our [Music Blog](#) to hear a recording of Mr Hopkins' musicians giving a performance with their ukuleles and guitars just before Easter.

In the Religion Blog you can see some of [Year 1s' recount](#) writing about their trip to St Mary's church before Easter. Fantastic writing and show such amazing progress in their writing skills this year.

On the [Sports Blog](#), catch up with the latest news from Mrs Scaife's Lionesses who played two matches this week.

Look in the [Maths Blog](#) to see how Year 5 have had some obtuse fun with (a)cute angles this week.

Farewells and Welcomes

Life never stands still!

This week we said farewell to Kelly Tozer and wished her well in her new career. Miss Tozer has been a real asset with her specialist skills working with some of our children and we're going to miss her lots. We all wish her all the very best.

This week we welcomed Imogen Chapman to St Margaret's. Miss Chapman has joined our teaching team. This term she is teaching in Year 5 Birch Class to cover Mrs Griss who is on her maternity leave.

Recent Reminders

- Riviera Life Church Food and Baby Bank – [link here](#). We can make a referral for you or phone 07486 402493
- Healthy snacks: [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Pile in the Tesco Blue Tokens at Tesco: Barton Torquay, Torquay Fleet Street, Torquay Express (garage on Teignmouth Road), Paignton Victoria, Paignton Torquay Road, Torquay Lymington Road, Brixham Express and Torquay Babbacombe Road
- Our Amazon Book Wish List: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share

Help with Rising Cost- 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>

Enjoy the sunny weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

W/C 22nd April 2024	Parents Evening
23rd April 2024	Y6 Ridge/Gorge @ River/Dewerstone
26th April 2024	Animal Encounters Year 2 & Year 5
1st May 2024	Bikeability Level 1 course
6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
W/C 13th May 2024	Year 6 SATS Week
21st May 2024	Y5 Kayak @ Goodrington
27th May- 31st May 2024	May Half Term
W/C 10th June 2024	Bikeability level 2 Year 5 & 6
12th June 2024	HSC celebration event 10-12.30
17th June 2024	KS1 (year 1&2) Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
17th June 2024	Foundation Stage Sports Day 1.15-3.15pm
18th June 2024	Class Photographs
20th June 2024	KS2 (Year 3-6) Sports Day 9.30-11.30
6th July 2024	PTA Summer Fayre
9th July 2014	Y4 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
10th July 2024	Y6 Show 2pm & 6pm showing
11th July 2024	Rock Steady performance (time TBC)
11th July 2024	Year 6 Show 6pm
16th July 2024	Y3 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
17th July 2024	Picnic on the field (Current Reception and New Starters) 3.30-4.30
18th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Disco ? TBC
22nd July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am Leavers BBQ

Beech	Harper is our star of the week for always showing respect during our learning. She is a great friend to all the members of the class. Harper always presents her work beautifully and tries her hardest. Thank you Harper!
Pine	Teddy has been working so hard on his art work this week and he has been delivering beautiful pictures to adults around the school. Well done Teddy, what a talent!
Oak	Liam is our star as he has shown a positive, patient and resilient attitude towards his learning this week. He has listened well in the lessons and shared his ideas and work with myself and the class. Super return from the Easter break Liam, well done!
Apple	We have had a new Apple join us this week and he is a great addition to our super team! Tzuriel has made lots of friends already and we are so impressed with his learning attitude. Welcome to St Margaret's, it is great to have you 😊.
Holly	Our star of the week is Rayyan. He is a role model for aspiration and respect, always putting his best efforts into his work and following instructions quickly and efficiently. Well done, Rayyan. Keep it up!
Willow	Guy is the star of the week in Willow Class. He has been working hard in class to complete tasks set and has had some super ideas for his poetry work this week. Well done Guy.
Cherry	Austin is our star of the week. He has been much more responsible lately, and made lots of good and sensible choices in class and with his learning. He has been trying hard and getting on with his work quietly. Well done Austin!
Hazel	Lennon is our star of the week. He has been really engaged in our lessons, especially in our topic on digestion and has been independently working on his decimals maths work. He also created some amazing animations of the ipad where he brought his drawings to life!
Birch	Birch Star of the Week is Noah. He has been respectful and responsible, helping me to settle into Birch class. He has also worked incredibly hard during lessons doing a great job to master measuring angles. Well done Noah!
Rowan	The star this week in Rowan is Alfie V. He has shown such perseverance in his learning recently. He always keeps going and shows such kindness to others at the same time. Well done Alfie, we are so proud of you!
Maple	Alexa is our star of the week because of the resilience and aspiration she has shown in her writing. In her recount from Skern Lodge, Alexa included some fantastic similes and metaphors. Keep it up Alexa!
Hawthorn	Eryn is our Star of the Week for her fantastic independence and resilience during the gorge walking experience this week. She was quick to get herself ready in her wetsuit, listened well to instructions and joined in with great enthusiasm with the activities. Well done Eryn!