



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY Summer Newsletter #2

Dear Parents,

We started this week with an assembly to mark *Earth Day*. We spent some time thinking about how we as individuals can make a difference to help protect our home planet. This fits well with our PSHE theme for this half term which is *relationships*; how learning to work together and get on with each other is so crucial if we are to create a thriving community and planet.



One of the children – Harrison in Year 5 – was inspired to write a poem following this assembly:

*Watch the smoke stacks soar through the sky,
Something that makes me want to cry,
I wonder why,
It's the fact that the factories don't even try,
To find a better way to help the planet,
To put their poisonous waste away,
Something that makes me want to cry,
That's why everyone should put their sign up
and scream for pollution to be stopped!
Come on, help the planet for me and for you!
Do your job to the world, pick up some bits
and bobs to help the world!*



Marathon Legends Blackburn & Cosh for Children with Cancer UK

Congratulations to Sue Blackburn and Hilary Cosh. Their amazing efforts in running the London Marathon raised over £2000 for Children with Cancer UK which is an inspiration to us all. We celebrated their achievement in our *Earth Day* assembly as an example of doing something for the community to make a difference. We also celebrated the big team around them to help make it happen, with Mrs Posey leading the way and Mrs Cosh's children at the event with gel bars to keep them going along the route. Amazing stuff. Thank you also to everyone who donated.



Come on the Lions and Lionesses!

If you fancy watching our Y5/6 football teams (boys and girls) in action, they have both progressed to the finals cup events held at Torquay United Plainmoor Stadium. They are playing next Tuesday, 30th April in the semi-finals initially and if they win that, straight into the finals, which happen straight after. It all starts at 4.00pm. Good luck to them all and thank you so much to Mr Mayling and Mrs Scaife for their expert coaching and giving up of their time to give the children this opportunity.



Our PTA Library Extends Outdoors

Fantastic news. The final part of the PTA funded library is now complete and ready to be used in the outdoors, ahead of pleasant summer weather that will arrive soon. Do have a look when you are dropping off and collecting. You can see some photos on our [Reading Blog](#) too.

The chair and benches were very kindly donated by one of our parents - Ben Stephens who owns Hadley's Fencing Contractors.

The PTA spent the remainder of the generous grant from the Morrisons foundation on the reading shed, complete with comfy cushions and crates for books, as well as commissioning Neil Wilkinson Cave from sacred art murals <https://www.facebook.com/Neil.Sacredart> to paint a scene from The Hobbit, continuing on from his fantastic work inside the library.

Curriculum News

Look in the [Computing Blog](#) to see Year 2 learning how to take photos and edit them.

In the [Science Blog](#), share the children's fun in Year 4 as they explore the digestive system ahead of their writing. Also in the Science Blog you can see how children in [Year 2](#) have been sorting animals into different habitats.

In the Sports Blog you can read about the [Lionesses'](#) end of league season 7 goal thriller.

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.



Forest School Champion

Congratulations to Mrs Posey who has achieved her Forest School qualification. Mrs Posey has been working on this for the last few months during which time many of your children have already benefitted from her skills. We look forward to many more children continuing to enjoy this fun outdoor learning in our school orchard. Thank you, Mrs Posey. What a great attribute and resource you are for our wonderful school.


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

Happy 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	Cody is our star of the week for his amazing engagement in maths this week. He has demonstrated wonderful understanding of all types of measure in particular capacity and volume. It has been so lovely to see your enthusiasm for learning this week - keep it up!
Pine	Ella is our star for her super writing about Mary Seacole this week! Great effort well done!
Oak	Hugo is our star as he has put great effort into his poetry writing this week. He made sure he used clear finger spaces and a sound mat when spelling. Hugo's participation has been amazing in all lessons this week and he has shown a positive and responsible attitude towards his learning. Well done Hugo!
Apple	Our star has had a very exciting week. Not only has he continued to be aspirational in his learning and continues to try so hard on his handwriting, he has also become a big brother! Well done A-J, keep up the great work, you and your family have certainly had a memorable week.
Holly	Tom is our star of the week this week. He's really listening to feedback on his writing, making sure to form his letters properly and size them well on the line. He's also shone in our Computing lessons - we have a potential future animator in our midst! Well done, Tom. Keep it up!
Willow	Olivia is the star of the week in Willow Class. She has been working hard on her reading during reading lessons in class. She has joined in well, volunteered to read aloud and shared her answers to questions. She was also an enthusiastic singer during music. Well done Olivia.
Cherry	Our star of the week is Aoife! Aoife often tries hard with her learning, and this week she has tried exceptionally hard with her maths. She got on with the questions all by herself, and then we looked at the answers together afterwards. Well done Aoife, you showed real determination and resilience.
Hazel	Ella is our star this week. Her aspiration and her respect has been first class. She is always ready to learn and has an amazing attitude towards her learning. Keep it up!
Birch	Ava is star of the week in Birch class. Ava has worked extremely hard in writing this week, impressing me with some lovely ideas! She has also been a very helpful member of the class. Well done Ava!
Rowan	This week's star in Rowan class is Kendra. She is a new member of the class team but has fitted in seamlessly. She has shown such kindness to those around her as well as showing aspiration in her learning. Well done Kendra!
Maple	Maple's star of the week is Bella! On Tuesday, we went to Dartmoor and did some climbing and river walking. We are all so proud of Bella for stepping out of her comfort zone and giving everything a go with a smile on her face the whole time. What a fantastic, aspirational attitude! Well done!
Hawthorn	Lincoln is our Star of the Week. We have been really impressed by the effort he has put into our latest writing unit, which has resulted in a super piece of 'flashback' writing, containing some lovely descriptions. Well done Lincoln!