



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #5

17th May 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy SATs week this week with our Year 6s taking their statutory end of primary school tests. Well done to all our Year 6s for getting stuck in and giving it a go. Tests are going to be an increasing part of their lives. Secondary schools will use their grades as target predictors for their GCSEs and before you know it, they will be sitting those tests too

Curriculum News

In the History Blog have a look at how [Year 1](#) have been history detectives to find out about Edith Cavell and see how [Year 5](#) have been learning about how criminals have been caught and punished over the last 100 years. In the Science Blog you can see [Year 3's](#) cool shadow puppets.

Lilli's Australian Adventure News

Lilli in Year 5 has an amazing opportunity to travel to Australia in October to compete in an international martial arts tournament. Lilli has been training since she was aged 5 and over the last two years has successfully been competing in tournaments. Now she has the amazing chance to compete in an international competition. To be able to travel though, she is looking to raise £1000. If you think you might kindly be able to donate anything, please go to her Go Fund page where you can find out lots more, including her upcoming challenge to climb to the summit of Pen Y Fan:

<https://gofund.me/45b9e4d9>

Blue Token Winners Park Yoga

Our super PTA strikes again! Thanks to them for getting St Margaret's out there and thanks to you for supporting us. Following the Tesco Stronger Starts vote in the local Tesco stores, our project came First and has been chosen by Tesco customers to receive a grant award of £1,500.00!

A Message from Mrs Pike

I wanted to share with you that after 12 very happy years at St Margaret's I will be retiring at the end of this academic year.

I have loved working with our wonderful pupils and families in my roles as SENCO, Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Head but it is now time for a new adventure! I am fortunate in knowing that my roles are in very capable hands with Mrs Wheeler taking on Safeguarding and Mrs Essam taking on the SENCO role.

Thank you for all your talented, exceptional children and the support you have given me during my time at St Margaret's - it's been a very special part of my working life and the memories will be with me long after my final day!

Thank you again,

Sara Pike.



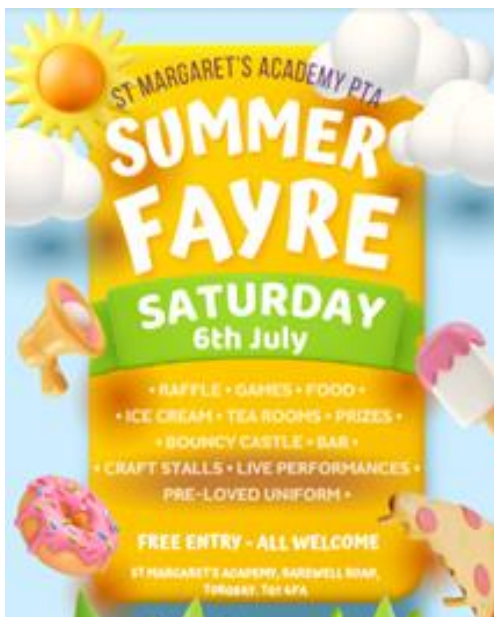
Free Park Yoga

Running from now until September, there are free weekly yoga sessions on Torre Abbey Green at 9.30am every Sunday. Just turn up; no need to book. You can [read a little more](#) on our website under 'Family Opportunities and Activities'.

Ofsted – The Big Listen – Ofsted want to hear your views

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is carrying out a short survey on behalf of Ofsted. They want to hear from parents/carers of children who are under 18 years old. It should only take around 10 minutes to complete. They are interested in views of, and any experiences with, Ofsted, including Ofsted's inspection, regulation and reporting practices. They really want to hear from a wide range of parents and carers, even if you don't have strong opinions about Ofsted, or haven't had any experience of Ofsted. The survey findings will be used to help Ofsted improve the way it works in the future.

Please click on the following link to find out more or take part in the survey:
survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen



Music News

Are you interested in your child having individual music lesson? If so, you can find out about this and our wider music provision on our website under 'Curriculum' – 'Subject Specific Information' or quick link [here](#). Mrs Posey, our Music Lead, has also provided a link to a [short video](#) about why music is good for our brains.

Cryptosporidium Outbreak

You should have received a factsheet about this outbreak. The TQ1 area is not affected. More information can be found on the Torbay website, including information about the locations affected in the Bay: [Cryptosporidium outbreak - Torbay Council](#).

Summer Fayre – Saturday 6th July

Please support our PTA and school by helping out on the day: if you are free on the day and would consider helping us out, please click the link below and pop your name against a volunteer slot. The Fayre can only go ahead with the support of the Parents and Teachers: <https://volunteersignup.org/BK9RQ>

Enjoy your weekend in the sun.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hughes'.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

21st May 2024	Y5 Kayak @ Goodrington
23 rd May 2024	PTA Summer Disco
27th May- 31st May 2024	May Half Term
3 rd & 4 th June	Hazel Class Parents Evenings parents
5 th June 2024	Mini First Aid for Reception & Year 3
6 th June 2024	Reception Class Stay and Play at 2.00pm
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
W/C 8 th July 2024	Reports Home to Parents
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	Olivia is our star of the week. She quietly and confidently gets on with her work and this is always beautifully presented. She never rushes and gives each task 100% effort. She has taken responsibility for her reading and chooses her books sensibly. Well done Olivia we are proud of you!
Pine	Poppy is our star for working hard on her Florence Nightingale biography this week. She always has her hand up ready to answer questions and is reliable and responsible. Well done Poppy.
Oak	Leah is our star in Oak this week. Leah's draft copy of the 'Friendship story' is really aspirational, with great detail and some very descriptive text! Well done Leah. Can't wait to read the final write.
Apple	Rinat is our star in Apple. It is never easy to start a new school in a new town but Rinat has adapted really well. Everyone has had a 'Rinat hug' with his great, big smile as well. Well done Rinat, keep working hard.
Holly	Our star of the week is Zak. He's been blowing us all away with his effort and progress lately - his reading and writing has come on leaps and bounds! His independence over the course of year skills has soared and we are so proud of him. Well done, Zak!
Willow	Our star of the week is Amira. She has been working really hard on her writing to include adjectives and speech during our sentence stacking lessons. She is always willing to read her writing aloud to share with others her ideas. Well done Amira.
Cherry	Our star of the week is Farah. Farah is always responsible for her learning, and works hard every lesson, even if the learning is a bit tricky. She works really well with others to collaborate and work out the answers, and tries her hardest. Well done Farah!
Hazel	Our star of the week is April. She is always responsible for her learning and presents her work beautifully. She has shown real kindness this week especially in helping another member of the class with their learning too.
Birch	Our star this week is Jemima! Jemima has worked incredibly hard this week perfecting the skill of adding and subtracting decimals. I have been very impressed by Jemima's perseverance and it has been lovely to see her confidence grow as she has succeeded in this skill. Well done Jemima!
Rowan	Our star this week is Max. He always shows the school values and has been incredibly helpful this week moving classrooms as well as taking responsibility for taking books to the right places! We really appreciate his helpful nature - well done and keep being amazing!
Maple	Our star this week goes to Thomas! Thomas has been really focussed and aspirational this week in his SATs. He has worked incredibly hard and has shown responsibility during the revision sessions. We have been so impressed with his dedication. Keep it up Thomas!
Hawthorn	Libby is our Star of the Week for her aspiration and resilience. She's been working very hard to develop her maths and English skills and actively respond to teaching and doesn't give up when faced with a challenge. This has been clear to see during the SATs tests this week. Well done Libby!