

St Margaret's Academy

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. We started the week with our assembly to launch this half term's theme: *Changing Me*. We used Paul Berchtold's story, *The Seed in the Mud* to show how we need to put down strong roots to help us grow. We also introduced June's composer of the month, George Frideric Handel, and listened to a beautiful piece of music sung by a 14-year-old soprano. Enjoy: [Lascia ch'io pianga \(Handel\)](#) | [boy soprano Aksel Rykkvin \(14y\)](#), [Rolf Lislevand](#), [Knut Erik Sundquist - YouTube](#)



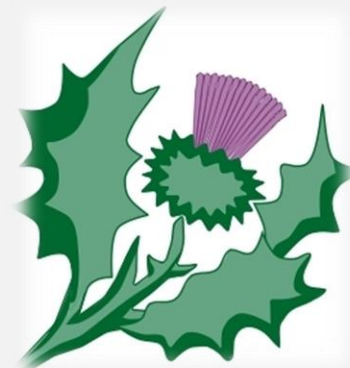
Extreme Hot Weather

Children cannot control their body temperature as well as adults during hot weather. Children do not sweat as much so may be at risk of ill-health from heat. Do be on the lookout for symptoms of heat exhaustion: tiredness, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, confusion, excessive sweating and pale clammy skin.

We have made plans in school to adapt to the hot weather in case it continues and gets hotter over the coming weeks. This includes an adult-led wet zone where children can get a cool spray of water, more canopies around school, a dedicated air-con cold room for full chilling if needed, extra ice-packs, emergency sun cream if needed and... best of all, every Friday at 1.00pm will be ice-pop Friday, when your child can find some shade and relax with an ice-pop.

How you can help from home:

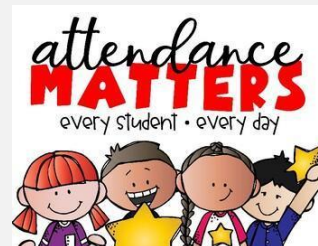
- Please apply sun cream in the morning and send your child in with spare cream. Teachers will then remind children to re-apply before going out to lunch. (Please label the sun cream with your child's name)
- Dressing your children in loose, light clothing. Please feel free to adapt your child's uniform to suit the weather each day e.g. you may want to send them in a long-sleeved cotton top to protect their arms
- Please send them in with a full water bottle. Staff will encourage them to drink plenty during the day and refill their bottle regularly.
- Please send them in with a hat with a wide brim (Please ensure your child's name is written in the hat)



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



Reminder to make sure all sessions for breakfast and after school club are booked via the school gateway.



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

IT Goodbye and Welcome

This week we said *au revoir* to our IT Manager, Trystan Mann, who is heading to France for adventures new. We wish him *bon chance* and send him much *merci* for all his work behind the scenes ensuring St Margaret's technical world flows seamlessly. We welcome Greg Bell who takes on this ever-increasing vital role.

Welcome to our new Parents

On Wednesday evening this week, we held our information meeting for new parents who will be joining us in September. If you are a new parent reading this, the slides from that meeting and further information about the school can be found updated under [Parents](#) on the website. Current parents might also find this useful and interesting as there is a virtual tour of the whole school as well as a super lovely video showing life in the Foundation Stage.

Reading Celebration

As already shared on Facebook, on Monday this week we found out we had been selected to take part in a new project with the Open University for a Quality Mark for our reading provision; 1 of only 25 schools across the UK. This will build further on our Reading for Pleasure work over the next two years. Super exciting.



Curriculum News

Geography and Science are the two big subject drivers this half term. Our *Changing Me* PSHE theme ties into the science work taking place in classes and we've been reminding the children that science is learning about the physical and natural world through observation and experiment; and that it helps us to understand how the world around us works. As always, you can find out more on the *Curriculum* page on our website about what your child is learning and how you can support at home.

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>

Happy weekend, lovely families.

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

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Lily is our star this week for her AMAZING efforts in her independent writing. She spent so much time and effort over her biography about Florence Nightingale and remembered so many facts. What a superstar you are Lily
Pine	Amelia is our star this week for all of the effort that she has put into her writing. She tries so hard to improve her work and always listens to advice from adults. Well done Amelia!
Oak	Alanna is our star as she has amazed us with her effort in the writing lessons this week. The class and I really enjoyed listening to her story about a mysterious garden shed where she used great vocabulary to describe. Well done Alanna, you are a star!
Apple	April is a joy to have in our class. Her cheeky smile lights up the room and she is such a kind little person. Recently she has also been trying so hard in all her learning and being so aspirational. Well done April 😊
Birch	Emily for her wonderful DT project - a moving information poster about the Romans. Mrs Burke and I are so proud of you!
Rowan	Riley is our star of the week in Rowan class. The aspirational effort he has put into his reading and writing has really paid off and we are delighted with the work he is producing. He is proof that hard work pays off. Well done Riley. We are super proud of you!
Cherry	Livia is the star of the week in Cherry class. She works hard on all tasks and always takes responsibility for her learning. Her Viking story was amazing with some great similes. Well done Livia.
Hazel	Evie W is our star of the week for being so aspirational in your writing about sustainability. You have also been a role model to the rest of the class by picking up litter on a local beach - Such an eco superstar!
Willow	Eryn is our star this week. Eryn is a child that could easily get this award each week. She consistently shows all of the school values in the classroom. This week we have particularly noticed her aspiration in her work. She is always wanting to challenge herself and up-level what she has produced! Well done, Eryn. Keep up the good work!
Holly	Charlie is this week's star of the week. He is such a kind member of Holly class, always offering help to both adults and friends. He has also shown such aspiration in his writing recently, particularly in his handwriting. Keep up the great work!
Maple	Ellie is our star of the week for being such a kind member of Maple class. Ellie is always offering her help for little jobs in class and has shown a real maturity over the last few months. Well done Ellie - keep it up 😊
Hawthorn	Luciana is our Star of the Week for her great commitment to the rehearsals for our end of Year 6 show. She has been working hard to learn all of the song lyrics and her singing has been lovely! Well done Luciana!



Diary Dates

19th June 2023	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
21st June 2023	Animals2U South West visiting year 5 & 6
22nd June 2023	Years 3,4,5 & 6 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
22nd June 2023	Foundation Stage Animal Encounters
22nd June 2023	Year 1 Parent Assembly (History) 2.45pm in the Hall
23rd June 2023	Foundation Stage Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
26th June 2023	Class Photos
30th June 2023	Year 2 trip to Dawlish Warren
5th July 2023	Dunboyne Art Homework Project due
8th July 2023	PTA Summer Fair
W/C 10th July 2023	Reports to Parents (date to be confirmed)
12th July 2023	Y6 Show- Afternoon performance to parents 2pm
13th July 2023	Y6 Show - Evening performance to parents 6pm
19th July 2023	Picnic on the field for New Starters and current Reception Children 3.30-4.30pm
20th July 2023	Rock Steady Concert 10am (FS, Y1 & Y2) 10.30am (Y3-6)
21st July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents and siblings (time to be confirmed)
21st July 2023	Year 6 BBQ
21st July 2023	Last day for all Pupils