

St Margaret's Academy

We started this week with our assembly to launch this term's Design Technology homework project. Thank you to Mrs Colmer and Mr Holland who joined us to explain how our current construction at the front of school is a real-life DT project.

Curriculum News

Poet of the Month, for January, chosen by Holly Class is Michael Rosen. Enjoy him reading his brilliant poem, Chocolate Cake, by clicking [here](#). The next generation [Bikeability](#) got under way last week; look in the Sports Blog to see how Years 3 and 4 got on.

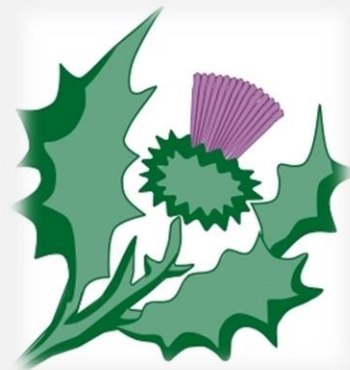
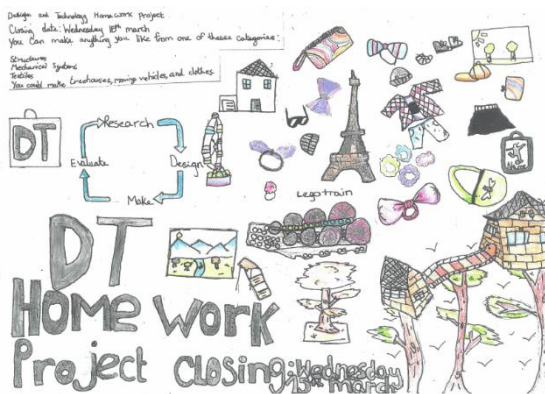


Design Technology Homework Project

Once a term we have a homework project competition based on a different subject, judged by our friends from Dunboyne Court, the nearby retirement home. This term, it's Design Technology. Judging will take place on Wednesday 15th March in school. The winners will have lunch with our friends from Dunboyne and will take their projects to Dunboyne to share with the less-mobile residents.

Three children from Year 6 have designed a poster to advertise the event and give children some ideas. It is very open-ended and we hope to inspire children to be excited about their learning to make something that really interests them. We have given children ideas based around three main areas: structures, textiles and moving mechanisms, and asking them to think about the design cycle (research – design – make – evaluate). If you look in the [Design Technology Blog](#) on the website, you can see lots of in-school learning that might give you some ideas to help your children. If your child needs some specialist help, Mrs Tandy is our subject leader for DT but teachers also will be able to help.

We hope your children, from Reception to Year 6, really enjoy this and get stuck in, in whatever way really interests them.



Term Dates for 2023-2024

The dates for the next academic year can now be found on the website under 'Parents'. Quick link [here](#)



The class with the highest attendance this week goes to

Birch and Cherry
With 98.5%

Well Done!

Interested in being a Trustee?

We are looking to grow our school trustees. We have two different roles we would like to fill. One requires a minimum of two meetings per year (one usually virtually in the evening and one usually a visit in person). The other is a more regular role with about three events per term (one or two are usually in person with one virtual meeting).

If you are interested in helping form the direction of the school and having a more active role in the education of your children, please do come and have a chat. I am very happy to talk about the roles in more detail as is Karen Colmer our governance professional and James Bennett, the Chair of Trustees.

Also, if you know anyone out of school who might be interested, please do ask them to give me a call. This could be family members such as grandparents as well as any other professionals.

Reverend Nathan Kiyaga

Congratulations to Nathan who has been made a medallist of the Order of the British Empire in the 2023 New Year's Honours for services to the community. Nathan is the Chaplain at Cuthbert Mayne and he often supports us in school when we are exploring Christian festivals in assemblies or Christian learning in class. Follow this [link](#) to read more about his work in the community.

New Clubs Reminder

There are still places available on the below after school clubs. If you would like to book a place contact Danielle at EDUBOX on office@educationbox.co

- Musical Theatre Club on Mondays
- Drumming Club on Thursdays
- Singing Club on Fridays

Help with Rising Costs – Reminders

- 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 your weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Martha - for being so Aspirational this week. You have been putting your hand up much more and having a go at some tricky maths problems. We are very proud of you. Keep it up!
Pine	Harley H is our star because we were so impressed with the success of his DT project last term. His see-saw balanced perfectly! Well done.
Oak	Noah- for always showing responsibility and aspiration in his learning and for his amazing effort, resilience and focus in the maths and PE lessons this week. Well done Noah, you are a star!
Apple	We are so lucky in Apple as we have a new addition! Roxanne has fitted in so well and is an absolute delight. It is great to have you join Team Apple, Roxanne, you have made a super start.
Birch	April - for having an amazing first full week in our school. You are an amazing addition to our class and have made so many friends already! Well done for trying so hard in all lessons as well!
Rowan	Ginny is our star of the week because she has worked her absolute socks off in all aspects of the curriculum. She doesn't always find things easy and has remained undeterred when she faces challenges. Her independence and aspiration have come on in leaps and bounds!
Cherry	Ryan is the star in Cherry class. He has returned from the school holiday enthusiastic to learn. He is sharing his ideas with the class and asking questions to try to better his understanding. He is challenging himself in his independent learning too. He is certainly showing our school value of aspiration.
Hazel	Harrison - For your amazing talent in computing. You are enthusiastic, motivated and a fantastic mentor to the rest of the children in the class. Future coding superstar!
Willow	Willow's star this week is for Jalika. Jalika has tried so hard this week to improve and perfect her presentation in her books. Jalika's books this week look beautiful! She has also been very aspirational in Maths this week and even chose a more challenging piece of work! Well done, Jalika. We are so proud of you!
Holly	Sienna is our star of the week due to her hard work and perseverance in maths. She has worked so hard to learn a new multiplication method and has shown such kindness when helping others too. Well done Sienna, we are so proud of you!
Maple	Amelia K is our star of the week for being so aspirational in maths! She has worked really hard with her fractions learning and has made a huge improvement. Amelia's work is also such a great example to the rest of the class as she always presents it to the highest standard - well done!
Hawthorn	Aiden-Lee is our star of the week for his aspiration. He has been shown super effort to complete his writing independently this week and has worked hard in his reading group. Keep it up, Aiden-Lee; we are very proud of you!