

St Margaret's Academy

Hands-Face-Space- Fresh Air- Act as if you've got it

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope you all managed a restful break and stayed safe from the storms. We had some damage to the school as two large parts of the roof were ripped off and flung across the site so it's fortunate we closed and nobody was injured. This is now all repaired.

School Facebook

The school Facebook account now looks to be working properly. If you use Facebook, you'll be able to see more of what's happening and what's coming up in school if you follow us. Here's the link: https://www.facebook.com/St-Margarets-Academy-113608751095423/?notif_id=164 which you can also find on the home page of the website.

Curriculum Information

Year 4 teachers have released a new Collectable for the spring term all about [Habitats](#). Do have a look on their Curriculum Information page to find out the Year 4 expectations for this subject so you can help at home.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings are scheduled for the week beginning 28th March. We plan to hold these in-person. This will give you a chance to see your child's work and their classroom. Look out for the bookings which will be out towards the end of next week.

War in Ukraine

With the terrible news coming out of Ukraine, we are ensuring we take a consistent approach in our message and conversations with children. I've added a very useful document, called [Worrying about War](#), to the school website under 'Well-being for Families' – 'Resources for Parents'. We are using this as our guide and you may find it very useful to use at home. Our approach looks to respond to children's concerns as they arise based on their age and stage of development.



**This week's
class attendance star
goes
to
Apple Class with
99.2%
Well done!**

There is also a very useful site provided by the DfE which gives us tips for talking about these type of highly emotional issues: https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Some overall points that stood out for me:

- establish the facts by fact checking / using reputable sites
- be comfortable not having an answer for everything
- encourage debate
- nuance, not stereotyping
- remember the child's age and stage of development

Mental Health - HI FLK

Look after our mental health reminder:

- 'H' is for being healthy such as exercise, sleep, diet, drinking water
- 'I' is for some special calm time, mindfulness, time for oneself
- 'F' is for friends, making connections
- 'L' is for learning something new
- 'K' is for showing kindness to others



Curriculum News

So much has happened this week with Reading. Do have a look in [the Reading Blog](#) to see some pictures of the clever masks made by pupils, the costumes, a visit by Patrick the Pony and the Book Fair. See if you can recognise the secret staff masked readers in their cunning disguises and altered voices. All good fun!



Have a look in the [Arts Blog](#) to see Year 5's evocative space art inspired by their study of Peter Thorpe. Year 5 also enjoyed a trip to space on Thursday morning when the space dome came to school. "It didn't feel like we were in school. It felt like we were in space", commented Reuben.

Covid Update

Fingers crossed that we have put the worst of this behind us and we can get on with life and education. Children and staff are now mixing more often although we continue to take precautions and avoid mixing as best as possible e.g. we're doing our best to keep children in their year groups when eating lunch. We are also continuing with our enhanced measures for cleaning, personal hygiene and ventilation.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Archie has made great improvements in his listening over the last few weeks. He has been coming in sensibly in the morning and getting on with his jobs. Mrs Cosh is really proud of your hard work in phonics as well! Well done Archie - keep it up!
Pine	Daisy made the most incredible shoebox fish tank while we were at home with the storm last week, the effort she put in was amazing, well done Daisy!
Oak	Ruby- for her amazing effort in reading both at school and at home. Also for her resilience and effort when writing about the dragon from the class story 'George and the dragon'. You are a star Ruby- keep up the great work!
Apple	Keaton has been so aspirational this week in his writing about dragons! He has used his RWI skills to help him independently sound out his words and has produced some brilliant sentences. Well done Keaton, fantastic effort.
Birch	Freddie - for trying so hard in all subjects all week! We love your smile and your enthusiasm Freddie!
Rowan	Ruby is our star of the week for showing great listening skills this week. She has taken responsibility for her learning in maths and shown aspiration when working independently on word problems by listening carefully to the teacher. Well done Ruby!
Cherry	Louis is our star for the amazing concentration and effort he has shown this week in all of his learning activities. He has certainly shown that he is a responsible learner. Well done Louis.
Hazel	Sienna - For your fantastic effort on World Book day and your enthusiasm and love for reading.
Willow	Our Star this week is for Olly for his improved attitude towards his learning, his resilience shown in class and the respect he has shown the adults. Well done Olly - keep it up!
Holly	Reuben - for an ongoing improvement in his attitude and effort in class. We are really pleased with how he shares his ideas with the class and gets on well with his work. Keep it up Reuben!
Maple	Justin - for his responsible attitude and consistently showing aspiration in his learning. He has shown such drive to read a million words and has finally met that target. Well done!
Hawthorn	Elsie - for her consistently responsible attitude and aspiration in class. She has particularly impressed us with the hard work and attention to detail that she put into producing her science project homework and her World Book Day mask. Great work Elsie!