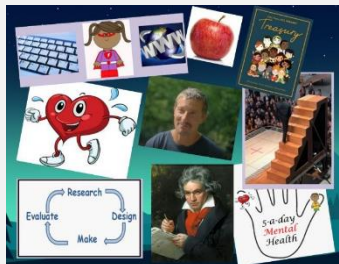


# St Margaret's Academy

Another term comes to a close. What an exciting final week it has been. We started the week with an assembly to revisit all of the personal development features we covered since Christmas. We used these images to help jog the children's memory. See if they can tell you more.



During the week, children enjoyed the Space Dome in school (look out for more information on the Science Blog).

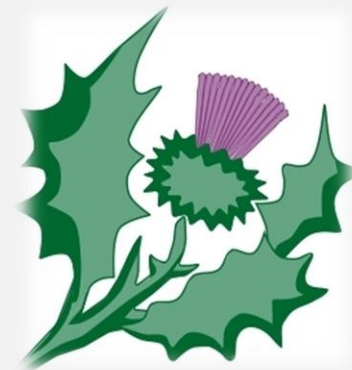
## Year 6 Skern Lodge Residential

The big curriculum event of the week was the Year 6 residential trip to Skern Lodge. Every single child has made some great achievements and created fantastic memories. It has been a pleasure to join them on this adventure and see them shine and smile, experiencing and overcoming difficulties. I've seen joyful tears spilled when overcoming real fears, terror turning to delight, cowering turning to standing tall. It has been a real privilege to see this and work with the children in this setting. The Skern Lodge staff have been very impressed with the children, especially their team work and shared comradery.



I would like to say a massive thank you to the school staff who accompanied the children for giving up of their time, their dedication to caring for your children at all hours of the day or night and for giving 100% to ensure your child had the best experience. Long days and short nights, but ultimately very rewarding days. Thank you, Mrs Kerswell, Mrs Kennedy, Miss Lynds, Mrs West and Mr Fletcher.

Look out for more photos on the PSHE Blog soon. You can also find quite a few on the school Facebook page. Staff will also run a slide show one afternoon after school so look out for this date.



## St Margaret's LIONESSES

Mrs Scaife would like to give a special mention to the Girls Football team who still hold their position at the top of the league. The girls have worked incredibly hard this season and should be really proud of themselves.

## ATTENDANCE

The class with the highest attendance this week goes to

**Oak CLASS**  
**98.7 %**  
**WELL DONE**

## Sad Goodbyes

On Tuesday, we said sad goodbyes to two members of staff. Mrs Wright was one of our school administrators and after 30 years (!!) of being involved with St Margaret's, she has finally made the move to a new retirement adventure. Kim started with us as a school governor in 1993 and has worked as a teaching assistant before her work in the office. On behalf of staff and pupils, past a present, I would to say a big thank you from St Margaret's for all her years of energy and devotion. I'm personally going to miss the Monday morning biscuits. Thank you, Mrs Wright.

We also say a sad goodbye today to the enigmatic Mrs Sosnowski who has moved on to new pasture adventures after 7 years at St Margaret's. We will miss her big humour and the experienced insight she has brought to helping children's development. Thank you and good luck.

## Other Curriculum News

You might not realise that in school we have a few groups of children who take leadership roles such as the School Council, Digital Leaders, [Sports Leaders](#) and the [Play Leaders](#). Read all about their work in the Pupil Voice Blog. Digital Leaders can also be found in the Computing Blog. If you are interested in our [music provision](#) at St Margaret's, our Music Lead, Mrs Posey has recently updated the subject information on our website, there's some fantastic stuff going on. Do have a look under 'Curriculum' – 'Subject Specific Information' where you can obviously find information about each subject.



## Waterproofs

Appeal for waterproof overalls and coats! If you have any old waterproofs going spare, we could really do with a few spares so children can access the orchard in all weathers. Many thanks.

## 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>

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter holiday and we'll see you for more fun in the busy summer term, starting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)