

St Margaret's Academy

This week we have been reflecting on the monarchy, with activities taking place in each class. Today there has been lots of red, white and blue around school and we finished with a wonderful special sing-along this afternoon in the hall to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. I hope you enjoy the long weekend festivities.



Household Support Fund

If you are on a welfare benefit / tax credit or have a disposable income of less than £50 per week, are over 16 and live in Torbay, do have a look at this. You could receive up to £500 to help with the cost of living: [Household Support Fund - Torbay Council](#)

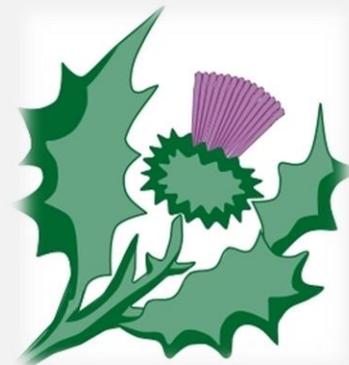
Apprentice Celebration News

On Wednesday evening, South Devon College held their annual Apprentice Awards. There were several categories with nominations and commendations in each. I'm really pleased to tell you that one of our apprentice teaching assistants, working on a Level 5 qualification came first in her category. Congratulations to Emma Hollis who works in Year 6 and is also one of our parents; a massive well done.

I was very impressed with the range of qualifications available to people of all ages at South Devon, and the opportunities that an apprenticeship opened up for a career. We were treated to three inspirational talks from local people: Brendan Prince (local paddle boarder who paddled his way round the UK), Laura Hutchings (a firefighter with Devon & Somerset) and Oliver Tyack (a successful apprentice working for Torbay Development Agency)

Curriculum News

Have a look in the Eco Blog to see how Year 2 got on when [Torbay Education Waste](#) visited on Wednesday. You can also see a nice photo and write-up about the [£2000 donation](#) from South West Water to improve our orchard.



The class with the highest attendance this week is PINE CLASS With 97.5%

Message from the Attendance Officer

"There has been a significant increase in children arriving late to school. Please can you ensure that your child is in the classroom for 8.55am when registers are taken. Many Thanks for your support"

In the [Maths Blog](#) you can see Year 2 getting active with position and direction; useful ways to make learning engaging.



Spike Milligan - Poet of the Month

Enjoy the *Ning Nang Nong* by Spike Milligan: [Spike Milligan - YouTube](#)

Deaf Awareness Week

This week was *Deaf Awareness Week*. Mrs Saunders and the Deaf Inclusion Team have been visiting classes to raise the profile and understanding of how children and people with a hearing impairment lead successful lives. See the '[Latest News](#)' under 'Hearing Support Centre'.

What to do if your child has SEND?

Torbay is running an informative session that aims to answer questions from parents and carers who learn their child has special educational needs (SEND).

This hour-long session, delivered by Torbay's friendly team of SEND experts, will explore the journey of a child, delve into the parent experience, feature a discussion with a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) and include time for questions and answers.'

Link to register: [What to do if your child or young person has SEND Tickets, Wed 10 May 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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>

Enjoy the long coronation weekend.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Cain is our star of the week this week. Your amazing artwork has blown us away this week. The care you have taken and the attention to detail has been truly outstanding. Well done Cain!
Pine	Oliver is Pine's star. He has been so respectful to all the visitors we have had in school this week and has shown creativity and perseverance when making his crown.
Oak	Alice- for great focus and participation in the PE lessons this week and also for representing the school very well at the multi skills competition. Alice also impressed me with her resilience when completing some quizzes this week. You are a star Alice- well done!
Apple	Our star this week is Skye. She represented the school at Cuthbert Mayne for the Year 2 multi skills tournament and has also shown great resilience and learning attitude recently. Skye is a very bubbly character and we love having her in our Apple team. Well done Skye!
Birch	Niamh - for really trying hard in all lessons this half term and making a special effort to improve her sitting, looking and listening. It has been noted - great effort and keep it up!
Rowan	Austin is our star of the week - he consistently shows an enormous amount of respect towards everyone in school and recently he has taken on board our advice and really gone all out with his excellent contributions during our class discussions. Keep it up - Super star!
Cherry	Lyncoln is the star of the week in Cherry class for working hard on his writing. In our sentence stacking lessons, he has been challenging himself to include different skills such as fronted adverbials and alliteration. Well done Lyncoln.
Hazel	Bethany - For always being a role model to the rest of the class. You are hard working in every lesson and so aspirational! Keep on writing, keep on reading and keep on being the star you are! Well done Bethany!
Willow	Sophia Hi is our star this week for her resilience, aspiration and respect in our Tennis lesson. Initially, Sophia didn't think she was going to be very good, however she did not let this stop her! She tried so hard and was so respectful to our visitor and had a brilliant game. Well done, Sophia!
Holly	Amelia is this week's star. She has shown such aspiration in her learning recently, especially in her maths and I have noticed how much more confident she now is at just having a go. We're incredibly proud of you Amelia - keep up the hard work!
Maple	Our star of the week is Jaya! Lots of the staff have noticed that she is working hard towards our core value of kindness, offering to tidy up and help other children. In class, Jaya has been such a star with her learning; we've been so impressed with her resilience (particularly in maths today learning about ratio). Keep it up Jaya!!
Hawthorn	Maya is our star of the week for her tremendous aspiration and responsibility. She has been working very hard putting in extra maths and reading comprehension practice, on top of her great effort at school, which has helped her make terrific progress. Well done Maya!



8th May 2023	Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
9th May-12th May 2023	Year 6 SATs
29th May- 2nd June 2023	Half Term

