

# St Margaret's Academy

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you and your families had an enjoyable Easter. Staff have rested and recharged ready for our busiest term of the year. It was great to be back on Monday and see everybody again. The first week has been full of the usual fun. There is never a dull day at St Margaret's and I often think we would make for a very engaging fly-on-the wall documentary.

## Curriculum News

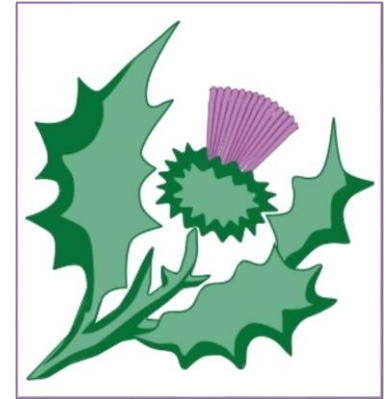
Our whole school theme for the first half of this term is **relationships**. I launched this in our Monday assembly which we held in the hall.

Look out for information from your child's teacher/s about what's coming up this term and what topics will be taught. Please do look out for the Collectables. These are designed so you can keep them at home to help support your child and work in partnership with us. You will receive this information by email and it will also go on the website under 'Curriculum Information'

Competitive football is in full swing again. Catch up with the latest match reports on the Sports Blog. You can find three [Y5/6 match reports](#) from Mr Mayling that happened before Easter and yesterday's [Year 4 match report](#) from Mr Tullier. Thank you to both these teachers for enabling these fantastic opportunities.



Thursday, we celebrated a relaunch of the mathematical programmes, TT Rockstars and Numbots, by dressing up as Rockstars and Robots. Have a look in the [Maths Blog](#) to find out more (photos will be added so keep checking back to see them). Many thanks to Mrs Rice and Miss Lynds for their leadership.



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday – School  
Closed

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
KS2 SATS Week

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
Reception Disco 5:00-5:45pm  
Year 3 & 4 Disco 6:00-7:00pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 1&2 Disco 5:00-5:45pm  
Year 5&6 Disco 6:00-7:00pm

## Geography Homework Competition – deadline 22.6.22

Last term we had a hugely successful science competition judged by our friends from Dunboyne Court. This time we're going for Geography. To fit with our *relationships* theme we are promoting human geography. However, any aspect of the subject is fine because we want the children to be excited to own their project and be creative. For the Science event we had a giant Saturn, drama, exploding volcanoes, a demonstration of a tiger's digestive system using a sock, an exploding rocket, posters, presentations and a moving car, to name just a few.

This time the inspiration is about humans and how we've interacted with our world to change it. In Monday's assembly I briefly introduced the children to *National Windrush Day* which is the deadline for homework to be returned: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We will be exploring Windrush later in the term but in the meantime you might want to look into it with your child as an inspiration for the homework. With population movements caused by the refugee crises in the world, it's very topical. It also helps us to understand the diverse nature of the United Kingdom.

Thinking more locally, tourism could be a good choice or maybe the new development planned to replace Debenhams by the harbour.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June our Dunboyne friends will be back in school to judge the entries. The winners will have lunch with our visiting friends and then in the following week they will take their projects to Dunboyne to share with the other residents and join them for a games afternoon.

### Outdoor Guide Company – thank you!

Following our appeal for waterproof trousers and wellies, the Outdoor Guide Company has contacted us and will kindly be donating 10 sets of trousers and wellies. A big thank you to them: <https://theoutdoorguide.co.uk/>

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Advance notice reminder: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June (after the summer half term) is an extra bank holiday to mark Queen Elizabeth's 70<sup>th</sup> year as monarch. Schools have been allowed to select one extra day because the national holiday one falls within the Summer Half Term.

### Orchard Appeal

Our wonderful school orchard is in full use again! We are appealing for some gardening equipment, especially small trowels and forks. If you have anything that you feel may be of use to us and would like to donate this to the school could you please drop it in to the school office. Many Thanks in advance.

Enjoy the long weekend. Don't forget the Bank Holiday and we'll see you all on Tuesday for another week of fun.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Oliver - you have been listening and trying so hard to make sensible behavior choices this week. Let's keep it up and have a fantastic Summer term. I'm proud of you Oliver.
Pine	Alice and Violet for getting so involved this week. They were both so enthusiastic when gardening in our outdoor area today and participated in our dancing during our rock day!
Oak	Archie- for always showing respect and kindness towards others. Excellent listening and involvement in your learning this week Archie. You are a star- well done!
Apple	Bella is our star in Apple this week for showing greater responsibility in her learning, in particular PE and maths. Her confidence is growing and it is really nice to see the progress that Bella is making, well done and keep it up!
Birch	Scarlett for having a fantastic first week in our school! You have thrown yourself into it with positivity, enthusiasm and a big smile too! You have already improved your handwriting and have won our most improved award on TT Rockstars.
Rowan	Evie W is our star of the week for her fantastic attitude towards her maths learning. She was particularly respectful on TT Rockstars Day and joined in with all the activities. We have been learning about fractions and she has had a great can-do attitude towards her work! Well done!
Cherry	Kyan for the contributions he is making in class. He is showing a real responsibility for his learning by answering questions and explaining his thinking. Well done Kyan.
Hazel	Poppy is our star of the week for her fantastic effort with your times tables. She is an inspiration to the other children in the class with her super speedy recall of the times tables up to 12! What a rockstar!
Willow	Maisie is our star this week for her fantastic effort and progress during our Athletics lessons - well done Maisie!
Holly	Leo has impressed us so much this week with his participation and effort in all subjects. He also always demonstrates our school value of respect by using good manners. Well done Leo!
Maple	Elsie - for the effort she has put into her maths recently. She has worked so hard to improve her knowledge of tricky areas and I am so impressed. Well done!
Hawthorn	Erin - for the fantastic effort she put into writing her recount about her residential visit to Skern Lodge. The joined handwriting and presentation was the best she has produced this year. Brilliant work Erin!