

# St Margaret's Academy

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term, more daylight, more sunshine; spring is in the air. We started the week by launching our new PSHE theme for this term: *Healthy Me* and we revisited what we learnt last half term. Ask your children about *F.A.I.L*, *SMART*, *HI FLK* and how Bear Grylls looks after apples. We practiced some calming breathing techniques learnt from Miss Adwick and enjoyed a very moving piece of violin music from our composer of the month, Johann Sebastian Bach; well worth a watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFGU-L9IGJ0>

## Staying Safe Online

This website is a very useful reference for all the latest news about online safety that could affect you and your family. I especially recommend the *Safer Schools Home Learning Hub* page that is frequently updated with contemporary, credible and relevant content. <https://ineqe.com/2023/02/15/harmful-content-online-safety-review/>

I have collated the previous information on social media and online gaming into one useful page for you on the website under 'Parents' – 'Useful Resources for Parents'. Quick link [here](#).

## Curriculum News

Well done to the girls football team who march on with a win in the league and progression to the semi-final in the cup. Read more in the [Sports Blog](#). If you would like to see them in action in their new PTA kit, they have a home game on Tuesday after school next week. A big up to Mrs Scaife too, their awesome coach!

Enjoy the Design Technology Blog. You can find photos and stories from Year 2 when the [Jolly Postman](#) visited to help inspire their writing and models, then see them constructing their own [trolleys](#). Have a look at Year 4's [light up cards](#) and Year 5's [sustainable bags](#).



Reminder to parents that sessions for Breakfast and After School Club must be booked and paid for in advance using the gateway app. Spaces are limited at these clubs so booking is essential.

## ATTENDANCE

The class with the highest attendance this week goes to

**PINE CLASS**  
**98 %**  
**WELL DONE**

In the Maths Blog you can see how Year 2 used technology to help with their [pictograms](#) and see some photos from the Year 2 [parent workshops](#) for addition and subtraction.

### Subject Collectables


There are several new collectables available on the curriculum page on the website for each year group. These are the essential knowledge that the children collect as they learn about different topics. They are designed by the teachers to help the children in school, and to help you at home so you know how to best support them. You can find them on the curriculum page under your child's year group. You could print them off and stick them on the fridge as they are very visual and easy to digest. If you haven't seen them, scroll down to see an example from each year group.

### Equipment Needed

To help further enhance playtimes we are looking for any of the following resources. Many thanks if you can help.

We are looking for donations of any of the following items:

- Go kart tyres
- Tyres (not too many)
- Carpet pieces
- Plastic washing baskets
- Car parts bumper, steering wheels, booster seats
- Ropes
- Crates and bread trays
- Planks of wood—no splinters or rough edges please
- Pipe insulation
- Large pegs or grips
- Logs
- Strong cardboard tubes—carpet rolls.
- Tarpaulin or tent like fabrics
- Sheets



## PTA NEWS

You may have noticed the purple uniform bin by the main slope gate. If you have any used but well-looked after uniform **with the school logo** on it, please do donate it here, thank you. If you didn't see the picture on Facebook, have a look here at the new girls' football team kit, funded by the PTA. Thank you to Felicity for the beautiful design. If you look closely too, you can see the super PTA logo she designed which is also on the uniform bin.



## 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>

Happy weekend!



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Collectable  
Examples in  
Reception  
and KS1

Reception

# Traditional Tales

Reception Collectable 5

**Beginning**  
Once upon a time

**Middle**

**End**  
They all lived happily ever after

**Characters**  
Some are good. Some are bad.  
Who is your favourite?

**Settings**  
Words can describe  
creaky, warm, giant, spooky

**Be a storyteller**  
Read a story, Tell a story, Write...

Year 1

Year 1 Design and Technology—Sliders and Levers

**Design Cycle**  
Research → Design → Make → Evaluate → Research

**Skills**  
Icons for various skills: measuring, drawing, cutting, etc.

**Sliders**  
Images of sliders: a window, a door handle, a keyboard key.

**Levers**  
Images of levers: scissors, a spoon.

**Star words**  
straight line, pivot, mechanism, lever, slider, movement

**Design Elements**  
lever, slider, direction, mechanism

Year 2

Writing

Buildup, Problem, Resolution, Ending, Opening

**Traditional tales** are stories that have been told and retold for many years. Often they are passed down through generations. There are often lots of different versions of the same story.

Traditional tales are also known as fairy stories or fairy tales.

**Story Openers**  
Once upon a time...  
Far, far, away...  
A long, long time ago...  
One sunny day...

**Story Mountain**

**Conjunctions**  
because, when, but, if, however

**Don't Forget!**  
A capital letters  
finger spaces  
full stops  
exclamation marks  
question marks

**Story Endings**  
and they all lived happily ever after.  
and they never... again.

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Year 2 Traditional Tale Writing Collectable





3rd March 2023	World Book Day - dress up as a character from 'The Day the Crayon Quit' by Drew Daywalt
6th March -10th March 2023	Book Fair after School (all week)
6th March 2023	PTA Cake Sale
17th March 2023	PTS Mini First Aid Reception and Year 3 Children
24th March 2023	PTA Non Uniform Day - Donation of a chocolate egg
28th March 2023	PTA Easter Bingo after school
29th March-31st March 2023	Year 6 residential to Skern Lodge
3rd April- 14th April	Easter Break
17th April	Start of the Summer Term



Beech	Sienna is our star of the week for her hard work in science. You went above and beyond to make the best plant pictures! Thank you
Pine	Harley D is our star this week. He works so hard and has truly impressed us with his morning writing over the last few weeks. Well done Harley!
Oak	Lewis is our star as he has tried his best to join in with his learning and complete his learning tasks. He has also settled into Oak class well over the past week, making more friends. Keep up the great effort Lewis, well done!
Apple	This week in Apple we have made HUGE progress in our writing. Everyone has been so aspirational and more importantly persevered, in particular our star - Logan! Well done, you have been so resilient and written your best pieces so far.
Birch	Jack for showing amazing sitting, looking and listening all week. You have contributed lots to whole class discussions and worked really hard in every subject. Well done, we're proud of you!
Rowan	Oscar is our star of the week for his perseverance in his literacy work and aspirational writing. You have worked so hard Oscar well done!
Cherry	Giovanna is the star of the week in Cherry class. She has been working hard all week on her learning. She has worked with others well during paired activities and she made thoughtful contributions to our discussions in science. Well done Giovanna.
Hazel	The star of the week in Hazel class is Finley C! This week you have shown all of our core values - You have been aspirational in your English and maths, respectful to the other children and staff in class, kind to others and took responsibility for your fantastic behaviour. We are very proud of you!
Willow	Maddie is Willow's star this week. Maddie joined us a few weeks ago and has fitted into our class seamlessly. Maddie consistently shows all of the school values, but particularly kindness. We are so pleased she is part of our class! Well done Maddie!
Holly	Myo is this week's star for showing such aspiration for our new topic of Space and always being incredibly helpful in computing lessons. Well done Myo and keep up the hard work!
Maple	Our star of the week is Holly for her positive attitude towards her learning. Holly is so helpful, conscientious and will always ask for help whenever she needs it. Holly has been part of our tutoring groups and has shown such aspiration - well done!
Hawthorn	Michal is Hawthorn's star this week. He has shown great aspiration and a real improvement in his active listening. He has worked particularly hard in this week's maths lessons. Fantastic work - keep it up Michal!