

ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #6
24th May 2024

We started this week with an assembly to celebrate one of pupil's incredible achievements and aspiration. We found out about Lilli in Year 5's martial arts skills with her successes in national and international competitions. We also shared her aspiration to raise money so she can compete in another international tournament, in Australia.

Curriculum News

Have a look in the Maths Blog to see how Year 2 have been improving their fluency in [times tables](#).

Back on 7th May, Mr Mayling took two Year 2 teams to compete in a [multi-skills competition](#). They came 1st and 3rd out of 8 teams. Well done to them. You can see the photos and read about their success in the Sports Blog. In the Sports Blog you can also read about how two of our older pupils, Acai and Sophia, came in the top 10 of [gymnasts](#) in a virtual Devon competition with 1700 competitors. Amazing achievement! You can also see some photos from [Year 5s' fun day](#) out enjoying kayaking and beach sports this week.

Collaboration with South Devon College

We have not only been collaborating with Education department but also the Construction department. Students designed and constructed these very professional games for our summer fayre. While it gives the students a professional workplace opportunity, it also is of great benefit to us. Thank you to the PTA for organising this part.

After half term, some of our pupils will be visiting South Devon College to use their designated construction facilities to help improve their Design Technology skills by using their fantastic dedicated resources. We look forward to seeing the outcome of this.

Social Media Workshops

This week Year 5 and 6 benefited from E-safety workshops with lecturers and students from South Devon College. They were meaningful events helping our pupils learn from older students about how to interact in healthy ways on social media. There was a big focus on self-esteem which the older students have identified as sometimes being a driver in a negative context for inappropriate use of social media.

If you have a child in Year 5 and 6, there are parent workshops planned for immediately after half term on 3rd June. There is one in the afternoon (at 2.30pm) and one in the evening (at 6.30pm) to give all parents a chance to attend one session. These workshops are *not* appropriate for the children; it is parents only.



SEND / Neurodivergent

If you think your child might have Special Educational Needs or be neurodivergent (diagnosed or suspect), you can book on to the following *free* Let's Talk events designed to help parents. To sign up, click the link below:

- 2nd July [Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing](#)
- 4th July [Anger and Challenging Behaviour](#)
- 9th July [Healthy Relationships](#)
- 11th July [Online Safety and Exploitation](#)

Men's Health Week

If you are reading this section and can relate to this or know a man who might benefit, please do forward this on to them.

Surveys show that males everywhere are reluctant to talk about their mental health and are more likely to die by suicide than females. Many men find themselves grappling with prescriptive, antiquated ideas about gender — and this struggle can contribute to mental health issues and make it difficult to seek the help they need.

Safer Futures are hosting a series of webinars throughout Men's Health Week in June 2024. Daily webinars include behaviour change and addressing men's abusive behaviour; celebrating men's vulnerability; support for men who have experienced domestic abuse; and strategies for supporting men and boys' mental health.

Recent Reminders

- Free Park Yoga: running from now until September, there are free weekly yoga sessions on Torre Abbey Green at 9.30am every Sunday. Just turn up; no need to book.
- Summer Fayre, Saturday 6th July. The Fayre can only go ahead with the support of parents and teachers: <https://volunteersignup.org/BK9RQ>
- Cryptosporidiosis outbreak. More info here: [Cryptosporidium outbreak - Torbay Council](#).
- Lilli's Australian adventure: if you would like to help <https://gofund.me/45b9e4d9>
- Healthy snacks: [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Our Amazon Book Wish List:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share

Enjoy the half term. See you all for the final 7 weeks and 1 day of fun, starting on Monday 3rd June.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

27th May- 31st May 2024	May Half Term
3 rd June & 4 th June 2024	Hazel Class Parent Evenings
5 th June 2024	Mini First Aid Reception and Yr 3
6 th June 2024	Reception Class stay and play 2pm
W/C 10th June 2024	Bikeability level 2 Year 5 & 6
12th June 2024	HSC celebration event 10-12.30
17th June 2024	KS1 (year 1&2) Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
17th June 2024	Foundation Stage Sports Day 1.15-3.15pm
18th June 2024	Class Photographs
20th June 2024	KS2 (Year 3-6) Sports Day 9.30-11.30
6th July 2024	PTA Summer Fayre
W/C 8 th July 2024	Reports to Parents
9th July 2014	Y4 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
10th July 2024	Y6 Show 2pm & 6pm showing
11th July 2024	Rock Steady performance (time TBC)
11th July 2024	Year 6 Show 6pm
16th July 2024	Y3 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
17th July 2024	Picnic on the field (Current Reception and New Starters) 3.30-4.30
18th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Disco? TBC
22nd July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am Leavers BBQ



Beech	Oliver A is our star of the week in Beech Class. He always comes in with a beaming smile and has such a wonderfully caring nature. You are an amazing artist and we love seeing your excellent animal pictures along with listening to your super facts! Well done Oliver!
Pine	Amelia is our star in Pine this week, she has impressed us all this week with her kindness towards her friends, for this alone she could be a star every week, but, Amelia has also been inspirational with her artwork for 'Water Aid' Well done Amelia!
Oak	The star of the week in Oak is Sophie for her hard work, kindness and involvement in class discussions. It's a double celebration as it is her birthday today as well! Happy Birthday.
Apple	Jackson has been so aspirational in his writing this week. He planned, drafted and wrote up neatly a lovely friendship story. Well done Jackson, keep up the great learning.
Holly	Eva is our star of the week. She's shown super listening skills and has been extremely helpful to adults and children this week. Her ideas in her writing have been fab and she's shown great aspiration when trying to improve her sentences. Bravo, Eva!
Willow	Daisy is the star of the week for the lovely story she wrote. She worked hard to include speech and adverbials. The class really enjoyed listening to her true story of Red Riding Hood when she read it aloud. Well done Daisy- super work
Cherry	I have chosen the whole of Cherry class this week as everyone has been working really hard during lessons, especially with our writing and times tables. Keep up the good work learning your times tables. Well done Cherry class!
Hazel	Our star of the week is William. He has been really showing aspiration in his narrative writing and has been taking care to plan and draft well and really trying to present his work beautifully. Well done.
Birch	Lily-Summer is our star this week! On Tuesday, we went kayaking and I was so impressed at how Lily embraced every challenge of the day. She showed a resilient and eager attitude towards learning a new skill and was very brave - even when a big wave capsized her boat! Well done Lily, you should be very proud of your achievements!
Rowan	Genevieve has shown such resilience this week. We went kayaking and she was a little hesitant at first but soon turned it around. She had a go at everything offered to her and tried her absolute best! We are so proud of everything that she has achieved - well done.
Maple	Our star of the week goes to Isaac for his positive attitude this week! Isaac has participated well in class discussions around WW2 and has also been dedicated to auditioning for our Year 6 play. We are sure he will make an excellent actor one day! Well done Isaac!
Hawthorn	Hawthorn's star of the week goes to Pheonix for her positive attitude towards her learning this week. Phoenix has put her best effort into participating in class. We are so proud of her! Well done Pheonix.