

St Margaret's Academy

We started this week with our *Changing Me* assembly, looking at photos of staff when they were babies, children and young adults. We discussed how at each stage of our life, we need to lay down strong roots to help us thrive and grow healthily. Teachers shared these photos in class for children to have a go at *guess who*, with answers to be revealed in next Monday's assembly.

Inspection

In the second half of the week, we had our Ofsted inspection. Thank you so much for all the positive feedback on the parent surveys; it really helped and was very humbling for us to read. I know that both I and all the staff feel very proud to work at St Margaret's, with our lovely children and families. It really is a special school. Thank you to all the staff who always go above and beyond to help your children have the best education possible. It will take up to 30 days before the report is released, I will update you as soon as I can.

National Thank a Teacher Day – 21st June

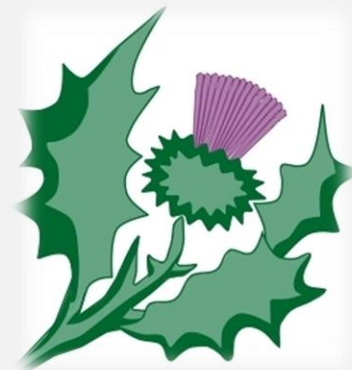
If you were minded to send a small thank you to any of our wonderful staff, I'm sure they would very much appreciate that. You can find a link to a free e-card [here](#).

Curriculum News

Enjoy looking in the Arts Blog where you can see the stunning [Batik pencil cases](#) Year 4 made that were inspired by William Morris. You can also see how Year 2 were practising their sketching skills with [mindful zentangles](#). In the Computing Blog you can see how Year 4 have used their [photo editing](#) to change atmosphere in photographs – wonderful work.

Have your say on SEND services in Torbay!

If you have a child with SEND, please do complete this survey to tell Torbay how they're doing and what they could be doing better. They will use your feedback to improve services and they will let you know how they will be doing this. It's quick and easy to fill out the surveys and all responses are anonymous. The closing date for both surveys is Monday 3rd July. It is available on the SEND Family Voice Torbay website: <https://www.familyvoicetorbay.org/general-1>



JOIN OUR TEAM



Current Vacancies

Hall Mealtime Assistant - 1.5 hours Monday to Friday
To start ASAP
£10.60 per hour (pay award pending)
For further information please see full advert on our website under current vacancies.

Cleaner - 2 hours per day. 3 - 5pm. Monday to Friday (41 weeks a year - term time plus 5 inset days plus 2 further weeks)
Start date to be discussed.
£10.60 per hour (pay award pending)
For further information please see the full advert on our website under current vacancies

Relationships, Health and Sex Education

Relationships and health education is a statutory part of the curriculum for all children. Sex education (which we define as *human reproduction*) will only be taught in Years 5 and 6, and for these children you have the right to withdraw your child from this element. Look out for a letter from your child's year group team with information about what will be taught.

Sports Days

A reminder that Sports Days are planned for next week. See the school calendar or below dates for exact days and times. The weather for next week is looking cooler which is good and, at the time of writing, it looks like we might miss the forecast showers. We do hope to go ahead as scheduled unless there are any significant risks like a very wet and slippery field. If we need to cancel, I will inform you asap on Monday morning.

Please bring an umbrella just in case of sun or rain. If it is sunny, you might also like to bring a blanket to chill out on, on the grass. Please do remember sun cream, hats and water for your children. **Also, our amazing PTA will be selling bacon butties and drinks so hold out on your breakfast at home and enjoy some of these.**

Finally: don't forget your own PE kit for the parent egg and spoon race!

Cup Finals Good Luck

Our boys football team and the Lionesses are competing in their respective football cup finals next Tuesday after school. Super good luck to them and their coaches, Mr Mayling and Mrs Scaife.

Extreme Hot Weather

The extreme hot weather continued again this week. To help with this at playtimes, we've introduced very popular water pistols (staff use only) to give the children a cool down spray. We have provided extra shade in the main playground and opened up the airconditioned Woodland Studio for small game activities and a place to cool down. Best of all, Friday at 1.15pm, is now ice-pop Friday when we're giving out ice pops to all the children.

When it's hot again, you can help from home:

- By applying sun cream in the morning and by sending your child in with spare cream. Teachers will then remind children to re-apply before going out to lunch.
- Dressing your children in loose, light clothing. Please feel free to adapt your child's uniform to suit the weather each day e.g. you may want to send them in a long-sleeved cotton top to protect their arms
- Please send them in with a full water bottle. Staff will encourage them to drink plenty during the day and refill their bottle regularly.
- Please send them in with a hat with a wide brim



The class with the highest attendance this week is

BEECH CLASS 95.6%

Well Done!



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>

Happy weekend!



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

19th June 2023	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
21st June 2023	Animals2U South West visiting year 5 & 6
22nd June 2023	Years 3,4,5 & 6 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
22nd June 2023	Foundation Stage Animal Encounters
22nd June 2023	Year 1 Parent Assembly (History) 2.45pm in the Hall
23rd June 2023	Foundation Stage Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
26th June 2023	Class Photos
30th June 2023	Year 2 trip to Dawlish Warren
5th July 2023	Dunboyne Art Homework Project due
8th July 2023	PTA Summer Fair
W/C 10th July 2023	Reports to Parents (date to be confirmed)
12th July 2023	Y6 Show- Afternoon performance to parents 2pm
13th July 2023	Y6 Show - Evening performance to parents 6pm
18th July 2023	Meet your child's new teacher 3.15-3.45pm
19th July 2023	Picnic on the field for New Starters and current Reception Children 3.30-4.30pm
20th July 2023	Rock Steady Concert 10am (FS, Y1 & Y2) 10.30am (Y3-6)
21st July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents and siblings 9.30-10am
21st July 2023	Year 6 BBQ
21st July 2023	Last day for all Pupils
4th September 2023	Non-Pupil Day (staff training)
5th September 2023	1st day back for pupils- please note the short week due to non pupil days
8th September 2023	Non-Pupil Day (staff training)



Beech	Samuel is our star of the week for his amazing enthusiasm in our singing lessons. You have joined in wonderfully every time and have shown a real love of music.
Pine	Maddison is our star this week because she has been so attentive in class. She is putting her hand up more and her writing about Florence Nightingale last week was incredible with so much detail. Well done Maddison!
Oak	Ethan- for great effort and progress in his phonics and reading and for also trying his best to meet some new people this week. I also enjoyed eating lunch with Ethan this week, where he showed responsibility and respect. Well done Ethan!
Apple	Arya B has been absolutely amazing since coming back to school. She has a beaming smile all day long and has not let her poorly leg get in the way of her learning and joining in. Everyone in Apple has been so helpful too - thank you amazing Apples!
Birch	William for working hard and being so proud of himself in maths and writing! His suspense story is a real page-turner! Well done!
Rowan	Poppy for always showing all of our school values. She is kind, helpful, always making the right choices and for amazing effort in her writing this week. Well done Poppy!
Cherry	Zoe is the star of the week in Cherry Class because she is a fantastic learner. She works with great concentration and always tries her utmost to ensure the work is the best it can be. She epitomises our school values and is a role model to others. Well done Zoe.
Hazel	The star of the week in Hazel is Molly for your fantastic effort and enthusiasm when completing homework tasks. We have been WOWED by your portraits this week. Well done!
Willow	Oliver C is our star this week in Willow class. He has put 100% effort into all of his learning, he has been a fabulous helper in the classroom and is just generally a really lovely boy. He has worked extremely hard this week on his tests and we are so very proud of him!
Holly	This week's star in Holly class is Sofia. She always shows such aspiration in her learning and is incredibly respectful to both adults and the other children. Her science work has particularly impressed me this week and we are incredibly proud of her - well done!
Maple	Our star of the week is Amelia B! She is always doing the right thing, helping me set up my daily timetable and putting a smile on my face. Amelia has represented the school so well this week. Well done Amelia!
Hawthorn	Noah is our star, for his amazing aspiration throughout this week. He has really impressed us with the effort he has put into the presentation of his biography writing and his perseverance in computing and French lessons. Well done Noah - what a great week!