

St Margaret's Academy

HANDS – FACE – SPACE – FRESH AIR----- ACT AS IF YOU'VE GOT IT

Dear Parents,

I'm really pleased to report that this week we have seen a further drop in children and adults isolating because of covid. Today we now only have 16 people isolating at the time of writing. Most classes have zero cases. The most cases are in Y3 Birch and Y4 Hazel which is only 3 in each class.

Update from Public Health

I had a briefing from Public Health on Wednesday. Our school trend of declining cases, correlates with the data for Torbay as a whole. The rise in cases across the Bay in January was a result of the Omicron variant which was more infectious and more likely to cause a reinfection. Cases in January represented 25% of all the cases seen since the start of the pandemic in Torbay. Most of these January cases were in the 10-14 year olds. Thankfully, hospital cases are coming down and those who have to attend hospital are in for a much shorter time. Most outbreaks have been in primary schools and early years rather than secondary. Take up of vaccinations amongst 12-15 year olds has been good.

Reminder from Public Health to help continue to reduce the spread:

- Close contacts need to test daily for 7 days
- Everybody in the house of a confirmed case needs to test daily

Curriculum News

Check out the [Geography Blog](#) this week to see how Year 4 got on with their map work, exploring jungles.

You might recall that back in October 2021, St Margaret's got involved in COP-26 that took place in Glasgow. As part of this, Oscar in Year 6 represented the school on the first ever national children's parliament. On our [Eco Blog](#) under 'Curriculum in Action', you can see Oscar featured alongside the Prime Minister in the Daily Express

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

**14TH FEBRUARY – PTA
CUPCAKE SALE**

**14TH FEBRUARY- YEAR 3
ROMAN DAY**

**17TH FEBRUARY –
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**



This weeks attendance
star goes to

**Oak Class
with 97.6%**

Well done!

Online. I can easily see Oscar being an MP in the future, full of integrity and helping look after our world. Well done Oscar.

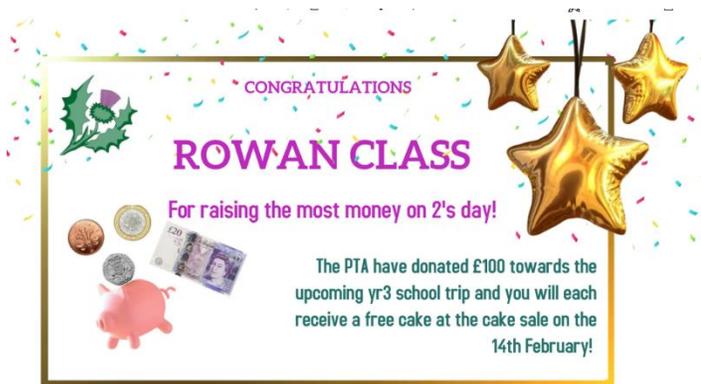
Have a look in the [Forest School Blog](#) to find out how Year 4 enjoyed their survival training and teamwork in January.

This year, ensuring playtimes are fun and engaging is one of our priorities. Have a look at some wonderful photos captured by Miss Pritchard that help show why St Margaret's is a special school to attend. You can find these in our [PSHE Blog](#) – *Personal, Social and Health Education*.



On Tuesday this week, teachers used [National Internet Safety Day](#) to raise the profile of this important part of their lives. Have a look in the PSHE Blog to find out more. Under 'Information for Parents' on the website, look at the '[Online Safety](#)' section to find a wide range of really useful guidance on how you can help keep your child safe online

Congratulations from the PTA



Have a lovely weekend,

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Beech	Lexi has been so brave when coming into school this week she has also made a massive improvement in her writing and reading! Well done Lexi!
Pine	Evie is our star this week because she has worked so hard to learn all of our rules and routines which are new to her. She has especially impressed me with her love of writing this week.
Oak	Jake- for showing aspiration in all areas of learning and for joining in with his learning, particularly in maths. Great effort and attitude Jake. Well done!
Apple	Evie is our star this week as she has shown excellent progress in her maths learning by being really engaged and taking part in the input. Her number recognition has come on leaps and bounds as well. Super work Evie
Birch	Gabriella - for consistently showing aspiration in all you do. You always hand in homework and your reads on time, always work hard and always help others. We are so proud of you!
Rowan	Our star of the week is Jemimah for settling in so well to life at St Margaret's. Jemimah has already shown our core values including respect and has been very polite and helpful around the classroom. Well done!
Cherry	Kaylee for her aspirational attitude in writing. She is always working hard to deepen the moment and we really look forward to reading her writing each day. Well done Kaylee.
Hazel	Liam - we could pick Liam to be our star of the week every week. He is always showing respect and kindness in class and towards his peers. He constantly goes above and beyond with his class work. Well done!
Willow	Willow's star this week is Ella. Ella has shown great maturity and kindness this week and has been extremely helpful to her friends. Ella also has shown aspiration with her Maths this week, always pushing herself for a harder challenge. Well done, Ella!
Holly	Chloe is a star for her perseverance in maths. She is working hard at school and doing extra work at home to really improve her maths skills, especially telling the time. Well done!
Maple	Ava is the Maple Class star of the week for showing resilience and perseverance in her learning - especially in her recent writing. Super work Ava, keep up the great work!
Hawthorn	Harry has been working hard to improve the content of his writing and has made very good progress with his grammar and maths learning this term. We are really proud of your aspiration and responsible attitude Harry. Well done!