



Autumn Term Newsletter No.9

We started the week with an Assembly about Remembrance Day and the children learned about the history of The Last Post. Today ten children represented the school at a Remembrance Service at the memorial in St Marychurch and laid a wreath of poppies. We were very proud of our children as they conducted themselves brilliantly all through the service and on the walk back were talking about all they had seen and heard, discussing family members who had served in wars and how great it was to see and hear The Last Post being played on a bugle today.



Thank you for your support of the Rotary ShoeBox scheme—we have sold nearly all the boxes. Please remember to return the box by next Friday (18th November) so they can be collected and sent off.

The PTA Christmas Fair is fast approaching and they would appreciate any help you can give. There is a meeting after school today so if you can call in and offer your support that would be great. The children will be bringing home today a Christmas Competition organised by the PTA.

Rights Respecting School
This half term's focus:

ARTICLE 12: You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

This Week's Star Pupils:



- Beech — Harry French
- Pine — Vaughn Heavens
- Apple— Poppy Fletcher
- Oak— Millie Dowell
- Birch— Navid Jaffary
- Rowan — Ema Kestell
- Cherry— Jake Glancy
- Maple — Rhianna Hellier
- Holly— Caitlin Pearson
- Willow — Ava Mitchell
- Hawthorn — Owen Rose
- Hazel — Holly Priestley

Diary Date Reminders:

- Monday 14h November—Hazel Class swimming
- Tuesday 15th —Netball Tournament at Paignton Community College. 5pm collection.
- Wednesday 16th —Y3 Dartington Trip (4:15pm return)
- Wednesday 16th - 9:00 Y2 Parents & child Maths workshop
- Thursday 17th and Friday 18th November—Individual School Photos. (Sibling photos from 3:05pm in the Monkey Puzzle Room on Thursday, and Friday if demand is great)

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Pine Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99% attendance.

The whole school achieved 96.9% attendance overall which is above our target. Well done!



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

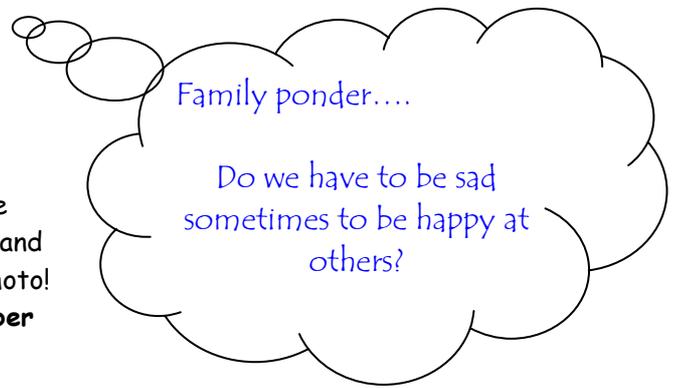
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Anti-Bullying Week 14th November

We will be participating in lots of activities throughout the week culminating in a special dressing up day.

Apologies for the confusion about Dressing Up Day but we had double booked the photographer with Superhero day and guessed you would not want a superhero themed school photo! We will now have our special day on **Monday 21st November** when the children can dress up as a superhero!



Boys' Football

Well done to the boys who took part in our first league match of the season on Friday. The A team narrowly lost 1-0 to Sherwell Valley and the B team were also beaten. All of the boys played well, and are looking forward to the opportunity to bounce back in their next fixture against Shiphay next week.

Mr Robinson



Girls' Football

Last Friday St Margaret's Girls' football team had experience of playing their first competitive games and showed a great improvement. By popular demand we started a girls' football club and for the first time have entered a team in the Torbay league. On Friday 4th November we took part in the ESFA Cup at Paignton Community Sports Academy. The girls found playing other schools very daunting at first, but as the tournament progressed they grew in confidence and began to enjoy it a bit too. The girls gained a lot of experience in a short time and with more skills practise I'm sure they'll be scoring goals soon. Well done, girls! Many thanks to the parents for helping with transport.

Y5-Y6 Tag Rugby Competition

As part of our partnership with St Cuthbert Mayne Family Cluster we took part in a Tag Rugby competition at St Cuthbert Mayne and played some great Tag Rugby. The A team came second in its group and the B team won all of its games against Queensway, Priory, St Marychurch and Homelands and came first in their group. All of the players were good ambassadors for the school demonstrating some of England Rugby's core values of teamwork, respect, discipline and sportsmanship. Owen Y6 was given a special mention for his good runs and the tries he scored. Because the A team came second, they qualified for the next round of the competition which was a Level 2 Torbay wide round. They played at Paignton Community Sports Academy against the best teams in the bay and after some very competitive games they finished joint third.



Thanks for helping make Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016 a great success. We really appreciate you supporting Active Kids 2016 and collecting vouchers. You have helped provide lots of fun sports equipment for the children here at St Margaret's and the children have already started to enjoy their new equipment at breaktimes. Thanks again to everyone who took part.

Basketball is a fast and exciting game - it can be just as thrilling to block the attack of an opponent, or defend a powerful pass as it is to score a point with a slam dunk! This means that the game is noisy, energetic and exciting for all players! Basketball is a sport that can be used as an excellent tool to help develop well rounded young people. The sport is dynamic, teamwork is key and player's respect for their opponents is at the heart of the game. Basketball lessons as part of the PE curriculum and this club will lead into inter school competitions with other schools in the area. I'm looking for Basketball players in school that have a balance of talent, teamwork and sportsmanship to build a winning team! See me for a registration letter.

Mr Mayling

YOUR BASKETBALL CLUB

NEEDS YOU! teamwork respect enjoyment

After school activity discipline sportsmanship

For Year 5&6

Thursday's 3.05-4.00pm

Teacher: Mr Mayling

