



Spring Term Newsletter No. 9

Where to begin? What a busy week! Y6 have been on Activities Week—either on residential at Skern Lodge in North Devon or out and about around Torquay. They will have lots to talk about and we will try and put more photos on our Twitter page when we can. Y5 went to St Cuthbert Mayne on Tuesday to watch their production of High School Musical. Y4 were learning more about rugby with the Exeter Chiefs on Tuesday. KS1 and Foundation Stage had a West End Musical workshop which they loved.



And the diggers began their work! That has kept everyone fascinated! The old hut will be coming down soon so things are moving on!

Wednesday's storm brought one of trees loose—it ended up propped up on the canopy we have, which has now made the canopy post move! So, the tree surgeon came in and chopped up our tree, leaving us with many piles of logs. We are going to put our creative brains into gear and come up with some ways to use the wood in an artistic way! So, if you have any ideas..... please let us know!



This Week's Star Pupils:



- Ash- Oscar Pocknell
- Elm— Evelyn Hollis
- Beech — James Asbery
- Pine — Zack Hopkins
- Apple— Oliver Evans-Gibson
- Oak— Summer Thompson
- Cherry— McKenzie White
- Holly — Leon Lima
- Willow— Bethany Gouldthorpe
- Maple — Lily Barnes
- Birch — Bella Kay
- Rowan — Leon Evers
- Y6—Cindy Cheng

Diary Date Reminders:



Sports Relief Friday 18th March. Come dressed in your sports clothes. We have some different events for different age groups; eg. running a mile and an archery marathon. £1 donation for the charity.

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Rowan Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 98.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 94.9% attendance overall which is just below our target!

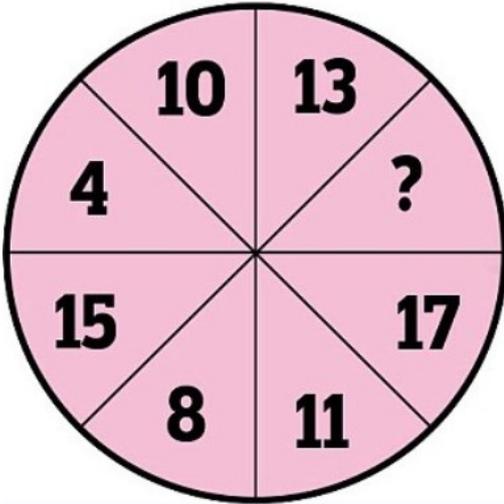


Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Maths Challenge

What's the missing number?



Family Ponder....
What is true
strength?



Rowan Class are on "Chicken Duty" next week!

Please remember to send your child in with a coat and if they have wellies that could stay in school for the week that would be great—it avoids muddy shoes and trousers (and carpet through the school!)

School Aims

Society and schools are rapidly changing and we felt this is a good time to really review our School Aims as we want them to capture the essence of our school now and reflect all we strive for. Below are our redrafted aims and we would love you to consider them. If you have any suggestions to improve them please send your ideas in to the office. Thank you.



**St Margaret's
Academy**

School Aims

To build a school community that reflects our core values of respect, creativity and independence.

To create a 'Growth Mindset' culture where everyone is given equal opportunities and the confidence and enthusiasm to challenge and surprise themselves with what they can achieve.

To develop a supportive environment, where all children and staff are actively involved and take responsibility for the process of their learning, enabling them to become lifelong reflective and creative thinkers.

To foster a positive partnership with parents, carers and the community, in order to enhance the educational and social opportunities and achievements of pupils.

To provide the opportunity for everyone to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes required to contribute as healthy positive citizens whilst taking responsibility for themselves, the school and the wider environment.

Year 6 Activities Week



This week, as some of the Year 6 children are away on a residential trip, the rest of us have been doing a range of fun activities in and around school.

Monday – We walked down to Oddicombe beach and created some beach art with things that we found. We created a huge St. Margaret's thistle with stones that travelled back up on the Cliff Railway.

Tuesday – We started to create diaries of our week on the laptops and had a whole afternoon of Taekwondo training with Mr Kelly.

Wednesday – It was extremely windy when we walked down to AMF bowling in town. We had great fun bowling and competed against each other in teams. As an extra treat, we had burgers or hot dogs and chips for lunch!

Thursday – Staying in school, we had a day of art and craft. Some of us painted 3D letters and others painted little wooden boxes. We also tried to create some abstract images using pastels.

Friday – Our day began with an obstacle course in the hall, using all of the bigger PE equipment. The afternoon was spent in the orchard, building a fire and toasting marshmallows...mmmmm!

Real Life Adventurers

Last Friday, Kev and Em (a couple from Australia) came into school to tell Year 6 and Year 2 all about their round-the-world trip, to raise money for Oxfam.

'They showed us pictures of the places they had been so far in South America. They saw lots of amazing animals such as giant turtles, which live for over 100 years, on the Galapagos Islands. We have been learning about South America so it was really interesting to see pictures and hear about real-life experiences of the country.

While they were in the Amazon, they stayed on a Brazil nut farm and learned about how they are grown, collected, sorted and then sent all over the world.

They are driving around in a 4-wheel-drive car called Ron, which had a TV, fridge and freezer inside. They could even sleep in there if they needed to. Some of us got to climb in but it was very squashed and we hit our heads.'

They are half way through their journey and are heading to Africa next. By the end of their tour they will have travelled through 6 different continents!

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