



## Summer Term Newsletter No.6

Year 4 and 5 were lucky enough to be visited by Dan Metcalf, the author of the Lottie Lipton series on Thursday. The children got to hear all about Dan's work as a writer and he gave a dramatic reading of the first chapter of one of his books! The children were then set the task of working together to create the rest of the story. The buzz in the room was obvious. A fantastic, inspiring workshop that was enjoyed by all. Dan was very impressed with their ideas and the children were keen to finish their stories in their free writing books too.

We also participated in Walk To School week and the children have been excitedly adding their stickers to the charts each day. Hopefully more families will walk to school regularly as this will ease the congestion and improve the air quality immediately outside our school gates. The children have been talking about their journey and how they have enjoyed meeting friends on the way to school.



Last Friday our Family Learning group visited Greenway. The children retold the story of Goldilocks and went on a story trail around the beautiful grounds. Everyone had a super day out and highly recommend visiting this local attraction.



### **This Week's Star Pupils:**



Ash— Isabelle Bennett  
Elm— Kayla Hadley  
Beech — Serina James  
Pine — Logan Woolcott-Sharp  
Apple— Esme Curran  
Oak— Navid Jaffary  
Cherry— Daniel Bewick  
Holly — Leon Lima  
Willow— Saskia Lima  
Maple — Taylor-Ann Floyd  
Birch — Jordan Mortimore  
Rowan — Darcey Lewis  
Hawthorn — Amy Langley  
Hazel — Callum Dibley

### **Diary Date Reminders:**

Monday to Thursday—Bikeability for Y5 and Y6  
Tuesday 24th May—Y2 trip to Quince Farm (**Late return: around 3:30pm**)  
Wednesday 25th May—PTA meeting 3:05pm in the Forest Room

### Attendance Award



Congratulations to Hazel Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 100% attendance for the third week in a row!

The whole school achieved 95.8% 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

### Fish Tank

Katrina has sixty-three fish in her fish tank. Some of them are black and the rest are gold. If there are 2 gold fish for every black fish, how many black fish does she have?



Last chance to reclaim lost property! Chrissy will be collecting any unclaimed coats, sweatshirts, etc. on Wednesday this week to sell in the secondhand shop in Paignton. If you are missing un-named items please check in the hall for your belongings. **Chrissy is having a Buy One Get One Free Sale all next week—stock up!**  
<http://www.chrissysuseduniforms-torbay.co.uk>



Pine 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!)



### Year 5/6 Volleyball

On Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> May St Margaret's Academy Volleyball Team (A and B) went to St Cuthbert Mayne for a tournament. There were 7seven teams from four schools. The schools that participated were St Margaret's Academy, Queensway, Homelands and Priory. Against one of our biggest opponents Queensway B, Lewis gave us a huge advantage by serving perfectly. Our team tactics were very sophisticated helping us win another game. We played against some really strong teams but we rose to the challenge and worked well as a team to defeat them. So far the A team had been successful with every match until our last match against Queensway A. Sadly we lost against their skill. After all the matches had been played, our A team came joint first with Queensway A and the B team came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and were the highest scoring B team. A great all round performance from everyone. The A and B team got through to the Level 2 Torbay finals which were played yesterday on Goodrington Sands beach. The competition was abandoned due to the rain but up till then the children showed some very competitive performances and St Margaret's Academy Team 1 were undefeated. We wait to hear the final positions - Good luck St Margaret's.



Thank you to the parents who attended the PTA meeting on Thursday—it was great to see new faces and have so many ideas for fundraising. There are plans in place to have a family fun afternoon at the end of term rather than a full summer fair. If you are able to help please come to the next meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the Forest Room at 3:05pm. Thank you.