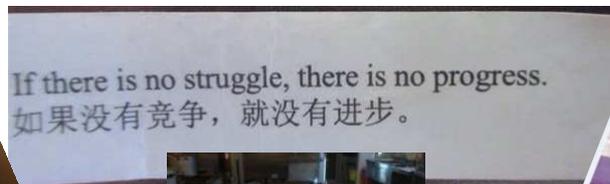


Spring Term Newsletter No. 6

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents' meetings this week. The teachers always appreciate having this opportunity to discuss your child with you and we hope you find the meetings are useful. Thank you also to the parents who completed the questionnaire for us whilst waiting for your appointment. Your feedback is very valuable to us. We will analyse the results and consider any of the issues raised. If you have not completed a questionnaire there are still copies available from the office.

Our Chinese New Year meal was very popular with the children on Monday and they loved the fortune cookies that Cindy's family donated. Beech Class even found a Growth Mindset quote in one!



This Week's Star Pupils:



- Beech — Joseph Harding
- Pine — Jonathan Hogarth
- Apple— Jessica Harvey
- Oak— Oliver Mason
- Cherry— Jayden Langhorn
- Holly — Shanti Louise
- Willow— Jay Bloomfield
- Maple — Anne-Marie Gregory
- Birch — Shanai O'Shaughnessy
- Rowan — Jake Harries
- Hawthorn — Ethan Roberts
- Hazel — Lucia Woodall

Diary Date Reminders:

- Monday 22nd February—first day back in school
- Monday 22nd February—PTA meeting 3:05pm
- Tuesday 23rd February— Y6 residential meeting for parents 3:10pm in Hawthorn Class

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Holly Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.1% 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.
<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Maths Challenge

13 Sum and Difference

Find 2 numbers that have a sum of 40 and a difference of 14.



Math Brain Teasers A

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Thank you!

£286.14
was raised today
through our
Non-Uniform Day
by the PTA

Family Ponder.....
What things hold you
back from doing the
things that you really want
to?

New Dyslexia Advice and Counselling Centre is open in Babbacombe Torquay.

FREE ADVICE FOR PARENTS

The centre will offer free no obligation advice to parents whose children are experiencing difficulties with Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, ADHD, Autism and Dyspraxia and how this impacts on literacy and behaviour including..... Low Self Esteem, Bullied / Bullying, Depression, Acting Out, Withdrawn, Disruptive, Unmotivated

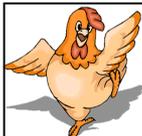
This is a free service to allow parents a port of call to discuss their concerns. The Centre is based at 177 rear of Babbacombe Rd. Torquay TQ1 3SU.

Opening hours: 9.00 / 5.30 Mon to Sat.

To book an appointment call 07527359463 or 01803 312001 or drop in between 10am and 12pm, Monday to Friday

Year 1 News

Mr Digby came to our school and taught us about how costumes communicate to the audience. We learned about poor/rich costumes and we were very lucky to be able to try some on! We even managed to get Miss Gilbert and Miss Worthington dressed up too! We were so happy that he received the cards that we made him earlier in the Sprint Term and he was very thankful for them too! We are going to use our learning about costumes when we make our puppets in our 'puppet project'!



Maple Class are on "Chicken Duty" for the first week back after half term. Please make sure your child has their coat with them and if they have a pair of wellies that they could bring in to school for the week that would be great.

Y3/4 and 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

On Thursday 28th January the Y3/4 and Y5/6 athletics team competed against 4 other schools in a sports hall athletics competition at St Cuthbert Mayne. When we arrived we were pumped and ready to face our opponents. At first it was year 3 and 4 field events - including girls and boys, and then it was year 5 and 6 field events. The field events included the chest push with a heavy ball; triple jump, standing jump and speed bounce over a 20-30cm height. On to the track events everyone was already worn out due to the effort in the field events. There were many diverse events including 4 times 1 lap relay boys then girls; 4 times 2 lap relay, 6 lap relay and then the obstacle course. Everyone worked hard and we felt amazing and fabulous. Everyone was scared to hear what the results were going to be. Year 3 and 4 came joint 1st with St Marychurch with 106 points each but we were awarded 2nd place because St Marychurch achieved more 1st places. The Y5/6 team came joint 2nd with St Marychurch with 96 points each but we were awarded 3rd place because St Marychurch achieve more 1st places again. We were all so proud to be in the top three - WOW! We all thought we did amazingly well and everyone worked so hard. Well done St Margaret's Academy.

By Rhianna Wilson & Rhyanna Lewis Y6



Thank you to all the families who have paid up the outstanding dinner money owed, it is much appreciated. There are now only three families who are in debt to the school. Paying for your child's dinner in advance means the office staff do not have to spend their time chasing the debts and we are able to balance the accounts. The School Gateway App is very easy to use on a smart phone or tablet and we do have a computer in the foyer for parents to use to access the Gateway if they are not able to do so at home.

Finally, we wish you all a happy half term holiday. We hope the weather stays fair so you can get out and about. There are lots of family activities organised around Torbay this half term, many of them free. We will see you back on Monday 22nd February. Please remember that is the first day of our building works and the back gate will be closed. Front gates will open at 8:35am from Monday onwards.