



Spring Term Newsletter No.3

This year at St. Margaret's Academy we have been reflecting on what we feel are some of the core values that we like to see in ourselves and others. This has been through lessons such as PSHE or Philosophy, through discussions as a Rights Respecting School and through our focus on developing a Growth Mindset. As a development of this project we have reviewed our Core Values and now have chosen Respect, Responsibility and Aspiration. We may well be adding more—you might like to make some suggestions!

We have launched two of our new-look Core Values throughout the school. All of the children have been introduced to these concepts by two super-heroes - 'Respectful Ricky' and 'Responsible Robin'. They will soon be joined by 'Aspirational Amy' to make a trio of St. Margaret's Core Values and super-heroes.

The children will be discussing these values on a daily basis both in lessons and as part of special assemblies and we believe that developing these values in our children will make our school community an even more inspirational place to be. Please talk to your children about how they have shown Respect, Responsibility and Aspiration throughout their school day and encourage them to show these values at home as part of their home learning. You might even spot our new stickers which are designed to encourage adults to interact with the children and talk about what they have done well.

If you click on this link it will take you to our website page with the posters we use in class so you can see how we explain this to the children.

http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/school_values/248588



Respectful Ricky



Responsible Robin



Aspirational Amy

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils:



- Beech — Archie's fabulous effort has led to great progress in his learning.
- Pine — Amelia has been challenging herself with her learning and is gaining confidence.
- Apple — Olivia always tries hard and is responsible when building on her learning.
- Oak — Ellie always shows respect and has excellent listening skills.
- Birch — Kayden shares his passion for reading; excellent responses in Guided Reading too.
- Rowan — Kass has persevered with his learning this week, completing all his work well.
- Cherry — Liam shows great problem solving skills, perseverance and tolerance during teamwork.
- Maple — Daniella is positive and kind on the playground and has really shone in her learning.
- Holly — Brooke showed a positive attitude and great effort across all aspects of the curriculum.
- Willow — Noah thought creatively to capture people's attention for his RRS presentation.
- Hawthorn — Laila has worked hard and shown a superb attitude towards learning maths.
- Hazel — Holly has shown great maturity and responsibility this week.

Diary Date Reminders:

Wednesday 25th January— Y4 Maths Workshop for parents from 9:15am in the Woodland Studio

Friday 27th January— PTA meeting at 3:05pm in the Forest Room

Friday 3rd February—NSPCC Maths Day. Dressing up day. Suggested £1 donation.



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Pine and Hawthorn Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 96.8% attendance overall which beats our target. Well done!

Futsal News

Last week some children competed in a Futsal Tournament at Paignton Sports Academy. All of the children adapted well to a brand new version of football and represented the school fantastically. Well done to everyone who played and a particular well done to those children who represented the school for the first ever time!



This is our focus for the next half term. We will be talking about the children's right to learn.



Article 28

You have the right to a good quality education.

On Wednesday 25th January we will be celebrating Burns' Night with a tasting table in the Orchard Bistro. This means that the children will be able to have a nibble at some haggis, neaps and tatties to see what they think! The pudding will be Scottish that day so instead of the Very Berry Mousse there will be Cranachan which is very similar but with some Scottish oats added in.



If you have not yet downloaded the App for eSchools please can we ask you to do so and use the login and password that was sent home last week. The more parents that use this system the better the communication will be between school and home. We would like to get the booking system for the upcoming Parents' Meetings set up for you. Once you have logged in the first time you can stay logged in and any notifications will come straight to your app, just like it does on Facebook or Whatsapp. (You should be able to use the same login details on our website too using the button at the top of the screen—you might like to save our website to your Home Screen too!). If you experience difficulties please let the office staff know as we are keen to get the system working properly as soon as we can. Thank you.

Please don't delete your School Gateway App as this will stay as the online payment system for school dinners and trips.

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION