



Spring Term Newsletter No.10

It's British Science Week so there has been a greater emphasis on learning about different aspects of science throughout the school this week.



We had a visit from some of the animals from Jack's Zoo on Wednesday and Thursday where the children were able to get up close to a range of different creatures and learn lots of interesting facts.

In Year 1 the children were finding out about buoyancy and making boats with tinfoil. They also tested different materials and objects to see if they would sink or float.



Oak Class had a day in our orchard experimenting with launching water rockets, making windmills and trying to make the largest bubble they could. They also had the fun of toasting mallows and cooking pizza in our cob oven. Science is definitely fun - especially when your teacher gets a soaking from a water rocket!

Perhaps you might like to join in with some of the local science events for children taking place over the weekend. <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/torquay-south-east-devon/in-the-know/british-science-week-2017-events-in-south-devon>

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

Ash - Linus has been a 'stickosaurus' and tried hard with his writing this week.

- Brooke has been really independent in her learning, showing a great attitude.

Elm - Amelia is a super listener! She followed instructions and learned how to mix colours!

- Kaedon has been challenging himself to sound out the trickiest words this week.

Beech - Logan H has made a fabulous improvement in his learning and behaviour choices!

Pine - Ethan R is aspirational with his learning, trying hard in everything, especially reading!

Apple - Thomas has a lovely attitude towards his learning, particularly his writing.

Oak - Emily showed incredible enthusiasm and respect during her outdoor learning day.

Birch - Aliyah has shown great commitment to making progress in spelling and maths.

Rowan - Max has been applying new knowledge to tricky fraction problems. Excellent effort!

Cherry - Aliyah is a truly aspirational learner who tries hard in everything she does.

Maple - Jayden has exemplary behaviour at all times and shared his amazing Science knowledge.

Holly - Georgia is a great role model and has a fantastic attitude to all aspects of school life.

Willow - Emily for overcoming her lack of confidence in literacy and doing some great writing.

Hawthorn - Chloe encouraged others and showed aspiration in her mock SATs.

Hazel - Bethany has made fantastic progress in reading through being resilient!



Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 20th March—Local Author visiting school
Monday 20th March—Maple Class swimming
Friday 24th March—Red Nose Day
Thursday 30th March—PTA Cake Sale (Please can the parents of Y3,4,5 and 6 provide the cakes)
All these events and more are on our school website calendar
<http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/calendar/245722>

and available to view on the eSchools app if you have downloaded it to a smart phone.



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Hawthorn and Hazel Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 100% attendance.

The whole school achieved 96.4% attendance overall which beats our target. Well done!

Not sure what's on the menu for lunch? Don't forget to check the website in the School Meals Tab.
http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/school_meals/248641

Music at St Margaret's

The children have opportunities to experience playing different instruments during their time with us and this is a fantastic skill we hope they will continue to develop through their lives. You should have received a questionnaire about music tuition recently as we are also able to offer individual and small group lessons for keyboards, drums and stringed instruments, too.



At the moment Y2 are learning to play the ocarina—all over the place!



Ukulele lessons for Y4.



Y5 are currently learning samba. That's a noisy but fun lesson!

A group of parents asked if we could organise a school choir, so Mrs Posey has found a local music teacher who will be able to run an after school choir club on a Monday. There are spaces for 30 KS2 children and there will be a small weekly charge which is payable on School Gateway. (Once the 30 places have filled you will no longer be able to see this option on Gateway as the club will be full)

Red Nose Day—Friday 24th March

We will be joining in the fun of Comic Relief and raising money through a non-uniform day. Wear as much red as you like, or have crazy hair, or wear a red nose—or do all three! (No face paints please) All donations welcome! We will be selling red noses after school next week from the school office.



PTA

Bag2School raised £84 for the PTA, so thank you for supporting them. Recently, the PTA have bought new play equipment such as hoops and balls for the children to use at breaktimes and have restocked the Arts Garden with colouring books, puzzle books, crayons and chalk. There are outdoor easels on their way too! The PTA's next event is a cake sale on the 30th March which we hope will raise more money for them to spend on equipment for the children.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.