



Summer Term Newsletter No. 10

It's been typical British weather this week and we are sorry we have had to reschedule our Sport Days for years 1–6. Foundation Stage were lucky with the weather on Monday and had a lovely afternoon on the field, participating in fun activities followed by fruit kebabs. There was a lovely atmosphere and the children showed great sportsmanship, giving every activity their best effort.

Olympic Workshops

On Tuesday and Wednesday the KS1 & KS2 children took part in workshops based around the Olympic Games and Values with the artist Lucky Moyo. The workshops were tailored to encompass a range of topics across the curriculum and included an emphasis on Olympic and Paralympic Values: respect, excellence, friendship, courage, determination, inspiration and equality. The children explored issues of culture and identity raised by the Olympics and created their own vision of the Olympics using music, song and dance. Lucky Moyo is a professional singer, dancer and choreographer who has performed with Jimmy Cliff and Peter Gabriel, performed to Nelson Mandela and appeared on BBC's Blue Peter and the Jools Holland Show. Lucky helped the children contribute their own ideas and experience life values such as excellence, respect and friendship in a creative and exciting workshop environment. The excitement and energy made the days a success.

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



Ash — Sophia has been applying her skills independently and wrote a book all about her family.

- Owen shows excellent collaborative learning, supporting his friends with kindness.

Elm — Leighton is a super thinker, working out how to count in 2s to 10.

- Caleb created an amazing poster with detailed drawing and labels.

Beech — Harry H. is an aspirational friend and learner.

Pine — Corey for responding to feedback and doing his best to improve his writing.

Apple — Lucy is a good friend and has lovely behaviour in class and around school.

Oak — Emily and Olivia-Mae are a great team with Emily being more confident with her learning thanks to Olivia-Mae's support!

Birch — Buster for his improved effort and attitude and always remembering our class rules.

Rowan — Anusha has an excellent attitude towards her learning. Well done!

Cherry — Ryan E. has shown improved respect and attitude to learning this week.

Maple — Summer has an excellent, positive attitude to learning. She is always helpful and kind.

Holly — Katie is incredibly aspirational—excellent effort and progress in her writing recently!

Willow — Lilly Ella and Callum had a fantastic attitude towards their final piece of writing.

Hawthorn — Taylor courageously sang a solo and has demonstrated some superb acting.

Hazel — Holly is committed to learning her role in the Y6 production and her enthusiasm is infectious!

Diary Date Reminders:

Rescheduled sports days:

Monday 3rd July —KS2 Sports

9.15am - Y3/4 Track events

10.30am - Y5/6 Track events

1.15pm - Y3, 4, 5 and 6 Carousel of Activities

Thursday 6th July—KS1 Sports (Y1 and Y2) 1.15pm

Thursday 6th July—Y6 transition day

Friday 7th July— Y6 transition day 2 for The Spires only.



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Holly Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 98.6% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.1% attendance overall which is below our target of 96%. Please help us raise the attendance levels again over the next few weeks.

Transition Days

On Thursday 6th July, our Y6 children go off to their new secondary schools to meet new friends and find out about routines and expectations for September. Please remember they need to go directly to their secondary schools and not come to our school first—each school will have sent home information regarding the structure of the day.

We take advantage of this day to do our own transition when all the children move up to their new classes and meet their new teachers for the morning. Most children take this in their stride but some need a little longer to feel reassured about the changes ahead. We will make sure these children have additional support to make this a successful transition to their next class. We will send slips home to notify you of your child's class and teacher and the class teachers will hold introductory meetings in the Autumn term.

Website Tip of the Week

Please have a look around our Curriculum page on the website. If you click on the tabs at the side you will see each year group has a separate page. On here you will find information about the curriculum your child will be covering over the year, including home learning. We will be developing this area soon to include hints and tips for parents when supporting their children with reading, writing and maths at home. <http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/curriculum/248854>

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PTA HELP NEEDED—Summer Fair Friday 7th July from 3:05pm

Our summer fair is always popular with the children but it does take a lot of organising beforehand and on the day. They really need help with the BBQ and the Penalty Shoot Out. If anyone is able to offer some time to help with these stalls then that would be fantastic. Please let the office know or contact the PTA through their FB page.

Torbay Half Marathon Schools Challenge 2017

It was at Paignton Green on Sunday 25th June. Pupils from St Margaret's took part in the Torbay Half Marathon Schools Challenge - to run the last mile with the Torbay Holiday Helpers Network (THHN). This was the third year running the school has taken part and it was good to help raise money for the THHN charity. Over the summer term we have been taking part in a running club with Mr Mayling and have been running a mile a week - equalling the half marathon runners. We did the first 12 miles at school each week and did the 13th mile at Paignton Green. There were about 8 schools there and over 500 children taking part. It was very tiring, but worth it. We were all really proud of ourselves and at the end we got medals - they were amazing!

Heidi Y5



We are very proud of you, too!
From Mrs Stell