

St Margaret's Academy

Hands-Face-Space- Act as if you've got it

Dear Parents,

This half term our school theme is 'relationships' which has therefore formed the basis for school assemblies and class discussions. It's really lovely to report feedback from the kitchen staff about your children's manners in the hall, particularly Year 1 who have stood out for their politeness. Have a look in the [Sports Blog](#) to see how Year 5 have been training with the PE teacher from Cuthbert Maine to help lead games in our school at playtimes; great for developing those relationships in sport.

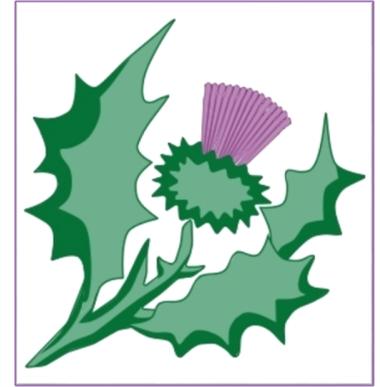
Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy

This week we have been reviewing our *Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy* to ensure it meets the needs of each year group and addresses any issues that have arisen as a result of the pandemic. Please look out for a letter that will be coming out to you within the next few days from Mrs Russell who leads this subject. Sex education is not statutory in primary school but we believe it is an important aspect that needs teaching from Year 4 onwards in an age-appropriate manner. You will have the opportunity to read the policy and plans for your child, and an opportunity to view the materials we intend to use. Then if you wish to withdraw your child from the sex education element, you will be able to do so before the unit is taught.

Corona Virus Pandemic

In preparedness for the country's move to Step 3 on the road map to reduce restrictions on 17th May, the guidance for schools and the guidance for parents were updated this week. Click the link to parents to read the full [guidance for parents](#) which has updates on residential visits, use of face coverings, indoor group sizes and parental attendance at out-of-school settings which you may find useful.

The guidance for schools hasn't changed much for primary schools. As per this guidance we will continue to operate in bubbles as much as possible. Staggered starts to the start and end of the school day will need to continue and school staff will continue to wear masks in communal areas. We appreciate your support too by please **continuing to wear masks** yourselves when on the school site (unless you are medically exempt), to **follow the one-way system** and **maintain 2 metres social distance** to others.



Upcoming Events

May 24th + 25th

Class Group Photos

May 31st – June 6th

Half Term

June 7th

Summer Term 2 begins

Reminders

- Please pre-order your child's school meals via the school gateway
- Accident slips are now sent via email so please look out for these.
- Should you need wrap around care for your child we have Breakfast club and After School club available. Please book via the school gateway

Curriculum News

Have a look in the [Religion Blog](#) to see Year 1s' work on Judaism. Have a look in the [Eco Blog](#) to see how Year 1 and Year 2 got on in the rain learning outdoors about Devon's waste management. In the [Design Technology Blog](#) you can see how a duck mechanism works thanks to the amazing Maddi in Year 5.



PTA Appeal

As we start to plan ahead for a greater return to normality (hopefully), we are looking to get PTA events up and running again. As such, we are looking for new recruits. If you are interested, please contact Ella Brennan on Messenger or leave a message with the school office. As mentioned previously, next year we are partnering with other schools and the Open University on a Reading for Pleasure project. We would love to increase our stock of books and build up our school library. PTA fund-raising could be a really great way of doing this and helping your children with their reading.

Holiday Clubs

If you are looking to find any out-of-school clubs such as in the holidays, Torbay Council is collating a list of opportunities that you can find by [clicking here](#).

No Toys in School

Unless you have agreed an arrangement with your child's class teacher, please can you make sure your child keeps their toys at home e.g. play cars, soft teddies and cards. Unfortunately they can cause a distraction in class and lead to fallings out in the playground. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Whole School Attendance

97.1%

This week's
class attendance star goes

to

Rowan Class with

98.2%

Well done!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Beech	Lola - you have grown in confidence so much this week. It has been lovely to see you putting your hand up and having a go at all our jobs with so much enthusiasm.
Pine	Daisie- For being such an aspirational writer. She is <u>always</u> writing throughout our Pine class 'Busy time' and I have really noticed how much she has progressed over the last few weeks, well done Daisie!
Oak	Seren- for showing a great attitude to writing over the past couple of weeks. It has been lovely to see you come into school and settle with a happier and positive mind set. Well done Seren!
Apple	Isaac - for being supportive of other children in this group. He showed them respect by listening to their opinions. He has also impressed us with his aspirational attitude with his art work this week.
Birch	Joe - For always being so hard working, kind, caring and polite at all times. You are a model student to the rest of the class and should be very proud of yourself!
Rowan	James - for great progress in all subjects, especially reading, handwriting and times tables!
Cherry	Vinnie for the amazing effort he has been putting into his reading over the last few weeks. He is keen to be reading whenever he gets a chance which is wonderful to see. Well done Vinnie.
Hazel	Ruby-Lee has been so aspirational in her handwriting this week by taking her time and producing a very neat final write. Well done!
Willow	Harriet - You are putting in so much effort to all your learning and it is really paying off as your progress is fantastic. Keep that aspiration going Harriet and shoot for the stars!!!! Well done!
Holly	Logan - for his enthusiastic sharing of his knowledge and such active involvement in the discussion during our science lesson this week. Well done Logan!
Maple	Alana for being so positive this week and she has shown aspiration whilst working on her independent writing. Well done!
Hawthorn	Felix is our star this week for his great aspirational effort with his final write. He pushed himself to keep going and has really impressed us. Well done!