

# St Margaret's Academy

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the summer term and the beautiful sunny weather. It has been a very busy but very enjoyable first week in school. Staff have returned rested and the children have come back with lovely smiles, eager to join in with school life again.

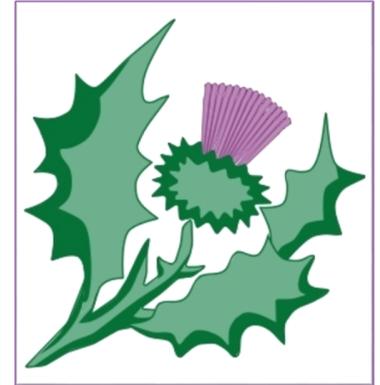
## Curriculum Information

Prior to Easter, teachers completed their end of term assessments on your children. Over the holidays they have been planning the next teaching sequences and learning based on the needs of your children. Children who have fallen behind have been identified and provision planned for them has been shared with me. Curriculum information to help you support at home and understand what is happening in school is being added to the school website under '[Curriculum Information](#)'. At the time of writing this it is up to date for Years 2 and 3. By the end of next week, it will be up to date for all years. Please do have a look as the planning on the web is primarily designed to help you know what's going on.

## Curriculum in action

Our Curriculum in Action page on the website is also aimed at keeping you informed by celebrating the achievements in different subjects. If you have a child in Years 1 or 2, I highly recommend you visit the new [Continuous Provision in KS1 Blog](#). You will see and read here a lot about our enquiry approach to learning which is also used in Reception. It's a very excellent and informative read created by our KS1 Phase Leader, Mrs Tandy.

Year 3 have been super busy with recording all their celebrations of learning from before Easter and from the launch of their new topic this week. Have a look in the [Design and Technology Blog](#) to see the photos from Year 3s' work on Roman catapults. In the [Science Blog](#) you can see how Year 3 were experimenting with sound. Have a look in the [Forest School Blog](#) to see Year 3 enjoying the orchard. Look in the Computing Blog to see how Year 3 got on with [branching data bases](#) and [animation](#). In the



## Whole School Attendance

**97.3%**

This week's  
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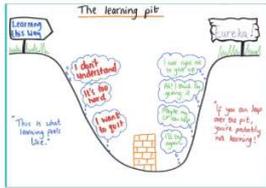
**Apple Class with**

**99.1%**

**Well done!**



[Geography Blog](#) you can see how excited Year 3 were when they started their work on North America this week, titled *Beyond the Magic Kingdom*.



Check out the [PSHE Blog](#) to find out more about how Year 4 learn the skills of learning. Across the school we use the image of the *learning pit* to help children learn to learn. Read this blog to find out more and see some useful images.

Check out the [Religion Blog](#) to see a Christian musical celebration and collaboration with local school called *The Blessing*. Look out for the very talented Olivia on drums!

## More Important News

### Parent Voice- Behavior



On Wednesday evening, we had the first meeting of our new *Parent Voice* group. We have set this up to make help make sure we are communicating as best as possible with you. It will help ensure we hear your views and gives us a chance to explain in more detail the bigger projects we work on.

This week we looked at our updated Behaviour Policy. Our specialist nurture lead teacher, Mrs Essam spoke about our approach to nurture and attachment. I shared our approach to behaviour management and we had an excellent discussion around this. As a result, we made an addition to the full policy which is to make sure that the school informs parents of children who have witnessed a distressing incident so that they can supported at home. We now have a full policy and a single page one. The latter is a purposefully a one page document that staff can keep at hand to make sure we use a consistent approach across the school. Please do have a read. Both of which can be found on our school website on the [policies page](#).

Our next meeting will be on our curriculum work which we are very proud of. Although the pandemic has got in the way somewhat, this year we have moved to a more enquiry style of teaching and learning, specifically to help engage and inspire children. It's very exciting (for examples, see the KS1 blog and Geography blog already mentioned). When I have the date of our next meeting I will let you know as you are very welcome to join.

If you would like to hear more about behaviour or have any suggestions / comments please feel free to chat to any of the parents who attended this week's meeting: Adele Ross-Hamilton, Chloe Brooks, Emma Hollis, Jo Gornall, Felicity Morris, Louise Froude and Tracy Lewis. They are all happy to chat.



### Parking

Please help us by considering our neighbours and not parking across their drives. I have received a few concerned messages this week from neighbours being unable to access their drives. There was also very nearly an accident. Thank you.

### Play Pod Fun

Thanks to Mrs Tandy and Mrs Cosh, we now have a new exciting addition to playtimes. Over the holiday they collected together all sorts of materials such as cardboard pipes, tyres, canvas sheets, mats and suitable pieces of wood to create a play pod to facilitate teambuilding, brain breaks, problem solving, links to DT and just for fun! It is currently being limited to Year 2 and Year 5 so that it can be properly cleaned in these covid times. Hopefully once the pandemic passes, it will open to all children.

## Free Yoga

Are you interested in yoga? If so one of our parents, Nina Adwick, is offering free sessions. Read her message here which can also be found on our website under 'Well-being in Action' – [Supporting Families](#) for future reference:

*I am offering free park yoga sessions from Sunday May 2nd - 29 August 2021 at the Big Tree at Torre Abbey Meadows, Torquay, TQ2 6DG at 9.30 am- 10.30 every Sunday.*  
*Why not take part and enjoy being naturally active outside with beautiful views. Feet on the earth and breathing in the wonderful fresh sea air. We are so blessed to live in a beautiful part of the UK. So whilst Summer is here - make the most of being in the great outdoors.*  
*Yoga brings balance to mind, body, spirit and brings a deep sense of peace. Absolute beginners welcome. Bring your own mats and blankets and follow our government guidelines to keep everyone safe. Accompanied children are more than welcome, but they must ensure that they adhere to the social distancing and pre-register a place on their behalf.*  
*Please pre-register at [www.parkyoga.co/torquay](http://www.parkyoga.co/torquay)  
<https://m.facebook.com/ParkYogaTorquay/>*

Enjoy the sunny weather and have a lovely weekend.



Tim Hughes  
Head Teacher



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| Beech    | Arabella- for returning to school with enthusiasm and an eagerness to get involved with all our jobs. Your maths work this week has been Aspirational - a truly fabulous mathematician!                             |
| Pine     | Oliver and Poppy- We couldn't ask for any more from them both! They are so enthusiastic, kind and thoughtful. They work incredibly hard every day and they <u>always</u> have a smile on their faces :)             |
| Oak      | Isla- for joining in enthusiastically with all aspects of her learning and for showing respect to others by listening well. Great start to the Summer term Isla- Well done!   |
| Apple    | Livia - for an excellent effort with her reading at home and we are really impressed with how hard she is working in class in all of her lessons.   |
| Birch    | Ollie - For excelling in Phonics and being a model student for your learning and behaviour - Keep it up!  |
| Rowan    | Meral - for working tremendously hard showing aspiration in everything and always with a big smile on her face!   |
| Cherry   | Larisa for showing our school value of respect. She listens respectfully to others and is always ready to learn.  |
| Hazel    | Maddie for contributing much more in class, becoming more confident. This was clearly shown in her writing tasks this week, well done and keep it up!   |
| Willow   | Cherry has been so aspirational with her maths this week - Cherry your effort to master adding fractions has been awesome! Cherry has also been super kind this week which has supported our work on relationships! |
| Holly    | Floyd - for working hard this week with a great improvement in his concentration. A really positive start to a new term - well done Floyd.  |
| Maple    | Olivia - She shows aspiration in all lessons and is always happy to participate in class discussions. We are all so impressed with her positive attitude towards learning, well done!                               |
| Hawthorn | Juliet shows all four of our school values in <b>everything</b> she does every single day. Well done and you should be very proud of yourself.  |