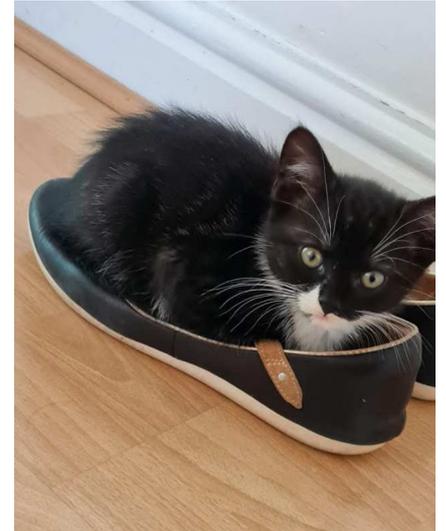


# St Margarets Academy

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



Dear Parents,

I hope you have all survived the sweltering heat and are managing to stay cool. Despite the heat, there is a lovely atmosphere in school with children getting stuck into their learning and enjoying playtimes in the sun.

As part of the 'Changing Me' theme, I started this week with an assembly on a new addition to our family at home. A few weeks ago a very old lady cat of ours sadly died and we were all very upset. Then at half term I found out that a new kitten needed a home so we took in this tiny bundle to the Hughes household. I shared some photos and video in my assembly of her sleeping, eating and being very busy exploring and playing - just like the little people in school – learning through play.

## Enquiry Learning

Over the last two weeks, we have had several of our school governors in school to see how children in Key Stage 2 have been getting involved in enquiry learning. It has been lovely to see the work in each year group. Year 3 were involved into a geographical enquiry about Florida. Year 4 were enquiring about how pyramids were made. Year 5 were being historians to review, compare and contrast evidence from the ancient Battle of Marathon. Year 6 went on a treasure hunt to examine evidence to decide if the legend of the Minotaur and the labyrinth was true or not.

Staff and children are very excited about this style of learning as it is engaging and provides different styles of learning opportunities; all of which piques their interest. For example, in the Year 4 enquiry there was opportunity for creating podcasts on the iPad, constructing small and large pyramids, making Canopic jars, studying hieroglyphics and researching on the internet. They were able to apply their writing skills to tasks. There was a great buzz about the learning with lots of historical knowledge being demonstrated and great use being made of the indoors and shared

## Upcoming Events

### June 21

Year 6 Activities Week

### June 23 - 25

Class Bubble Sports Day

### July 21

Last day of Term



**Fruit is provided at school for Foundation stage and KS1 for their break-time snack.**

**Children in KS2 are more than welcome to bring in a piece of fruit from home for their break-time if they wish to do so.**

outdoor space. Mrs Turner and I enjoyed the afternoon of activities and it was hard to drag ourselves away.



This style of active learning is more the norm in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Have a look in the Design Technology Blog to see how [Year 1 got on](#) with constructing their healthy breakfast as part of Healthy Eating Week. See also how [Year 3 got involved](#).

## More Important News

### Relationships, Sex and Health Education

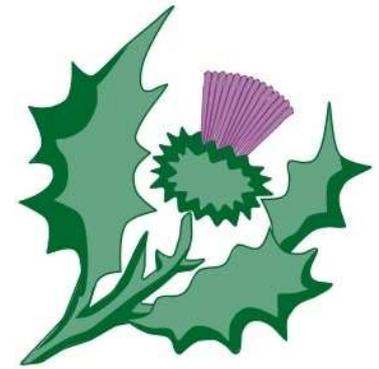
On Wednesday evening this week we hosted our information event for the Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy. This was your opportunity to ask any questions about the policy and for parents of children in Years 5 and 6 to hear from the teachers about how they will deliver the sex education element, and to view the animations that will be used. Thank you to Mrs Russell, Mrs Kerswell and Mr Marchant for giving of their time to share this and take any questions.

In primary schools, the sex education element is not a statutory part of the curriculum. However, we feel it is important to teach this in an age-appropriate manner and for this year will teach it only in Years 5 and 6. If you want to withdraw your child from this part, please notify the teachers who will be writing to you shortly outlining when this will take place. If you weren't able to attend the information event and still want to view the materials being used in Years 5 and 6, please do email the teachers directly.

In all other years, the statutory content for the summer term under the theme of 'Changing Me', including puberty from Year 3 onwards, will be taught as outlined in our policy which you can find on the curriculum information page of our website.

Have a lovely weekend.

Tim Hughes (Head teacher)



## Whole School Attendance

**96.8%**

**This week's**

**class attendance star goes**

**to**

**Beech and Birch Class with**

**98.7%**

**Amazing Attendance**

**As Birch class have collected 3 attendance stars they have a non-uniform day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>! Well done**



Beech	Harry - you have tried really hard with your reading jobs in the morning and you are writing much more for me. This shows off how Aspirational you can be - keep it up!
Pine	Farah- She always has a big smile on her face, she is extremely polite and always shows respect. You have had a great year Farah, well done
Oak	Lily F & Evie W- for both choosing to practice their writing in busy time and for aspiration and effort in their phonics lessons. Keep up the amazing effort and joining in with lessons girls. Well done!
Apple	Lita - she is our sewing expert. After introducing the resources, Lita showed her aspiration by making a purse in COOL time. Her stitching was fantastic, so neat and completely independent - well done Lita!
Birch	Hugo - For making the extra effort recently to be super kind to all of your friends, your praise and support to others is wonderful to see - keep it up!
Rowan	Sophia Hi - for good progress in all subjects; particularly in phonics and handwriting. Mrs Burke and I are so proud of you!
Cherry	Joshua for his fabulous listening and participation in our storyteller session. Freddie for showing greater perseverance with his work even when he has found it tricky.
Hazel	Kumar and Michal have joined us recently and have settled in brilliantly, they are great additions to the Hazel crew and are already showing all of our school values. Well done boys!
Willow	Eva - for a fantastic piece of persuasive writing. Well done Eva!
Holly	Natalia - for making excellent contributions to her group's discussion during both our history and science enquiry lessons this week. She demonstrated very carefully-considered reasoning. Well done!
Maple	Eleanor - for supporting her peers and always having a positive attitude towards her learning. Well done!
Hawthorn	Rufus- you are our star of the week! You have had a superb week and really pushed yourself during our assessments and your enthusiasm for the show we are rehearsing is amazing!