



St Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

This week we have been thinking about asking for help. In Worship, we have talked about how different religions ask for help, and who people of faith turn to in times of difficulty. Year 4 shared their thoughts as they have been studying the text: The Boy, the Fox and the Horse and within this beautiful book there is the quote: 'What is the bravest thing you have ever said?' to which the horse replied 'help'. We talked about the courage of asking for help and how we can identify when we might be struggling with something. It always really impresses me to hear how the children talk about such things – they show such maturity and conscientiousness with their responses.

Today we have celebrated Red Nose Day, which is a lovely way of us all coming together to offer help to those in need. Thank you for your efforts in supporting this – the cake sale was a huge success!

A big thank you to the FONS volunteers for hosting our disco yesterday, the children had a great time and are really perfecting their musical statue poses!

Our Ethos team are working hard on our Easter Service, having met with Rev. Jules and planned the event, they are now working towards writing their prayers and preparing the readings. As we progress into the Summer term, we are keen to develop this role further as the children want to begin supporting other children in the school by giving them someone to listen to and to offer advice where they can. I am really looking forward to seeing this role progress. Remember, the Easter Service is at 9:30 on Thursday 28th March at St. Margaret's Church. Parents are welcome to go up to the church before 9:30 to have a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Sam Malyn

Arbour Management Information System

Our new parent portal Arbour Management Information System is now up and running. Through this app you can pay for school meals and soon trips, and uniform will soon be added. It is the intention that St. Margaret's will become entirely cashless in line with all other Ventrus schools by the end of the Summer term. If you did not receive your email invitation, please contact the office, also check your junk folder as it may have gone there.

Special Events.

FONs Easter Colouring Competition—1st and 2nd prize for each year group. Please name and return entries to class teacher no later than 27th March. Competition will be judge by FONS on 28th March.

School Absence due to illness.

Please could we politely request when you leave an absence message you give the reason your child is absent and not just say unwell. We record the reason for any absences & report & take guidance from Public Health if needed.

If your child has been unwell with diarrhea or vomiting, they should not return to school until 48 hours after their last episode. Thank you for your support.

Our learning this week.

Year 3

This week we finished writing our Diary entry for our visit to Paris. La vie est belle! In Maths, we have been understanding how to interpret different graphs including bar graphs and pictograms, looking closely at the divisions on the y axis. In our afternoon lessons, we have been learning about plants this week. We are growing some in different conditions to observe how this affects their growth and have been looking very closely (using microscopes!) at the different parts of a plant. The disco was great fun!

Year 4

This week we have been researching special places for our final write. In particular, 'The Northern Lights'. We have researched lots of facts about it and hope to do some brilliant artwork to go with our writing.

As part of our Geography topic 'Coastal Erosion', we have organised a trip to part of our local coastline. We are looking forward to our trip to WWH, next week where we will meet with a ranger from the Burrows and look at coastal defences and coastal erosion.

In D.T we have researched, designed and hope to create our own version of 'Bolognese' in the last week of half term. The children are excited to finally eliminate their dreaded vegetable from their dish!

Year 5

We have had another busy few days in school this week! Year 5 have been selling raffle tickets for their fundraising event at the end of this term, in the hope that we can bring the cost of our school trips down. We have continued to create our Amazon rainforest collages with a range of different medians in art and are looking forward to seeing our artwork alongside other schools' exhibits at the Burton Art Gallery next week. We are especially proud of the swimmers who had their first session in the deeper pool on Wednesday.

Year 6

This week we have been busy using protractors and measuring angles as well as working out missing angles on a straight line and a triangle. We discovered that adjacent lines on a straight line total 180 degrees and the interior angles in a triangle also add up to 180 degrees! In reading we have been looking at poetry and have created a character portrait. It has been good to complete our explanation texts all about the Digestive System. We can't believe how long the small intestine is! We have started looking at collecting and presenting data in computing and have used excel for the first time.

Class Teacher Awards.

Trust: Imogen

Friendship: Josh

Hope: Sophia

Thankfulness: Delilah

Peace: Peace

Forgiveness: Archie

Wisdom: Oliver

Compassion: Alfie

Messages from the Office.

Year 6 London Residential reminder to hand in all spending money to the office before Wednesday 20th March. Thank you.

St Margaret's - Your child is once again invited to participate in this year's 'Eggstravaganza'.

On the last day of this term, we will all go into the hall to watch the competition. The ramp will be put up in the hall on Thursday 28th March and your child will be able to bring in a buggy from home made materials of your choice. This could be recycled bottles and caps for wheels, lego, cardboard, recycled/adapted toys, art straws or anything you can think of! There will be a winner selected from each year group to the buggy that travels the furthest! Think about everything you know about forces (gravity, air resistance, friction) to help you make the best one.

Rules:

It must be no longer than 40cm

It must be able to carry an egg without it breaking throughout the entire journey!

It must not gain any additional speed from electronics (No motors).

Upcoming Key Dates

Easter Service Thursday 28th March (last day of term)

Easter Holidays 29th March—14th April

FONs Colouring Competition Judging 28th March

Scholastic book fair week beginning 29th April 2024

Ascension Day Thursday 9th May

Sports Day 22nd May

FONs Bag 2 School collection from St George's 22nd May

Summer Fayre Friday 28th June