



St Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

Welcome to the Summer Term! The good news is that as it has been slightly warmer the past two days I feel that calling this the Summer Term is appropriate! I hope that you all had a fantastic Easter break and that you are ready for another busy term. It has been brilliant having the children back with us this week and I have been really impressed with their focus, engagement and levels of energy considering the shock to the system that returning to school inevitably is.

This week we have been thinking about compassion. As one of our core values, and indeed one of our class names, we hold compassion in a very important place within our school. This week we have been thinking about who we need to show compassion to and how we can show compassion in different ways, depending on the situation. Our children were brilliant at talking about how you don't always know when someone is struggling, or might need a bit of a lift, and were able to articulate the intricate way that we have to deal with each situation, as all people require different types of help, in different ways. It is always so reassuring to hear our children talk in this way but what is even more heart warming is seeing it in action. This week, across the school, there has been a real feel of looking out for each other and this has had a really positive impact on our learning environments.

It was great to invite our Open the Book team into worship this week as we showcased our first Open the Book, version 2.0! It was fantastic to see children involved in the performance, including our fantastic musicians who played us in, and I am really looking forward to seeing this flourish from week to week. Next week we are going to be looking at the theme of learning from others as our worship theme, with us looking at what we can learn from the story of St. George. Our worships are a very precious time for us all to be together and I am planning a worship where we can invite parents in as just another way for us to inform you about what happens in your child's school day.

Thank you for your support throughout this week. I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Sam Malyn

Our learning this week.

Year 3

This week, we had an experience morning on Monday where we pretended that we were Victorian children. The boys got the cane! (not really). We wrote on sand and slate and were not allowed to talk – the teachers were really strict, and we had to sit in rows. We prefer school these days! In writing, we have been interviewing each other as if we were animals which has been funny! In maths we have been converting measurements between cm and mm. Yesterday, we looked at timelines and made one outside where every step was 100years. The stone age was so far away that it was not in school anymore (probably on Lundy!) Finally, in PE, we have been doing relay races, hurdles, vortex throwing and we've started tag rugby today.

Year 4

In science, we have started looking at the various kinds of teeth in both humans and animals and looking at their function. The children really enjoyed using the mirrors for this activity! In Art, we have been drawing 'miniatures' in the style of 'Hans Holbein the Younger.' We have been tracing Tudor monarchs and looking at the bold colours used. We will soon be creating our own Tudor monarch self-portraits. We have started a new text called the 'Beachcomber' which has been interesting. Year 4 have loved using their imagination, curiosity and experiences to create their own ideas of intriguing beachcombing finds. In PE, Year 4 have shown great teamwork in both rounders and problem-solving games. There were quite a few children managing a full rounder. Excellent start to this half term!

Year 5

We have begun the term with a Wow Day which immersed the children in all things Victorian and Tudor. We learnt about the meaning behind the Tudor Rose and created our own origami versions and we made our own profile stand out like a Victorian cameo brooch. Our display boards are already looking fabulous! We spent our PE lessons on Thursday thinking about how a map works, and the importance of giving clear directions in order to successfully navigate a map. This was explored by guiding each other around an obstacle course whilst blindfolded. We have also updated our Accelerated Reader ZPDs, so our reading books may have changed.

Year 6

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to the summer term. They have settled back to their learning quickly and have shown real maturity with their focus.

This week we have been getting stuck into our new topic 'Explorers' and have already looked at Ernest Shackleton, Roald Amundsen and Christopher Columbus. We have linked this back to our work with North America and have been discussing the impact these explorers have had.

Our new writing text is linked to our topic and is called 'Shackleton's Journey'. We have become immersed in what it would have felt like to be aboard Endurance when it set sail to Antarctica, thought about what kind of personality an explorer would have and how the landscape would look different.

Great start Year 6, keep it up!

Class Teacher Awards.

Trust: Arabella

Friendship: Ralph

Hope: Max

Thankfulness: Lydia

Peace: Willow

Forgiveness: Tobie

Wisdom: William

Compassion: Dylan

Messages from the Office.

Looking ahead to 2025! We are currently working hard to organise residentials for 2025. We are hoping to offer a year 4 trip to Beam House and a year 6 trip to London. More information about this will be coming soon!

Upcoming Key Dates

Year 6 SATS Practice 22nd April – 26th April

Year 3 Tennis Festival at ARC (AM only)

Year 4 PGL Residential 24th April – 26th April

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

Northam May Fair Saturday 4th May 2024

**Fancy Dress & Hat Competition Entries forms have been sent home today.
Entry forms MUST be returned to Northam Town Council Offices not the school.**



The poster features a green background with a white central area. At the top, there is a colorful graphic of a Maypole with red, blue, and yellow ribbons, and a coat of arms to the right. The text is centered and reads: 'Northam May Fair Medieval and Viking Fancy Dress and Hat Competition Saturday 4th May 2024'. Below this, it states: 'We are holding a Medieval and Viking themed fancy dress competition for children aged 12 years and under, and a Medieval and Viking hat competition for both children and adults.' It then provides details: 'To be held 4th May 2024 at 9.30am and entrants can take part in the May Fair Parade. Please pick up an entry form at the Town Council offices at Windmill Lane or from our website: www.northamtowncouncil.gov.uk'. At the bottom, it says: 'All entry forms to be returned to Northam Town Council Offices, no later than Friday 26th April.' There are two small illustrations at the bottom: a knight on the left and a Viking on the right.

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