

St. Margaret's Newsletter



Friday 26th January 2024

Learn every day, help each other and be happy.

This week we have been thinking about our environment. We have discussed the Creation story and the children were able to, with a great level of maturity, articulate the key themes of the Creation story and how these fit in with the way that we care for our world now. Our Year 6 children were able to explain to the school how they have been looking at whether Scientific and Religious views can ever be complimentary, or whether the views on how our world was created will always sit in conflict with one another. This concept is a key example of the level of thinking that we are doing within our school day - the balanced and considerate way with which our children express themselves is something to be very proud of.

Wisdom Class conducted a brilliant worship, complete with audience participation, to consider the things that we hold dear within our world, and how we can continue to embrace, protect and celebrate the environment around us. When speaking to our children it is clear to see that they are so well versed in the beauty of the world and are absolutely confident in their views about how to protect it - our world truly is in good hands!

Ms. Doncaster and I had the privilege of accompanying our Year 6 Girls football team at the annual Bideford Learning Community competition this week. They were incredible! The level of teamwork, commitment and support towards each other was amazing. They ended the tournament as CHAMPIONS and will be going on to the final in February. They didn't even concede a goal! There will be lots of other opportunities for our children to represent the school as I am very aware of the benefits that this experience gives our children. It is great that so many of them want to compete and represent St. Margaret's against other school teams.

I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

Sam Malyn

Parent teacher consultations invitations have been sent out. If you have not received one or are struggling to book an appointment please contact the office.

Trust Class: Thurs 1st Feb & Wed 7th Feb.

Friendship: Tues 30th Jan & Tues 6th Feb.

Hope: Mon 5th Feb & Wed 7th Feb.

Thankfulness : Mon 5th Feb & Wed 7th Feb.

Forgiveness: Wed 7th Feb.

Peace: Tue 30th Jan & Thurs 1st Feb.

Compassion: Wed 7th Feb & Thurs 8th Feb.

Wisdom: Thurs 1st Feb & Tues 6th Feb.

Messages from the Office

- **Reminder - Year 5 are doing a local coastal walk on Monday.**
- **Year 6 leavers hoodies. Last call for letters to be returned so we can confirm the design.**
- **Text messages have been sent out regarding allocation of places on the school clubs.**
- **London Parents meeting - Thursday 1st February at 5:30pm.**
- **Reminder Year 5 swimming will be alternate weeks. It's the turn of Forgiveness class on Wednesday 31st January. Peace class please come in P.E. kit on this day.**
- **Bikeability Group 1 Wednesday 31st Jan & Thursday 1st Feb. Please remember to bring bike, helmet, coat, gloves & wear suitable clothing for the weather.**
- **FONs will be holding their annual general meeting on Monday 5th February at 2pm in the community room at St. George's. This meeting is open to everyone who would like to attend.**
- **We are now in desperate need of NEW underwear for boys and girls ages 7 –10 years as we have no spares left. Any donations of NEW underwear would be gratefully received.**
- **Storytelling Day:**
Come and celebrate National Storytelling Week at Bideford Library. 1st February 4:00 - 5:00pm Folktales for Families - Stories & tales about Bears, Bees & Honey £1.00 per person Inc. honey on toast & drink. Booking is essential.
Email: bideford.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk
Tel: 01237 476075
- **Advance notice PGL Parents Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st Feb at 5:30pm.**
- **Super advance notice: We will be holding a Scholastic book fair week beginning 29th April 2024.**

Our learning this week

Fruit Snack

Please can we remind you that snacks at break time should consists of fruit. We have had a few children asking the school for food at this time. Please can I ask you to talk with your child about whether they would want fruit break and provide this if necessary. While we will always have emergency provisions, we do not have the capacity to provide for all children.

This week, in Year 3 we have had another exciting week. The children really enjoyed writing about the different stages of mummifying a tomato. We have also had fun in science by investigating 'light', working out if different objects are transparent, translucent or opaque.

Year 4 have worked really hard to finish their 'Escape from Pompeii' stories and they already look fab! In PE, Year 4 have teamed up for a hockey game, ending in a 2-1 score which will be challenged next week. Everybody played really well and worked as part of a team so we look forward to the rematch. In computing, we are looking at repeating patterns and creating accurate coding in order for our object to move and end up at a specific destination. This has been quite tricky but the children have been great and have worked through each task with enthusiasm, modelling their coding to the whole class- Well done! We look forward to our parents afternoon next week and learning more about the Romans!

Year 5—We have had a busy week learning about fractions in maths, investigating how surface area effects floating and starting to plan our own next chapter of Erik the Viking.

This week in Year 6 we have been enjoying getting back to a bit of normality after SATs practice. In English, we have been creating our own stories based on 'A Monster Calls', using all the skills we have practised in class. We've had a great time testing out what happens to lightbulbs in a circuit and then creating our own experiments to do with fair testing. In PE, we have finalised our gymnastics performances and some of us are getting ready to submit our routines for a competition.

Class Teacher Awards

Trust: Esme

Peace: Olivia

Friendship: Jacob

Forgiveness: Chloe

Hope: Erin

Wisdom: Isla

Thankfulness: Adele

Compassion: Ethan