



St Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 10th May 2024

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

The sun is finally shining! We have had a very busy week across the school. I have been spending lots of time in classes and it has been really positive to see the way that the children discuss their learning. We focus a lot on what they call 'dialogic learning' and think that the art of a good discussion is a valuable skill for us all to learn. The children are speaking in an increasingly eloquent and articulate manner when discussing their learning - if you notice any of this at home, please let me know so that I can celebrate this within our celebration assembly! We had a fantastic day on Tuesday, when we had visitors in to teach us all about First Aid. The children listened brilliantly and have been really excited to share what they have learnt!

A quick reminder with the weather changing: Please ensure that your child has suncream on/with them, brings a drink and also a hat to school. Please can we ensure that hats are named - we have some really nice hats coming into school and I really don't want them getting lost. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Thank you to the parents in Year 4 and 5 for such positive responses to the upcoming trips, it is really pleasing to be able to confirm that these trips will be going ahead. We understand the challenges which come with paying for a trip and can't wait to hear all of the amazing stories that our children will have upon their return!

Finally, a quick word for our incredible Year 6 children. Next week they will be completing their KS2 SATS. Children: You are incredible. You continue to work so hard and we are ever so proud of you. Remember, all that anyone will ever ask is for you to try your best. We will be with you every step of the way.

I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

Sam Malyn

Our learning this week.

Year 3

This week we have been doing sports day practise and tag rugby on different stations in PE. It's been really fun and helped us to be prepared and be amazing at the activities! In DT, we have been making puppets with linkages on the back which was really hard! Some of us were a little overambitious with our plans but we have continued to persevere to create our own model. On Tuesday, we did a first aid training course with some paramedics. They taught us how to: do CPR (using DR.ABC), put someone in the recovery position and how to stop bleeding with a bandage. We'll leave you with a joke.. Knock Knock.... (Who's there)...Ididap...(finish it out loud for the punchline 😊).

Year 4

Even though it has only been a 4-day week, Year 4 have been very busy. We really enjoyed having First Aid training on Tuesday. Among other things we learnt how to treat a head injury, how to help someone if they are not breathing and what to do in an emergency. Skills we will carry with us forever 😊

We have continued to learn about the Tudor Monarchs and this week we explored the short reign of Edward VI which some people referred to as the 'puppet king.' We tried to imagine being made king or queen at age 9 and what rules we would make.

We have also spent time in PSHE thinking about friendships and how we can deal with fall outs with our friends and solve this. We will continue looking at relationships and how tricky they can be for the rest of this half term.

Year 5

We have had a very busy week! We really enjoyed learning all about some basic first aid – how to treat a head injury, how to help someone if they are not breathing and what to do in an emergency. We have begun the exciting task of researching our own 'Deadly 100' creature to make our class book for the reading corner. We have been amazed at how some of the smallest creatures are the most lethal! It was lovely to have the sun shining for our Ascension service in the playground yesterday with Rev. Jules.

Year 6

It's been a great week in Year 6. We've been gearing up for a busy week next week and getting the final bits of preparation done ready for our SATs. The children have been working hard and hopefully feeling ready and excited to show how far they've come this year. We've started a new writing unit with an environmental theme which has allowed us to really explore our vocabulary choices. We've had some great fun in the afternoons too – we even got to go to the park this week as a reward for our fantastic hard work. Good luck next week Year 6. You're going to smash it.

Class Teacher Awards.

Trust: Finlay

Friendship: Imogen

Hope: Jordana

Thankfulness: Bea

Peace: Olivia

Forgiveness: Archie

Wisdom: Isla

Compassion: Lillie

Messages from the Office.

School of the Term!

We had a very exciting email that told us that our brilliant Year 3 children have been awarded 'School of the Term' by Martin, who has been joining us from North Devon Cricket Club to teach our Year 3s about cricket. Martin was very impressed with the attitude and engagement shown by our Year 3 children and staff - we were awarded with some new cricket resources. Great work Year 3!

Competition Time

To promote our children's love for reading, we would like you to send in a picture of your child reading in an unusual place / setting. These pictures will be displayed in our library area and there will be a small prize for the most creative. The winner will be announced on the last day of term in our celebration worship.

In the interest of health and safety - No dogs accompanying children to and from school are allowed on the school site, this includes dogs being carried.

Following concerns raised by parents can we remind you to drive with due care and consideration when dropping off and picking up from school. Thank you.

Appledore Baptist Church will be hosting an event on 18th May at 4pm as part of the Appledore Christian Music Festival. Join Dougie Dug Dug and his crazy assistants for a 90-minute concert full of song, puppets and some really fun experiments using dry ice and other chemicals to explore energy, gases and the power of air. Tickets cost £2 per child and £1 per adult. Please book early as space is limited. For more information and to book visit the Facebook event at <https://fb.me/e/1Q1Ga8UVI>

Looking ahead to 2025! Year 4 PGL Beam House. We will soon be setting up payment plan for this trip on Arbor our new Parent Portal. We will send out a text message to all children whose places have been secured once this has been set up.

We are working hard on getting quotes for the year 6 trip to London, this will take a little more time as not all prices are available yet for 2025.

Upcoming Key Dates

Year 4 Exmoor Zoo 21st May

Sports Day Wednesday 22nd May

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

Under 11's Girls Football Final at Newton Abbott 23rd May

Big Sheep Music Festival 23rd May

Pentecost Service 24th May (Baptists Church Westward Ho!)

Year 5 Plymouth Aquarium 4th June leave at 08:15am

Year 6 Crealy 5th June leave at 08:30am

Summer Fayre Friday 28th June