



St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 5th February 2021



Children's Mental Health Week

Mrs Knox has been posting some lovely activities during the week linked to wellbeing and resilience. I can see from our on-line classrooms that children have been enjoying them both in school and at home. I was also very impressed with the thoughtful responses from the children to the School Council debate this week: Is this lockdown easier or harder than before? There was a real mix of opinions— many children are finding the school work and live meetings much better, but the colder weather means less time playing outside! It is evident that our children at home are really missing their school and their friends and many children are really worried about the threat of covid and missing loved family members. There was a feeling of hope from the comments too, with the vaccine roll-out well under way.

From next week we will be introducing a screen –free afternoon once a week. This will be on a Wednesday for most year groups, but on a Friday for Year 1 and Year 5, to avoid their PE day. Teachers will set some screen free activities, which do not need to be handed in (as this requires screen time!) It is hoped that these afternoons will provide a break from the intensity of home-learning in front of a computer screen and will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of the family as a whole.

Marking and Feedback

There have been several parental queries about marking and feedback. Please see the attached document explaining how to access the feedback provided electronically by teachers.

Best wishes to the following pupils who are celebrating a birthday this week:

Iona M. Amulya V. Charlotte E. Evie K.
Henry L. Chenchen N. William R.
Charlotte W. Harry F. Oliver F. Issac S.



Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to all parents, who have put themselves forward for this important position as Parent Governor of our school. The link to access and complete the electronic ballot form has been sent out to all parents. It can also be accessed via this link.

https://eu.operoo.com/public_forms/161263/new

The deadline for completion is midnight next Thursday 11th February.

Zoom Prayer Meeting

If you would like to join us to pray for our school community on Thursday 11th February at 9.20am, please contact the office for the [link](#).

Whilst we remain in full lockdown, we are asking that all parents and children going to and from school to maintain social distancing and children should avoid congregating and playing together as the trip to and from school is not an opportunity for social contact in the middle of a pandemic. Please also remember that you must only collect drop off or collect your own children or as part of an established childcare bubble.

This is to protect everybody in our school community and beyond.



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Junior Awards...

Orange Class: Finn W. —For working really hard in all his home-school work— great effort all round!

Eva-Rose A.- For trying her best in all her school work, especially in her maths!

Purple Class: Lois A.- For having some excellent home school sessions this week.

Oliver D. - For expressing some lovely thoughts about resilience in RE.

Brown Class: Chris & Nic C.- For their fantastic classroom design thinking carefully about how to amplify and absorb sound.

Magnus M.- For writing an excellent poem and having the courage to perform it in front of the class.

White Class: Georgia G.— for perseverance and hard work, leading to great progress!

Molly W.— for a fabulous presentation about Molly's Magic Museum.

Mauve Class: Enguan A.- for making such a brilliant and courageous start in Mauve Class and making a huge effort to join in on line.

Esme C.— For being extremely kind, helpful and welcoming towards a new member of our class.

Youssef H.— for showing such a positive and hardworking attitude towards school.

Grey Class: Carys M.- . For always giving 100% when learning both in school and at home.

Charlotte T.— for working hard to use new technology and becoming more confident in sharing her knowledge.

Silver Class: Anya P. - For really improving her attitude to home learning and I am really pleased with the effort she is making.

Freya C.- Freya always works hard and has a very positive attitude to her work

Cian N.- For showing such a positive, hard-working attitude in school.

Gold Class: Ollie T.- For having a great attitude towards your learning at home and for submitting some fantastic pieces of work

Seba A.- For her fantastic attitude towards home learning.

Ethan M. - For listening to suggestions and acting on the advice given in order to improve your work.

Infant Awards

Red Class: Zander C.-For thoughtful discussions this week when looking at the special Holy Books of different religions.

James L.- For making a huge effort to improve his hand-writing!

Blue Class: Kartal I.—For a fantastic start to our school and making a huge effort to join in the online sessions.

Rose M.- For being so much more independent and resilient in the classroom.

Green Class: Lila W.— for producing a very impressive collage of Penshaw Monument with a background wash.

Lewis D.— for trying really hard with all of his school work.

Rainbow Class: Florence B.—creating a fantastic piece of artwork based on Penshaw Monument

James K.— for working really hard in all his home-school work. He consistently hands in amazing pieces of work.

Yellow Class: Hester M— For fantastic work at home in all lessons, but especially RE, thinking about our values.

Evangeline M.— For always taking part in lessons when she is in school and at home.

Lilac Class: .Aria A.- Always taking part in lessons at home and trying yet best.

Fraser M.- Always actively taking part in lessons and sharing some fantastic ideas.

Simply Sport will be running some half term activity clubs. Please click on the link below for more information.

www.simplysportltd.co.uk



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