



St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 23rd April 2021



Covid Update

Any adult requiring to self-isolate as a result of a positive Coronavirus test may be eligible for Test and Trace Support Payments. Please copy the link below into your internet browser for the eligibility criteria:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme>

If any parents/carers need support in completing the digital on-line form for accessing Test and Trace Support Payments, you can contact Durham County Council on 03000 260000. If you require any other support to self-isolate then you can contact County Durham Together Community Hub on 03000 260 260 or email

School Council News

This week the School Council met where we were greeted with a letter from Mrs Tait in response to our first ever class vote using Smart School Council. This is a system which ensures all pupils are heard which is led by our school council reps. The letter was very well received and the class reps then shared the letter back with their classes.

It was lovely having all the class reps together, socially distanced, in their bubbles. We feel quite excited that our ideas are being listened to and look forward to using the new software to ensure we continue to be heard. If you would like to keep up to date with our meetings, please head to the School Council section on our school website.

Thank you for your support and patience with our new video-conferencing system for Parent-Teacher Meetings. For the vast majority of families, the system worked really well, however there were some technological issues for some, including our school server re-booting itself at 6pm on Wednesday night! If your arranged meeting did not take place due to a technological problem, please contact the office to arrange a phone call consultation with your child's class teacher.

We will be arranging an open evening before the end of term, if Covid restrictions allow, to give you the opportunity to come in and look at your child's work.

It's official...!!

Year 4 are World Record Breakers— school has received official notification and a super smart certificate to display. Their efforts were also included in an international showcase of creativity seen in Durham schools during lockdown.



Year 6 have taken part in a wellbeing workshop delivered by Rainbow's End this week. This involved thinking about ways they can manage with the changes coming up for them in the near future, including a move to secondary school. They also thought about how their lives have been affected by the Covid pandemic and were given strategies and advice to deal with their feelings and emotions.

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

Alex C	Emily S	Sonny B
Amanda C	Jessica S	Bobby C
Aaradhya V	Meredith W	Sophie B
Georgia W	Felicity M	Emma N



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Junior Awards...

Orange Class: Megan P-M for her consistently excellent attitude to her school work.

Purple Class: Hannah L.– for trying extra hard to improve her phonics and reading

Brown Class: Rebecca D-for fantastic participation in our Roman day.

Alex C.– for his wonderful attitude, focus and effort during RE and French this week.

White Class: – Sally S.– for such a positive attitude to work, always giving her best in all lessons.

Mauve Class: Isaac S– for making an excellent start to his double page information text this week.

Grey Class: Chialuka N- for his improved attention and concentration during literacy and maths group work.

Silver Class: Alex C– for settling back into school really well, producing some excellent work and presenting a very positive attitude towards his learning.

Gold Class: Emma B– for being a kind, caring and polite member of the class and for also being very responsible when taking on the role of Gold Class Librarian.



Infant Awards

Red Class: Harriet L– for writing some fantastic facts about minibeasts.

Charles W.– for creating a super piece of artwork in the style of Matisse's 'The Snail'.

Blue Class: Joseph A.– for writing some fantastic facts about minibeasts.

Mia V.– for fantastic maths using tens frames to identify numbers beyond 10.

Green Class: Charlotte B. -for a big improvement with her independent writing.

Emily Mc– for trying her best with everything she does.

Rainbow Class: Edward J.– for being such a kind and caring friend to everyone in Rainbow Class.

Matthew R.– for excellent problem solving with his Maths challenges.

Yellow Class: Freya K. for fantastic sketching in Art. She used charcoal to add shade to her miner's lamp.

Casper W.– for being a Lexia superstar!

Lilac Class: Ellie V.-for her excellent listening skills.

Constance Y– for her fantastic sketch of a miner's lamp.



The Friends of St Margaret's (FOSM) and Jenny Ulyatt Art would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase a beautiful academic year calendar (2021-2022), featuring Jenny's paintings.

Calendars cost £10. Jenny Ulyatt has once again very kindly offered to donate the profits to FOSM funds.

To order (& for further information) please copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2FVnwSCZE1rrqQKqLR9&data=04%7C01%7Cp3168.admin%40durhamlearning.net%7C51acffd83184402d71b608d905d98c89%7C45dff5283644d73bf3a8f98bdf10d87%7C0%7C0%7C637547254772713753%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoicMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=IY5DT1hNYUK60dUgKh6m5YJjPj2LuhnFGLxt4mpH%2FX4%3D&reserved=0>

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Year Group

Messages & Reminders

Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	Grey class will have Forest Schools on Thursday 29th April and Mauve class on Friday 30th April.
Year 6	
Whole School	<p>PLEASE MOVE AWAY FROM THE ROAD LEADING DOWN TO THE MAIN SCHOOL GATE AFTER DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN. THE CONGESTION AROUND THIS AREA IS MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING.</p> <p>If your child has Forest Schools, please can they bring outdoor shoes to wear for Forest Schools and a pair of shoes to change into afterwards.</p>