



# St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 22nd October 2021



## Sports News

### Football

Our girl's football team showed great resilience this week, coming back from two close defeats to win their third match. Our Year 6 boys football team won all three of their matches last night and didn't concede any goals. They are the proud winners of the CB Watson Memorial Trophy.



### Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children from years 3,4,5 and 6, who represented our school at the Durham school's cross country competition yesterday. There were some amazing individual performances in all races. Our Year 3/4 boys, Year 5/6 boys and Year 5/6 girls were overall winners and will go through to the county finals.

## Night-time Survival

30 Year 6 children spent Thursday evening in Flass Vale, where they did some orienteering, played some games and built dens by torch light. The children worked brilliantly together in teams and had lots of fun!



## Nevilles Cross Art Competition

Thank you to all who sent in entries for the Battle of Nevilles Cross Art Competition. All entries are presently on display in St. John's Church and look fabulous! Our winning entry was designed and created by Henry Long in Rainbow Class. Henry and our two year 6 readers, Esme and Alex, attended a service at the church on Monday to commemorate the 675th anniversary of the Battle of Nevilles Cross.



## School Grounds

We are really lucky to have such beautiful grounds. When waiting for children to come in or be picked up from school, please help us to maintain them by reinforcing our school values—we care for our school both inside and outside.

## Drama Workshop

All of our Year 6 children went down to Durham School to take part in a drama workshop and a History lesson all around the theme of World War 2. This was a really exciting and informative opportunity for our children, and they enjoyed it very much.



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## School Council News

Mrs Barker and Mrs Curry are taking the lead in relaunching School Council this year. This now means that EVERY child in our school is now a member! We will also have a Communication Team (two / three members from years 4,5 and 6) who will work together to think of questions we can ask in our fortnightly class meetings (led by the In Class Leader) and liaise with staff and school council members. From the meetings, they will then work with the Action Team (from all year groups) who will take points from the meeting and take action! This means children may ask to be in the Action Team if they feel passionate about particular areas that school council are working on. Children have been invited to apply for the roles above, and have taken application forms home ready to return by Wednesday 3rd of November. We are really excited to relaunch and can't wait to share with you ideas which emerge.

## Thrive at St Margaret's

As a school we use an approach called 'Thrive'. Thrive is a specialist intervention programme which supports children with their emotional health, well-being and social skills; all of which are fundamental in enabling children to feel safe and happy and in turn being able to be ready to learn.

Thrive is based on up to date brain science and research into child development. It helps all the staff in our school to adapt their approach to individual children to build self-esteem, well-being and positive behaviour.

The Thrive Approach offers practical, effective tools and techniques that work, built around a web-based assessment and action planning tool. This is underpinned by a programme of training and mentoring support. The trained thrive staff in our school are Mrs McNichols and Mrs Knox.

For more information about the Thrive approach please find attached Embracing Thrive: A parents Guide or visit the Thrive website, [www.thriveapproach.co.uk](http://www.thriveapproach.co.uk)

### **Best wishes to the following pupils who are celebrating a birthday this week and over half term:**

Millie B Rebecca D Katia E  
Esmee T Sebastian C Ethelin H  
Benjamin L Isabella P William P  
Hugo S Molly W Ivy W  
Isabella O Sienna S Bethany R



Thank you to all who contributed towards the Friends' funds and came into school looking fabulous in your own clothes. We will let you know the total raised in due course.

I wish you all a very relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 1st November.

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## Year Group Messages & Reminders



Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	<p>Year 3 PE will be on Monday 1st November instead of Wednesday.</p> <p>Orange class will no longer need to be in a bubble after half term and will go back to normal.</p> <p>Year 3 will be visiting the Hancock Museum on Tuesday 2nd November.</p>
Year 4	<p>Year 4 Swimming will start again the week beginning 8th November.</p>
Year 5	
Year 6	
Whole School	<p>The new Autumn/Winter menu is attached and will start after half term, however some meals may change as Taylor Shaw are finding it difficult to source some of the ingredients.</p> <p>Please see the link below from Mrs Burdon about the Durham University online Science festival during half term.</p> <p><a href="#">Celebrate Science at Home - Durham University</a></p> <p>Just a reminder that parents evening appointments are available to book on SchoolCloud from 4pm tomorrow (Saturday 23rd October).</p>