

St Margaret Ward Newsletter

Summer Edition

July 2017



Whole-school attendance is

95.9%

(Target is 96%)

Reception - 96.1%

Year 1 - 95.8%

Year 2 - 95.9%

Year 3 - 97.2%

Year 4 - 95.1%

Year 5 - 96.3%

Year 6 - 95.7%

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Have a lovely Summer holiday!

Dear Parents and Guardians, So another school year is at an end and your children are another year older. This time always provides a mixture of excitement and sadness. There is excitement about going on Summer holidays and getting to spend extra time with families. However, there is also a little bit of sadness about farewells which we have to say.

The children say bye to the teacher who has guided them through the past year, while Year 6 say goodbye to St Margaret Ward as they embark on exciting new adventures at high school. In addition, we are saying farewell to three members of staff. Miss Burgess is moving to a school in Manchester. We would like to say a big thank you for the excellent work she has done in Reception this year. We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Masheder from maternity leave this term, however we now have to say bye again. Mrs Masheder - who joined the school

in 2008 - is moving out of the area to teach at a school closer to where she grew up. Thank you for all you have done for our children in those years. Finally, Mrs Maclure, who has been associated with St Margaret Ward on and off for the last 32 years, is leaving to begin enjoying a well-deserved retirement. She has given so much to the school in many ways in all those years from being headteacher to Year 6 booster teacher. We will all be forever grateful for the massive difference you have made to our families and our community. We will miss Miss Burgess, Mrs Masheder and Mrs Maclure - but they will always be welcome back anytime. Father Ned helped us end our term in a lovely way earlier today with a Mass for all our Year 6 and staff leavers. May I finish by wishing you and your families a lovely Summer and we will see (most of) you again in September.

Thank you for your support.
Mr Hughes



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Goodbye and good luck Y6!

Year 6 rounded off a very successful time at St Margaret Ward with their Leavers' Show for their families. They thrilled their audience with a Britain's Got Talent-style performance. 'Ant' and 'Dec' were excellent hosts to a thrilling show of magicians, comedians, singers, dancers and rappers. 'David', 'Amanda', 'Aleesha' and, of course 'Simon' did a great job as the judges.



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Hall of Fame

Congratulations to these pupils who achieved 100% attendance in 2016/17:

Noah Ascott, Liam Burney, Lilly Coupe, William Gray, Tyla McEachern, Rhys Norwood, Emmeline Parry-Williams, George Patterson, Maria Rinu, Morgan Stacey, Nadine Timperley, Ola Tope-Agboola, Tolu Tope-Agboola, Munachi Udejaja

Well done to our Headteacher Award winners from the Summer term:

Thomas Gilliver, Jessica Parry-Williams, Ewan Roberts, Aimee-Grace Davenport, Jessica Bradley, Isabella Parkes, Alex Abbott, Greg Purakkariyil, Alfie Davenport, Alex Clow, Darnell Fearon, Riley Morris, Jude England, Callum Stout, Adam Keane, Haydn Brogan, Liam Teatum, Charlie Abbott, Kaitlin Hibbert, Millie Downey, Remy Marshall, Jean-Paul Machunda, Frankie Poad, Freya-Mai Cleary, Maisie Stuart, Jack Pacitto, Rahul Deenah, Connor Armit, Matilda Brookbanks, Libby Hope, Leo Berry, Niall Ascott, Sophie Hope, Austin Gaulton, Joe Clow, Harvey Atkinson, Emily Coupe, Josh Glynn, George Faragher, Oliver Jordan-Frere, Daniel Kouatila, Harry Faragher, Brooke Wilson, Ebony Otoo, Clara Ford, Tolu Tope-Agboola

Congratulations to those awarded a 'Heart of Gold' this term:

Chloe Boateng, Harry Faragher, Lillyia McCloy, Cian O'Grady, Elliot Ashurst, Isaac Saunders



Grandparents' afternoon

We hope you know how much we value and nurture our strong family ethos at St Margaret Ward. We recognise that grandparents often make a huge contribution to their grandchildren's learning and development. In recognition of this special relationship, we hosted a Grandparents' Reading Afternoon for the whole school. Grandparents were invited in to share a book with their grandchild(ren) and in total 64 turned up from near and far. The children were absolutely thrilled to see them in school - it was lovely to see so many children and grandparents cuddled up and engrossed in the story books they shared. Feedback from everyone was wonderfully positive too. We hope to host more family events in the future. Thanks to everyone who was able to support this event.

Music extravaganzas

The halls and corridors were alive with the sound of music in the last couple of weeks of term. First of all, Year 4 performed in a trombone concert for their parents. Thank you to Mr Fitton for getting them so well prepared. Then, later in the week, the school came together for a singing assembly to showcase the songs they had been learning with Miss Ashton. Mr Hughes, who promised to learn to play the piano when he started in January, opened the assembly as he showed the audience what he had learned so far. He has now promised to play again at an assembly in December to update us on his progress. Keep practising! After his warm-up act,

the children performed songs from Michael Jackson, Will Smith and American Authors among others. Well done to the children and Miss Ashton. There will be more opportunities for music next year...listen out for details!

Wonderful water fun!

The School Council, with the help of Mrs Cook and Mrs Stewart, did a great job of organising an afternoon of water fun for the whole school from Nursery to Year 6. Children brought in water guns to soak each other and there was a soapy slide to fly down as well. But the fun wasn't just for the children. The staff got involved as well. Sometimes it was difficult to tell the difference! Just ask Mr Thompson and Mr Coyle!

Holy Communion 2017

There were 20 children from school and the Parish who made their First Holy Communion in the Summer term this year. Thank you to Father Ned for his support with our school as ever. Also we're very grateful for the work of Mr Coyle and Mrs Boyle for preparing the children so well for such a lovely First Holy Communion service, as well as further services for the Parish and the school.

St Margaret Ward Farm

Bowland Farm visited our school earlier this month with the children from Nursery upwards getting an opportunity to stroke the various animals from alpacas to lambs. The Toddler Group were also involved in the event organised by Mrs Murphy.

Win bikes for all Year 5

Year 5 pupil Clara Ford has made the final five in a Halfords competition to design a bike helmet. Now you can help her win a bike for all of her classmates! All you have to do is to like her entry on the Facebook page of Halfords. The most likes will win. Be quick the deadline is Wednesday 19th at noon.