

St Margaret Ward Newsletter

Spring 2 Edition

April 2017



Whole-school attendance is

96.1%

(Target is 96%)

Reception - 97.7%

Year 1 - 95.6%

Year 2 - 96.1%

Year 3 - 97.4%

Year 4 - 94.9%

Year 5 - 96.2%

Year 6 - 95.3%

Message from Mr Hughes....

Dear Parents and Carers, Easter is upon us and Spring term at St Margaret Ward is complete. There have been so many wonderful things happening across the school - from the super to the sublime to the ridiculous. Ridiculous? We had a life-sized chicken walking the Nursery and Reception children around the playground this week for their Easter bonnet parade! Thank you, Mrs Reid! The Easter egg competition, organised by Mrs Cook, threw up some marvellous creations and even better puns, including Egg Sheeran and Take Splat! Egg-cellent effort everyone! Keeping on the Easter theme, this week began with a magnificently moving re-telling of the Easter story by children in Years 3 and 4.

Well done to all of them and to Mrs Delury for her hard work in putting the performance together. It was lovely to see the school and Parish community come together for such a special moment. I know from the comments afterwards that you were equally as proud and appreciative of the children as we were. Please enjoy reading in this newsletter about 'some' of the other events which have happened in this past half-term. It's only 'some' because we don't have space for everything. However you can see more school news by looking at our Twitter account (@SMWprimary). Please follow us if you don't already. Finally, may I wish you and your families a very happy and holy Easter. Thank you for your support. Mr Hughes

New football kit brings winning start for girls' team



WE DID IT: The girls show off their trophies after their success in the Sale and Partington Girls' League

Our girls' football team got off to a winning start wearing the new school kit. The Year 5 and 6 team finished as group winners in the Sale and Partington Primary Schools' League. They topped the other teams after five wins and three draws from the eight games at Crossford Bridge. It was their first time wearing the kit provided by Brookies Removals, who kindly answered the appeal in the last newsletter for a sponsor.

The girls impressed Colin and the crowd with their great teamwork and sportsmanship. After winning the group, they were then just edged out in the play-off final by St Joseph's. However, they still each came home with a huge trophy for their efforts.

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Diary dates

Apr 26 - First Communion parents' meeting (6.30 at All Saints)

May 8 - KS2 SATS week

May 13 - First Communion Mass at church (12pm)

May 16 - Whole School Mass (9.15)

May 20 - First Communion Celebration Mass for Parish (5.30)

May 26 - Finish for Whit holidays

Hall of Fame

Well done to our Headteacher Award winners from Spring 2 term:

Malachi Mayo, Evie Locketti, James Chan, Caleb McGlinn, Matilda Brookbanks, Laila Wilson, Isaac Saunders, Jacob Nie, Chloe Boateng, Lewis Hayes, Lillyia McCloy, Cian O'Grady, Munachi Udeaja, Jacob Gaulton, Alfie Davenport, Darcie Dobson, Amira Latty, Emily Armitt, Jaye Stenson, Emileigh Hayes, Michael Iyiola, Maria Rinu, Olivia Robinson, Noah Ascott, Halle-Jerri Carty, Ben Wright, Osian Terzo, Laura Phelps, Kali Deenah, Holly Warburton.

Congratulations to those awarded a 'Heart of Gold':

Ruby Owen
Maria Skwara
Lachlan O'Grady
Mae Robinson
Niamh Ball

Egg-cellent work from our Easter Egg winners:

KS1 - Eloise de Fouw (from Year 2)
KS2 - Ekene Udeaja (from Year 4)

World Book Day delight

World Book Day was celebrated across the school with children and teachers dressing as their favourite book characters. There was also a 'Storysacks' session for Nursery parents in Bright Stars. More than 30 parents joined their children to share stories, using the puppets in the sacks to bring them to life. One parent commented: "It's so nice to have the chance to be with my child in school and learning together."

Sporting successes

There has been another half-term full of sporting opportunities for our children. All year groups from Years 1 to 6 took part in dance sessions based on History/Geography topics. This finished with each class performing their dance to rest of school. Videos of these dances can be seen on our Twitter feed (@SMWprimary). Our tag rugby team finished a very respectable third in a competition organised by Trafford Metrovics, while our netball stars starred in matches against St Mary's and Brooklands. Meanwhile, Laura from Year 4 represented the school superbly in a sports festival at Manor Academy. Class 2 also excelled in the South Trafford multi skills festival at Altrincham Leisure Centre.

Kathy's Centre help

We were delighted to support a Nursery in Uganda in memory of our late colleague, Kathy Smedley. Mrs Smedley helped set up our Nursery many years ago. After leaving our school, she helped found the Act4Africa charity. Kathy sadly passed away in 2014. The Ugandan nursery, which has just been built, is to be named 'Kathy's Centre'. We asked for you to donate toys and games for the centre - and your generosity was wonderful. Her husband, Martin, came in to school to talk to the children - and he collected the toys to take to Uganda the following day. We will have an update on Kathy's Centre in the Summer term.

Fundraising events

It's important to also acknowledge your generosity in other fundraising events which have taken place in school this past half-term. The Movie Night, organised by Friends of St Margaret Ward, raised £471. The knitted Easter chicks, sold in aid of Francis House Hospice, will allow a donation of £250 to be made by the school. On the international front, we raised £372 for the East Africa Appeal through the own clothes day. This was boosted by a cake sale in Year 6. Thank you everyone!



OUR SCHOOL: We asked our staff what makes St Margaret Ward such a lovely school. The image above shows the words that were said most often. What do you think makes our school so wonderful?