

# Margaret Coates Centre

## Newsletter No: 9

### Friday 8th February 2019



The last three weeks at the Margaret Coates Centre have been a hive of activity as the children begin to explore in more depth their new topics. Plus a wonderful day or two in the snow! We have also had some wonderful assemblies presented by the children on the topic of creativity. So far this series we have had cookies, animation, artwork, LED circuits, online building, comic books and information books. Thank you to parents for supporting the children with their assembly projects. I feel proud to be involved with such a wonderful group of young people and staff and have such supportive families. You may have noticed that Rachel has not been in Silver class. She has been away due to illness and is hoping to be back after half term, we wish her the very best for a speedy recovery.

**Parents Forum Coffee Morning** ~This is an opportunity for parents to meet with Michael and share their thoughts on the Centre and contribute ideas to the plan for development of the Margaret Coates Centre as well as have refreshments and some homemade snacks prepared by the children. If you are unable to attend but would like to send your thoughts and ideas please do share via email or phone or arrange to come in and meet at a more suitable time.

**Art Exhibition - "Seeing it my way"** ~As part of Autism awareness week (1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April) we are organising an art exhibition involving a number of schools and services for children, young people and adults with autism. We are interested in seeking sponsorship for the event and helpers so please do get in touch if you have any ideas. Further information will be coming out soon.

**Lunchtime Activities** ~The new programme for Lunchtime clubs is in full swing. Please see the opportunities below and remind your child to join in if they would like to.

Mon	Monday & Gardening	Claire and Jenny
Tue	Swing & Electronics/Programming (KS2)	Heather and Michael
Wed	School Council (Platinum) & Construction	Michael and Bridget
Thu	Art	Lisbet
Fri	Skittles	Jess/Megan

**FOMCU fundraising** ~A huge thankyou to Tom Madicott who opened up Moles Nightclub to a fundraising event with the help of Norman Cook AKA Fat Boy Slim. The event has raised over **£5000!** The money raised will be used to create new sensory provision for all the children and we are currently working to create lighting and projectors to create sensory environments in each classroom. Watch this space for more updates on this exciting project.

**Reading App** ~Please have a look at the Nessy reading app. This can also be logged on through the internet. There is a log in button on the webpage for Nessy.

**Secret word:** physicaltooth

**Real name:** Your child's name with capital letters and a space e.g. Michael Bogg

**Monkey Login:** Your child's name with no capitals or spaces e.g. michaelbogg

This app is suitable for children that have begun to look at letters and sounds but will also support learning up to KS2.

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### Home support

Please remember to get in touch if you would like any support at home. We are able to provide ideas and support with social stories, behaviour support and also home visits and home rules. My office based days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings if you need to call. Staff are always around for a chat after school also. Thank you Michael Bogg, Centre Manager.

### DATES

12<sup>th</sup> February – Riding Silver/Gold group

13<sup>th</sup> February - Parents coffee morning

27<sup>th</sup> March – Dance Umbrella (2 Tickets available at £7.50 from school per pupil taking part additional tickets available through Bath Forum)

1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April – Autism Awareness week. Art Exhibition date to be confirmed



**Silver Class** has had a great week with all the children making some good progress in English. As always they have also experienced a lot of fun learning activities from swimming to sensory play and art based pieces of work.



**Gold Class** – The children have been continuing their exploration of polar landscapes. In Science this week we tried to discover how polar animals keep warm in such freezing temperatures. Wearing protective gloves we covered our hands in Trex (Vegetable fat) and placed them between two bags of oil in a bowl of ice to discover how important fat is as an effective insulator and not just the animals' skin and fur alone.



**Platinum Class** – Have enjoyed their science session investigating Mentos and Diet cola. The experiment was part of the topic on irreversible changes. The children have also enjoyed planting up their micro greens and seeing the first shoots of green as well as making bird food for the garden and making volcanoes with biscuits and squirty cream.

