

# St Margaret's C.E.P. School

## Newsletter

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### Wonderful writing

In the last newsletter (which I understand you may have received in excess of 10 copies –apologies!), I wrote about the expectations for times tables. Some children have been updating me on their progress... well done.

As a school we are also working hard to improve children's writing especially focusing on punctuation. For Open Evening, there will be a board displaying an example of work from each year group. In the meantime, the following work from Discovery Class will soon be published in the Parish Magazine but I think we should celebrate it here too.

As a class, we have been reading 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We have looked particularly at the use of imagery and figurative language such as similes, metaphors, personification and onomatopoeia, trying to use these techniques in our own writing. Enjoy reading it ....

A summary of the poem by Charlie - Year 6:

*In this romantic poem, a highwayman falls in love with an innkeeper's daughter, Bess. The robber promises to return with gold the next day. Jealous, Tim the ostler reports the highwayman to the King's men and the highwayman is led into a trap like a mouse being enticed out of its hole by cheese. Bess sacrifices herself to warn him. It works. As he hears the shot, he turns and races down the road.*

*When he hears Bess is dead, the highwayman flies into a furious rage but little does he know that when he returns, the redcoats are lying in wait!*

We also wrote a scene building up to a highway robbery, working particularly on building a vivid picture for our readers:

*Hidden in the woodlands, camouflaged in a cloak of green, the robber sat on his horse. He gripped and regripped the reins every time he thought he heard the distant sound of horse hooves clopping on the leaf-scattered ground. Suddenly, the faint sound of a whip echoed through the eerie forest, alerting and readying the highwayman who gripped the leather reins. A sickening smile spread across his face. It was time.*

By Jess - Year 6

*In a murky meadow, situated a few paces from the road, a cloaked figure stood, hidden in the shelter of the darkness. The grey mare by his side started nuzzling into him, almost knocking his jaunty hat askew. Dead trees leant tauntingly over the road. The carriage came into earshot, steadily rolling along the leaf strewn road, staring up at the mighty trees.*

By Harris - Year 6

*Darkness. Partial Darkness. In the shadow of the night, the predator is getting ready to chase his prey. The tattoo of multiple horses grew louder and louder like an ever-growing drum roll. Tlot-tlot, tlot-tlot as the horse's hooves greet the floor. As the suspicious driver tightens the reins, the highwayman's confidence slips; not*

*ready to give up yet, the thief slips backwards into the shadows .....It was time!*

By Emily - Year 5

Well done to you all.

### Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's launched their Active Kids scheme again on Wednesday. Last year we collected 3700 vouchers and we took delivery of bean bags, an outdoor tepee and large dance scarves as well as baking trays for the kitchen. All donations of vouchers would be most appreciated.

### Book Fair

Children will be issued with a £1 book token today which can be redeemed against certain books. We will be hosting a Book Fair at school during the last week of this term. Books can be purchased during the forthcoming Open Evenings. The pupils will be given an opportunity to browse during the school day.

### A few dates in advance.....

Thurs 4th May Polling Day—school open as usual

Mon 8th May SATS week for Year 6

Mon 5th June Staff Development Day

Tues 4th July 1.30pm Sports Day (Reserve Wed 5th)

*Enjoy the weekend.*