

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

## Newsletter

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### Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's have now finished issuing their school vouchers. We would be pleased to receive these by the 30th June. We currently have 5000+. A great result.

### Batteries.....Recycling Challenge!

Although we already have a battery recycling box, we have recently signed up with a KCC initiative where any batteries collected between the 1st May and the 1st December will be weighed and we will receive vouchers to buy school equipment. The more batteries we collect, the greater the voucher. All donations gratefully received.

### Skiing

Four of our pupils Harris Mitchell, Eloise Emerson and Elyse and Freya Kerr recently entered the Kent School Ski Championships at Brentwood Ski Centre. They performed well against some fierce competition this year. A particular well done to Freya who achieved fourth place in her age group.... It was the first time for either Freya or Elyse to ski on a dry slope. Well done to you all. Many thanks go to the Mitchell family for organising this event.

### Year 6 Venture Week

Despite some of the wettest weather I have encountered on a residential since I started accompanying children in 2002, the children were fantastic. If I had to identify one aspect which really struck me this year, it was the willingness of the whole group to attempt every

adventurous activity be it zip wire, abseiling or the leap of faith.

Below are 2 commentaries from Tal and Ruben.....

*Each May Year 6 accompany St. John's school from Maidstone to take part in PGL Venture Week. This year was set in Liddington in Wiltshire (near Swindon).*

*Throughout the week the children would take part in an astonishing number of activities – 21 in total! The activities started on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of May and ended on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*The majority of children enjoyed the Giant Swing above all as it gave them an adrenalin rush and made their hearts race (also it scared them!)*

*Personally, I thought that the week has shown us to be more independent and resilient, therefore preparing us for secondary school. One way in which we were taught to be independent was that we had to take care not just of ourselves but also people around us too. In addition, if we wanted to do something we couldn't rely on teachers or our parents to do it for us, instead we had to do it.*

*Finally the experience taught us to spend our money wisely as you were only given £10.00, so if you spent it all at once (which I didn't) it meant you could not buy anything else. I have learnt to look after myself better. **Tal***

*Last week, Year 6 joined with St. John's School in Maidstone to go on Venture Week at Liddington PGL in Wiltshire.*

*My favourite activity was the giant swing because I conquered my fear of heights and discovered that I enjoyed going up high. It was great fun and I was extremely glad that I pushed myself to try something new.*

*Luckily, on day one lunch was served when we arrived – pizza! I knew then it was going to be a good week. Not surpris-*

*ingly, my body filled with excitement and I broke out into a beaming grin. My tummy rumbled as the heavy scent of golden, freshly fried chips reached my nose. George and I collected our lunch on trays and quickly found our seating places in the gigantic food hall. It was great to sit on long tables talking to each other as we ate.*

*An ever-lasting memory I will take with me was when I pushed myself to climb Jacob's Ladder. It was painful but I kept trying and was very proud of myself when I reached the third rung.*

*I have learnt to persevere and show resilience during the week. **Ruben***

### Collection of Crosses

Have you seen the superb collection of crosses in the hall? Following an act of worship theme of changing our perspectives on the symbol of the cross, the children have responded so enthusiastically. Many thanks to Mrs Pring for sharing this idea with the school.

### Ballet

We are most grateful to Amelia Carrington-Lee who on Monday this week led ballet sessions for each year group. I am sure the children gained much from this experience.

### Finally...

Monday 5th June is a Staff Development Day. Children return to school on Tuesday 6th. Please remember that class and sporting photos are being taken the first day back so look smart everyone! In the meantime, may I wish you all a restful and hopefully sunny half term.