

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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Gymnastics Success

Mrs Bannon accompanied a group of children to the gymnastics Kent finals. I am delighted to report that the Year 5 and 6 group of children competed against 15 other finalists and came 3rd overall. Thank you to all the pupils in both teams and to Mrs Tyler, our sports partnership coach, who prepared them.

FOCSS

As another academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank every member of FOCSS and also to all who have supported them in their various ventures this year. The total of approximately £2800 raised at the Pet Show was another terrific result. The FOCSS AGM is set for 26th September—please do come along.

Swimming

As we come to the end of another year of swimming, achievement is once again impressive with 6 children in total swimming 1000m. Congratulations to all listed below who achieved these badges last week. (Eva and Evie achieved their 1000m in March)

50m William H

100m James, Rufus, Mia, Teddy

200m William S, Amelia

400m Skye, Amie, Freya, Connie, Lenny, Harriet, Beatrice, Oscar, Elliott and Sadie

600m Maisie

800m Faith, Emily, Clara

1000m Nicky, Sonny, Nancy, Lily

Clubs

Although clubs finished a couple of weeks ago, I would like to express my thanks to all staff who offer these invaluable opportunities in their own time either at lunchtimes or after school.

The largest school choir concerts in the world!

I am pleased to confirm that we have been successful in gaining a place to take part in the Young Voices 2018 concert at The O2 Arena. The concert isn't until February 2018 but the choir will be starting to practice and rehearse as soon as September arrives. Choir for Bramley and Discovery classes takes place on a Wednesday lunchtime from 12.05–12.35pm. Please encourage your child to join and be part of this amazing experience.

Performance—An Inspector Calls

Well done to all concerned with the end of year performances from Discovery Class. The singing was a particular strength and it certainly would have impressed any inspector who decided to call!

Story Competition

Recently the whole school took part in a writing competition. A short clip of film was used as the starting point. Various members of the Governing Body then judged the work and I am delighted to report the following winners:

Tommy in Russet, Eleanor in Pippin, Nancy in Bramley and Eloise in Discovery. Well done to you all.

Farewells

Earlier this week, we held an official farewell to Mrs Vicky Lake. She has been associated with the school for 9 years either as a parent, Teaching Assistant, Higher Level Teaching Assistant and most recently as a qualified teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution to the school displaying enthusiasm and dedication. We all wish her the very best as she takes up a teaching position at The Mead.

Tomorrow we will be saying farewell to Year 6. As part of the service, each child

will be receiving a dictionary from the Paddock Wood Lions who we are most grateful to. This year to mark the 100th year since the founding, they are donating 100 units of £100 to local causes. Further details are available from welfare@paddockwoodlions.co.uk or phone 0845 833 9564.

We wish Year 6 all the very best as they embark on the next stage of their journey. Good luck to you all.

Finally.....

As another academic year draws to a close, there's much to reflect upon. Nationally the frenetic pace of change within the education system may be slowing as those who govern are preoccupied with so much more. This is no bad thing! Primary schools are still getting to grips with the changes brought in with the revised National Curriculum and it would be good to enable these to become embedded and bear fruit.

Even taking account of the announcement earlier this week, school funding is certainly tighter. However, I am pleased to say that although 75% of our total income is spent on personnel, the most important resource in any school, our budget this year enables us to retain staffing levels.

It was satisfying to all concerned to have our successful school endorsed once again by OFSTED back in March and the new School Plan has clear milestones to address our one action point. As ever, thank you for your support towards the school. We wouldn't achieve as much as we do without it.

On behalf of the Governing Body and staff, may I wish you a very enjoyable summer holiday where families spend time together and feel recharged ready for the new academic year. Pupils return on Monday 4th September.