

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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What a term!

As we approach term 4, which last year had the disruption of flooding quickly followed by the first lockdown, perhaps that should be, what a year! I hope you enjoyed the wintery conditions at the beginning of the week which quickly followed what seemed to be almost daily flood warnings at one point. Thank you to all the staff who made it in to work so that we were able to continue to offer our key worker provision.

I would like to thank everyone for their perseverance and support for home learning. It seems such a different experience from last summer. We can all hope that this latest lockdown is over in a matter of weeks. I'm sure we will be provided with substantial guidance from government early next term and as soon as we do, we will be able to share with you our preparations for the reopening of school.

Staffing

Mrs Sue Van de Graaf who works alongside the Discovery Class team is leaving today. She is moving to Norfolk. I would like to thank her for her contribution to the school and wish her all the very best.

Dress to Express/ Pippin Class

Last week was Mental Health Week with a theme of Dress to Express. We certainly had an array of colourful outfits on various days from the children who are at school. A Zoom session was held by Pippin class where they had Spiderman, Disney Princesses, 3 girls as Elsa the snow queen, lots of

Marvel characters and Letty Howard had a fabulous wig, unicorn horns and sunglasses!

Mrs Bannon and Mrs O'Donohoe also asked the children to choose 2 non-screen activities from Pobble. They had chocolate cookies being baked as well as a variety of reading dens being made in the home. There was also disco dancing, bird feeder making, painting and drawing as well as an invention of a teleportation device which Elora used to travel from room to room! Wow!!

Update from Russet Class

Amongst making puppets in design technology, carrying out lots of practical science experiments and undertaking a colour treasure hunt, Russet Class have been enjoying working on the famous Judith Kerr book, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and consequently have been enjoying a tea party with their family as well as their toys!

News from Bramley Class

During Children's Mental Health Week, Bramley Class took part in a range of activities to 'Express Themselves'. Children were invited to dress to express themselves for their class zoom. They wore favourite items of clothing, fancy dress outfits, colours to reflect their mood and other items that had important memories. On Friday, they created collage mood boards to express themselves. Each board was unique and reflected what was important to each child.

Latest from Discovery Class

Discovery Class have been writing a sequel to the book they have been looking at, *'The Watertower'* by Gary

Crew. There are some budding authors among them! Attached to this newsletter is also a wonderful picture created by Lilly in Year 6 as part of an 'express yourself' art lesson.

Diary Dates

Mon 22nd Feb Start of term 4. School open for key worker children/ Remote Learning restarts.

Thurs 4th March World Book Day. This week the creative afternoons will focus on this annual event.

Tues 23rd/Thurs 25th Parent/Teacher consultations.

Wed 31st Last day of term 4

Thurs 1st April Staff Development Day

Fri 16th April Parents informed of Year R places for September 2021

Mon 19th April Start of term 5

Finally, a huge thank you to the parents who donated to our lovely lunchtime treat on Wednesday. It was an extremely kind gesture and I know it meant a huge amount to all the staff.

Finally....although again we look forward to another school holiday in unusual circumstances, I hope you all have a good time ensuring you have a substantial break from screens and all the remote learning that has been taking place. Don't forget to enjoy some pancakes too!

