

St Margaret's C.E.P. School
Newsletter
Learning as we grow, Growing as we learn, Rooted in Jesus

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Spiritual Garden

Before Christmas, a small group of children were involved in the 1st stage of planting up which included spring bulbs. The next stage is to create a short path which will be used to depict the Parable of the Sower, the school's biblical story which our vision is based upon. Staff have also been planning activities to use in this special place which will be opening very soon.

Swimming

The children listed below were successful in gaining the following badges at swimming just before Christmas:

5m—Connor, Victoria, Zach and Lily T

10m—Orla, Ellie-Mae and Lucia

15m—Robbie, Ivy

20m—Isaac

25m—Alfie, Joseph, Zara

50m—Arni, Arabella and Olivia

100m—Sophie M, Oscar, Willow and Pippa

200m—Olivia and Joshua

600m—Mason and Teddy

800m—Matilda

1000m—Sophie C

Annie and Emilia achieved 1000m back in the summer so they attempted 1500m but on this occasion, were beaten by the clock. Good luck for March.

A message from Kent Fostering and Supported Homes.....

Could this be the year you become a foster carer or host for Kent

County Council?

Kent Fostering and Supported Homes are looking for new carers and hosts to join our outstanding fostering community in helping to care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people. Being part of our team you'll receive excellent support, fantastic training opportunities and could really make a positive difference to a child's life.

If you'd like to find out more please have a look at our website kentfostering.co.uk or give us a call on 03000 420002.

Website update - Special Educational Need and Difficulties (SEND) and Mental Health

Our school website has been updated to reflect the work that we have been doing in school as a staff. Please look at these resources if you think they may be useful; both of these can be accessed by looking under the section 'School Information'.

Special Educational Need and Difficulties (SEND)

In the SEND section we have added a document called 'Adapting the Curriculum'. This details how we adapt the curriculum in the classroom with a range of different approaches to support children with their learning. This may be by adapting the environment, the process or the content of a lesson. On the SEND page we have also added an extra page for 'Additional advice for all parents and carers'. In this new area we have signposted to organisations, websites and resources that can be easily accessed by all parents and carers. These focus on areas of SEND, such as communication and interaction, autism, dyslexia and ADHD. If you know of any other

links or online resources that you have found useful, please let us know and we will update the website.

If you do have any specific concerns about your child and SEND, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Mental Health

In the Mental Health section we have detailed support which is available both in and out of school to support the mental health and well being of the whole family. There are a wide range of resources and services which you can access; these are available both locally and nationally. Once again, if you have any specific concerns please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Maidstone Museum

During the half term break, the museum are running craft sessions. More details can be found at: <https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/whats-on/events/february-half-term-2024>

Young Voices

What a success! This really is one of the highlights of the year and this one was no exception. The children were immersed in the rehearsal as much as the performance. Our small area of the O2 consisting of us and 3 other schools was complimented for behaviour and conduct by the steward. Thank you to Mrs Barton Holman for preparing us so well, to Mrs Bentley for dealing with the considerable organisation prior to going and to you as parents. Your thanks was greatly appreciated.

Have a good week.