



St Margaret's Academy

Snippets

5th October 2018

National Poetry Day

Staff and pupils around the school enjoyed creating and reading poetry to celebrate this year's National Poetry Day. The theme was that of 'Change' and some excellent poems and rhymes explored the idea of change in the seasons and how we manage changing circumstances in life. Well done to everyone who made a contribution to the many wonderful poems that are on display around the school today. See below some poems from Maaryah and Steven (S2) and from Mrs Cameron (HFT teacher).



Picture by Monika (S5)

Subject spotlight - Science

The St. Margaret's Academy Science Faculty would like to congratulate all of our students for their efforts in the 2017-18 academic year.

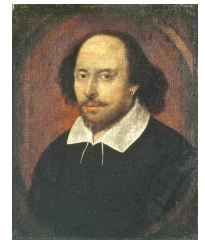
In S4, our students achieved the highest number of passes ever in National 5 Biology, Chemistry and Physics with 172 passes in total. In addition, almost all pupils who sat Laboratory Science gained a National 5 pass (87%). These excellent results reflect a great deal of hard work, and we are thrilled to see so many pupils enjoying Science subjects and striving for success.

In S5 and S6, Higher pupils in Biology, Chemistry and Physics worked hard to progress from their success at National 5. This resulted in 59 pupils gaining a qualification in at least one Higher Science subject (43 pupils in S5 and 16 pupils in S6), and a total of 90 passes across the three subjects. In addition to Highers, a number of S6 pupils gained Advanced Higher qualifications in Physics, Chemistry and Biology that will be invaluable in their university studies. We were delighted that the number of passes in all three subjects were higher than in 2016 and 2017.

We would like to wish our new S4-6 pupils all the best in their studies this year, and encourage them to keep persevering to achieve their goals. Finally, please keep an eye on the school app and Facebook page for details of upcoming opportunities for extra support, including our supported study programme.

Shakespeare dissected!

This week, Miss Cochran's S3 English class took part in an interdisciplinary lesson with Mr Shafat in Science on Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice". They explored the effects of losing a pound of flesh from different places in the body, complete with real-life props! It was a gruesomely great learning opportunity and a chance for pupils to think about the play in a different way. Thanks, Mr Shafat!



Young Enterprise

Calling all parents/adult family members.... Our S6 Young Enterprise Groups require a Business Advisor to compete in this year's competition. We would require you to be available on a Tuesday lunch time for 20 minutes either in person or via skype to support our young people in taking their ideas forward. We would also require you to complete a full PVG Disclosure. If you are interested and could commit some time to this exciting venture please contact the school office ASAP.

Miss K O'Hare - Business studies teacher

Fr Simon says...

As a life-long fan of Dr Who I am really looking forward to this Sunday evening at 6.45pm on BBC1. Dr Who has once again undergone an amazing transformation! However, with Dr Who it's only ever a physical transformation. God's love transforms human beings from INSIDE in the most amazing way. And that begins whenever we, like Mary, say 'YES' to God.

Modern Languages prize winner

The winner of the Slogan competition for the European Week of languages is Mikolt Zselepszki from S2 with her slogan: 'Make the Language plural'. Well done to Mikolt who will be presented with her prize (2 cinema tickets) at next week's S2 Assembly. (from the ML staff)

Maths senior study support sessions

Maths - Monday S4-6 National 5 3.30pm-4.30pm (Mr Murray and My Bringhurst) **Tuesday** S5/6 National 5 4-5pm (Mr Murray) **Wednesday** N5&Higher (Mr Fagan and Miss McNamee) **Friday** S5/6 N5 & Higher drop in session (Miss Norman)

West Lothian Leisure October holiday programme

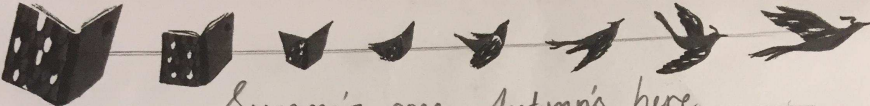
The October holiday programme is now available from West Lothian Leisure and can be accessed via our school website or directly at <https://www.westlothianleisure.com/media/2407/oct-hol-prog-2018-booklet-21-08-18.pdf>





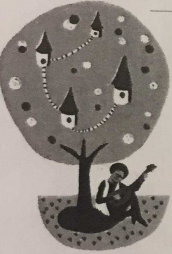
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- Autumn Angels - 3.10.18




Summer's gone, Autumn's here

The singing of trees is very near
In the orange daylight, the leaves all fall
Come out and play to me they call
There in a pile of leaves I lay
Having fun in my own way



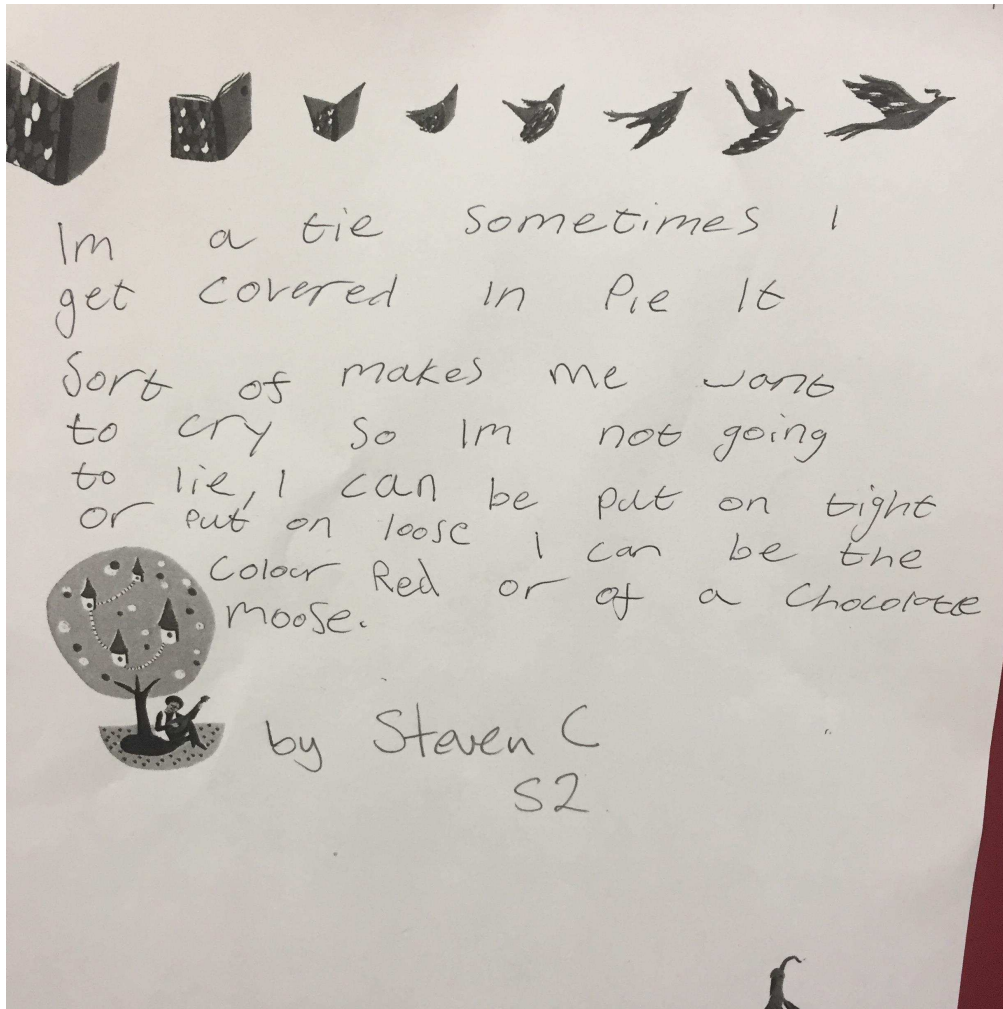
Like a bird I flapped my wings
Lots of joy this season brings
Various shades of yellow and brown
Descend upon the beautiful town
Longer nights, shorter days
Clocks rewind, time delays
Change is good, for the mood
I like making Autumn Angels!

- By Maaryah Hussain
(S2)





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