



St Margaret's Academy

Snippets

28th June 2019

Message from the Headteacher

We've had a busy few weeks in the school with a number of events and celebrations taking place including the school show, S6 graduation and S1-3 celebration of success. As always, our young people have embraced these events with passion, enthusiasm and motivation and we are all immensely proud of their achievements and success.

As we look towards next session, there are a number of changes that we are introducing which are focussed on providing you with a better insight into your child's progress in school. One of the changes is in relation to reporting and you will see from the dates listed below that every child will now receive 4 reports per year highlighting their progress and next steps in learning. This change has been introduced following the feedback that we received from parents, staff and pupils.

Key dates...

Parents evenings (5-7pm in the school)

S1 - 26th Sep

S2 - 24th Oct

S3 - 21st Nov

S4 - 30th Jan

S5/6 - 27th Feb

Reports (reports will be issued to pupils on the following dates...)

S1/2/3 - 8th Nov, 10th Jan, 6th March, 15th May

S4/5/6 - 4th Oct, 29th Nov, 23rd Jan(S4), 6th Feb (S5/6), 27th March

Prelims

December Prelim Diet (S4) - 2nd-13th Dec

January Prelim Diet (S5/6) - 7th-17th Jan

Parent Council Meetings (7pm in school library)

16th Sep

11th Nov

27th Jan

23rd March

11th May

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 21st August.

Mr G McDowall

Celebration of Success 2019



The Celebration of Success ceremonies were held yesterday for our S1-3 pupils. The pupils had a fantastic time and it was great to see so many happy faces as they received their certificates. Thanks to all the parents who attended and thanks also to Cllr Fitzpatrick for taking the time to see our S1 pupils receive their awards. The awards team in the school, led by Miss Nisbet, organised and ran all 3 ceremonies in one day and huge thank you to them all including the band led by Mrs Downs, and choir led by Miss Saunders.



From the Big Bang to a Parallel Universe - S2 Science fair

New S2 pupils have been working on a project over the last few weeks for the first ever St Margaret's STEM fair.

Pupils were given a broad scope to come up with a project that tackled a current issue in science, and to offer their own thoughts and ideas on the issue.

There were some fantastic entries; pupils across the year group put in a lot of effort and came up with an incredible assortment of displays and projects. I don't think I have the space in this update to name every project, but some of the highlights that I got the chance to see and discuss with pupils included Multiverse theory, Sea Turtle conservation, volcanoes and natural disasters, flat earth vs round earth, black holes, extra-terrestrial life, stem cell research, effect of alcohol on the brain and plastic pollution. Thanks to Roha and Courtney in S5 for taking some great pictures of the entries.

Two overall winners will be announced in due course, after our expert panel of S6 judges and teachers confer and make a very hard choice!

'Best in Class' for each S2 science class will be announced at the start of next term.

Thank you for all your hard work, and we look forward to next year."



Uniform

We have made a slight change to our uniform policy for next session and young people will now be able to wear plain black jumpers (hoodies should not be worn in school). As always, we appreciate your full support in ensuring that your child is always in full school uniform. Full details of our uniform policy can be found on our website <http://stmargaretsacademy.org.uk/article/21208/Uniform-Policy>. If you have any questions in relation to uniform then please speak to your child's Head of House.

Exam Results

The SQA exam results are due out on Tuesday 6th August. To support young people the school will be open from 10am-12pm on Wednesday 7th August and Wednesday 14th August. If your child wishes to discuss their results or make changes to their timetable for next session then please encourage them to come to the school on one of these days.



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Pupil Bulletin

25th June 2019

General

Duke of Edinburgh

Existing Pupils - Your expeditions have now been uploaded onto eDofE. Please remember to keep uploading evidence and assessor reports for your other sections. The summer is a great chance to get these finished off.

New Pupils - New DofE groups for S3-S6 will start when we return in August. Details for how to get involved will come out then.

Equalities Club

The Equalities Club now has a designated 'safe space' in the RE department. Miss Mckeown's room will be available every break, Mon-Fri as well as Tues, Wed and Thurs lunchtimes. Well done to Rachael, Erin and Rebecca for their tireless commitment to making this happen!

Water Coolers

The new mains fed water coolers are finally installed in the atrium and PE department. In anticipation of warm weather please ensure you bring an empty water bottle to school. In order to reduce the amount of plastic waste, there will be no more plastic cups available from the school office.

School Canteen

Students are reminded not to take plated food out of the Atrium. Please take a seat while you eat and place all rubbish in the bins provided. Thank you.

Late Pupils

Please sign in with Mrs Whitelaw U7 Library Office, when you arrive late into school. If you are late due to the school bus please indicate this when you sign in. Thank you.

Bus Tickets

Bus tickets should be purchased from the School Office at break and lunch time only. The cost of a 10 journey ticket is £6.73, please try to bring the exact money with you to the School Office.

School Tie Return

If you have borrowed a tie from the School Office could you please ensure that it is returned by the end of the day.

Procedure for Leaving School for Appointments/Sent Home from Sick Room

If you have to leave the school premises for any reason e.g. medical appointment, sent home from sick room please remember to sign yourself out on the black folder at the school office window.

Lidl

Pupils should be reminded to remain on school grounds during break and lunch time. Please advise pupils that they will no longer be served at Lidl during these times.

Lost Property

Please be reminded that the lost property basket is located outside the Janitors Office. If you have lost any items of clothing etc. please check this basket in the first instance.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see attached sheet for details.

S1 – S3

S4 – S6



St Andrew's, St Peter's, St Philip's & St Theresa's

Tel: 01506 432 141 Email: catholic126@gmail.com

Sunday 30 June 2019 - Solemnity of St Peter & Paul (Year C)

30th Anniversary of Ordination: Fr Kenneth will celebrate the 9.30am Mass in St Philip's on Tuesday 2nd as a Mass of Thanksgiving for 30 years of priestly service. Anyone who wants to join him for coffee and cake in the Lanthorn afterwards is welcome.

Holy Family Lay Associates: The St Andrew's & St Peter's group will meet on Thursday 4 July at 7.30pm in St Peter's side hall. All welcome.

St John's Hospital Mass: Fr Kenneth will celebrate Mass in the hospital on Friday 5th at 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Livingstones Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group: The group will now have a break until Tuesday 20 August. All welcome to pray and praise the Lord.

PPC Minutes: A copy of the minutes from the May meeting are on noticeboards for those interested.

Next Sunday's Readings (07.07.19): Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 65; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12. 17-20.

Recently Deceased: Peter Cunningham, Margaret Conway, Ellen Gemmill, Peter Grennan **Anniversaries (July):** Bernadette Deegan

SVDP Contact Numbers:

St Andrew's & St Theresa's: 07342 793611 **St Peter's:** 07796 662264 **St Philip's:** 07502 031701

ST PETER'S ...

Weekday Masses: Please remember there will be no weekday Mass at St Peter's and no sacrament of Reconciliation while Fr Simon is in Malawi. Fr Kenneth will be available for any pastoral support that's needed.

Knit & Natter Group: Will meet on Wednesday at 12.30pm.

June 200 Club Winners: 1st Flora MacLellan; 2nd Eddie Houston

Last Sunday's Collection: £1,009.17; **Church Stall:** £71.75

ST ANDREW'S ...

Loan Fund: The outstanding current loan figure is £5,940.88. Thanks to everyone for their support of helping to clear the parish debt. We have done very well so far this year thanks to those who have given donations. It would be great if we could have this clear for December 2019. Any fundraising ideas welcome.

Last Sunday's Collection: £746.23; **Building Fund:** £197.66; **Church Stall:** £14.50; **200 Club:** No 16 & No 102; **Sanctuary Candle:** Deceased members of Naughton family

ST PHILIP'S ...

Fairtrade: The next stall will be on Sunday 7 July. There will be no stall in August.

Last Sunday's Collection: £458.07; **200 Club:** TBC; **Sanctuary Candle:** Peter Cunningham RIP

ST THERESA'S...

Baptism: Please pray for Daniel & Toby Thomson who will be baptised today.

Margaret Conway RIP: The body will be received on Wednesday 3rd at 4.30pm with the Funeral Mass taking place on Thursday 4th at 10.00am. May she rest in peace.

Last Sunday's Collection: £400.65; **Bonus Ball Winner:** No 11 B McPherson



Bóg Ojciec, powołując nas do życia, zaopatrzył nas w przeróżne talenty. Przygotował dla każdego człowieka jedyną i неповtarzalną drogę; jeśli nią pójdziemy, odnajdziemy satysfakcję i szczęście. Bóg jednak nie narzuca nam swego planu. Kieruje do nas zaproszenie i cierpliwie czeka na naszą odpowiedź. Sam jest wierny i oczekuje wierności także od nas. Obyśmy decyzję pójścia za Nim potraktowali na serio, jako zobowiązanie na całe życie. Nie oglądajmy się w życiu wstecz, ale krocmy odważnie drogą przygotowaną przez Pana.

Joanna Woroniecka-Gucza, „Oremus” lipiec 2007, s. 4

W okresie wakacyjnym do 18.08 włącznie w Livingston będzie tylko 1 msza po polsku – w niedziele o 9.30!

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 30 June	9.30am Polish JS 11.30am Mass KO <i>Catherine Mallom</i>	9.30am Mass IW 5.30pm Mass JS <i>Colin Birrell</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass JS	Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul - Year C
Mon 1 July	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Monday 13th week of the year
Tue 2 July	9.30am Mass JS <i>James O'Kane</i>	No Service	9.30am Mass KO <i>Thanksgiving</i>	No Service	Tuesday 13th week of the year
Wed 3 July	9.30am Mass JS <i>Patsy Burns</i>	No Service	No Service	6.00pm Mass KO <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Feast of St Thomas
Thu 4 July	9.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	No Service	10.00am Funeral Mass - Margaret Conway RIP KO	Thursday 13th week of the year
Fri 5 July	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass KO <i>Henry Reilly</i>	Friday 13th week of the year
Sat 6 July	9.30am Mass JS 5.30pm Vigil JS <i>Catherine Garvie Talfor</i>	No Service	9.30am Mass KO <i>Jean Burnside RIP</i>	No Service	Saturday 13th week of the year
Sun 7 July	9.30am Polish MM 11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>Ellen Kelly RIP</i> 5.30pm Mass KO	9.30am Mass KO <i>Sharon Hayes</i>	11.30am Mass KO <i>People of the Parish</i>	14th Sunday of the Year - Year C