



Climate Change Action Group at St Margaret's Academy



Kobee, Kaithin, Nathalie, Ross, Caleb, Ciara, Stephen, Akib (S2), Gabriel (S2)

This week, a group of pupils from St Margaret's organised and presented a number of assemblies to the school community, with the aim of stressing the significance of the climate crisis. The pupils had attended recent climate strike marches in Edinburgh, inspired by Greta Thunberg, a 16 year old activist from Sweden who went on strike from school to highlight the urgency of solving the climate crisis.

The group, made up of pupils from S2 to S6 are passionate about educating others on how to choose more sustainable options, make ethical lifestyle decisions and minimize their waste. The group is currently proactively trying to start a Climate Justice Initiative group within school. It is their hope that they can engage other pupils, promote more ecological friendly actions and awareness within the school and encourage changes within the school.

The group hope that they were able to inspire other members of the school and they plan on holding more presentations in the future, and they hope to expand awareness out of school too.

Our Intention

Encourage younger pupils to make small sustainable changes to their lifestyle to reduce their carbon emissions. This could include:

- Walking/cycling to school
- Walk and Stride in less congested areas
- Use school or public transport if available

Inform that climate change is a very real issue and that we should act now given the short span of time that we have to act to effectively make a change

Follow in the footsteps and join various public figures to get involved. This could be done by:

- Spread awareness and start conversation about the issue
- Update yourself with current progression and stay informed about the situation

Friday Prayer

We pray for the world, our common home: that through God's grace we may recognise that we are all part of a fragile balance. May we hear the earth's cry, and be moved to protect it for future generations.

We pray for world leaders, that the Lord may move them to act with respect and urgency for the sake of the earth and the most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy, All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those of us who are already struggling in the face of increasing droughts, floods and storms, and for all who are working to tackle the climate emergency. May God grant us all hope and strength for the future.

We pray for the community of St Margaret's Academy: that through the grace of God we may choose lifestyles that do not impact our vulnerable brothers and sisters and our Mother Earth.

Stellar Award Winners 2019 - Literacy category

Congratulations to our former S6 pupils, Orla, Rowan, Sophie, Anabelle and Tabitha who won the West Lothian Stellar Award Literacy category for 2019. The team of girls ran the school library during their time in S6 supported by Mr Dobie. They organised a number of reading events and initiatives to support the English dept in promoting a reading culture throughout the school. More to follow next week.

Key dates Sep/Oct

Monday 30th Sep
Naples Geography trip

Friday 4th October
S4/5 progress reports issued to pupils
Senior Awards Ceremony 9am

Monday 7th October
S6 progress report issued to pupils

Friday 11th October
Non-uniform day - all break
Tuesday 22nd - Pupils resume

Thursday 24th October
S2 Parents' evening





NEWS:

“Okjokull glacier” completely melted and lost to the climate crisis.

Iceland loss their first-ever glacier and this is a big warning to everyone that hundreds of other ice sheets may be also at the risk of the same destiny. There was no sea ice whatsoever within 150 miles of its shores. Iceland loses about 11bn tones of ice year and scientist panic that all of the island’s 400-plus glacier will be gone by 2200. Some of the sea level rise is due to melting glaciers and ice sheets that adds water to the oceans and once trapped on land. Some scientist predict that the future of Arctic sea ice, there may be no more sea ice left in the Arctic ocean during summer in the next few years.



Climate change will affect all of us. It will affect us physically and mentally.

If you live near coastal areas you are expected by 2100 to be completely underwater. Billions of people who live in heavily populated areas such as Osaka, Miami, Rio and Shanghai will be underwater. NOAA estimates by 2050, the island of Kiribati, Tuvalu, Marshall Island and the Maldives will cease to exist. 150 million people will be left stateless entire cultures will be written off into the history books. And by 2100, 2 billion people will be affected by sea levels rising.

As we speak the amazon is being burnt. Over 73,000 fires have been recorded over the past few months. The Amazon are the lungs of the world supplying over 20% of the world’s oxygen. If this vital source is gone the air around you will become dangerously toxic and deaths due to air pollution will affect you, your kids and other family member and we cannot let this happen.

Over 2,000 species of animals are at risk of extinction because of what we have done to the atmosphere around us. Polar bears are dying around us and we just watch all of this despite of all the warning signs. Don’t we have responsibility to keep our friends safe when they can’t? Don’t we have a moral duty to keep our home free from the greed of mankind? Yes, we all do.

We only have 16 months to take actions or the effect of climate change will be irreversible.

4.6 million people die prematurely due to the effects of air pollution for example the red haze that is happening in Indonesia. This year haze levels have been some of the worst that happen this year. According to Indonesia’s national disaster agency, some 328, 724 hectares of land had been already burned in the first eight months of the year. This slash-and-burn technique employed by many in the region is arguably the easiest way for farmers to clear their land and helps them get rid of any disease that may have affected their crops.



St. Margaret's Academy



Pupil Bulletin

24th September 2019

General

ML Paris Trip 2020

This trip is now full. If you wanted to go and did not hand in your form quickly enough, please come and see Mrs McDougall to have your name added on the reserve list. For those of you who have paid the deposit, please come and collect a letter if it's not already done.

Naples 2019

Could all pupils attending the Naples trip please come to a short meeting on Thursday interval in U19.

Italy Ski Trip

Reminder that passports and EHIC cards should be brought in to be scanned by Friday 27th September.

Cross Country

Cross Country meeting on Wednesday 25th September in the Games Hall at interval. If you have been selected names are up in PE. Cross Country will take place Wednesday 2nd of October at Dechmont Law during school hours.

SSP Rugby Competition Friday 27th September

This Friday there are 4 rugby competitions at Linlithgow. S1-S3 girls touch, S4-S6 girls touch, S1-S2 boys and S3-S4 boys. Anyone wishing to represent the school please speak to Mr Haynes in PE.

Film Club

Film Club will be starting up again! If you are interested in joining Film Club, and have 5a lunch on a Monday or a Wednesday, please come to U62 in English on Monday 30th September at break time.

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!

Mass

There is no Mass on Thursday morning, instead we will have a short service for the Care of Creation. Starts at 8.20 in the Oratory.

Water Coolers

The new mains fed water coolers are finally installed in the atrium and PE department. 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 at the School 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 £6.96, 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

Lockers (S1 Only)

A limited number of lockers will be available for sale on a first come first serve basis at break time on Thursday. The cost is £12 per locker.

S4 – S6

Sleep in the Park

Can all pupils who have put their name down to take part in the Social Bite "Sleep in the Park" please come along to a short meeting at break time on Wednesday 2nd October in U20.

S6 MacMillan Coffee Morning Helpers

Meeting in U5 period 5c today.

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SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2019

26th Sunday of the Year - Year C

Nowhere in the parable is it suggested that the rich man's wealth is ill gotten or that Lazarus is a victim of his oppression. What then is his sin? His sin consists of the fact that cushioned by a lavish lifestyle, he is oblivious to the presence of a poor man at his gate. The rich man was a worldling who didn't look beyond the good things of this life.

This is a parable about the responsibility of wealth. Some of the harshest words in the bible are directed at the uncaring rich. Lazarus was rewarded not for his poverty but because God is the vindicator of the poor.



Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am

St Philip's: Sat 9am

St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am

Thu 7pm to 8pm

Sat 4.30pm to 5pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am

St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat

9.15am

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm

Shared News ...

Final Update on Fr Kenneth: Fr Kenneth managed to walk 7.1 miles on Saturday so is building up his walking ability. At the beginning of October he is going on a short four day retreat to Lourdes as thanksgiving for a successful operation (only £61 return, Edinburgh to Toulouse!) As many of you know, he is also celebrant at a wedding in Rome during the October holiday week so will be back to full time parish duties on Saturday 2 November.

Sacramental Programme: Today we welcome the children who are preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and they will be presented with a small crucifix. Next Sunday, 6 October, the children preparing for First Holy Communion should attend Mass for the Rite of Enrolment.

Weekday Masses: Please remember to keep an eye on weekday Masses as they may be subject to change over the coming weeks.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - St Margaret's Academy: Come join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 3 October from 11.00am in the café. Get a cake and drink for £2.50. Tickets on sale after Mass.

St John's Hospital Mass: Fr Simon will celebrate Mass in the hospital on Friday 4 October at 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

RCIA: This coming week the group will meet on Friday 4th at St Peter's starting at 7.00pm.

Youth Club: The club will next meet on Sunday 6 October from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn.

Challenge Poverty: St Peter's SSVP are holding a Challenge Poverty evening on Wednesday 9 October from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. The theme will be 'Challenge Poverty - Aye We Can' and there will be presentations from local groups including West Lothian School Bank, Home Start, Knightsridge Adventure Project and The Bridge Community. Tea and coffee will be served. It is hoped for a good turnout from parishioners and friends from our four parishes.

Men's Breakfast: Will be held in St Andrew's hall on Saturday 12 October from 7.45am. See Brian Rolfe for more details.

Save the Date: The One World International Family night will be held in the Lanthorn on Saturday 2 November from 6.00pm - 10.30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon. The One World Group are looking for raffle donations for the event and they can be give to Maureen Rolfe.

Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal: Brochures are now available. Please choose to fill either a family or elderly box. Items should be new and should not include food, medicines, books, tea/coffee. Last year your shoeboxes were beautifully wrapped and presented which was very much appreciated. Boxes will be collected from the Lanthorn on 10 November.

SSVP Appeal: Many thanks to all who contributed to our recent appeal for a family soon to be made homeless. The sum of £1,060 was raised which is magnificent. We have also had offers of household items many of which we are delighted to accept. The family have a couple of options to follow and we will be watching this very closely.

Next Sunday's Readings (06.10.19): Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

Recently Deceased: Teresa Devlin; Frances Johnston **Anniversaries (October):** Peggy McGillivray, Alan Broom, baby Malgorzata Bednarczyk, John McGahan

ST PETER'S ...

Rosary Group: Meet on Wednesday at 10.15am in the side hall. Knit & Natter starts at 12.30pm.

Friday 4th: Please note that the parish Mass on Friday will be held in St John Ogilvie school. Everyone is welcome.

Thank You: Newland Concert Brass Band would like to thank everyone for their recent kind and generous donation to their funds.

Last Sunday's Collection: £861.36; **Church Stall:** £47.21; **St Patrick's Missionary Society:** £974.13

ST THERESA'S...

Rosary: The rosary will be recited every Monday morning after 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Friday 4th: The school children will join us for Mass on Friday morning.

Last Sunday's Collection:
£615.08; **Candles:** £78.52; **Bonus Ball Winner:** No 54 John Canning

ST PHILIP'S ...

Macmillan Coffee Morning: On Saturday 28 September from 10.00am - 12 noon in the Lanthorn. Entry is £2.50/£1.00.

Fairtrade: Next stall will be on Sunday 6 October.

Last Sunday's Collection: TBC;
200 Club: TBC; **Sanctuary Candle:** TBC

ST ANDREW'S ...

Loan Fund: The outstanding current loan figure is £3,371.76. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection:
£825.99; **Building Fund:** £238.53;
Candles: £119.72; **200 Club:** No 126 & No 170; **Sanctuary Candle:** Safe Holiday

Missio Scotland

Extraordinary Mission Month 2019

As you may know, Pope Francis has declared this coming October as an 'Extraordinary Mission Month' during which we will pray and support those countries where the Church is poor and in need. He announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*.

"Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis. He asks us to pray for the Church everywhere, especially where it is being persecuted or is poor or is passing through trials. 'Prayer' he says 'is the soul of mission.' He also asks us to give funds to the Pontifical Mission Societies to support our brothers and sisters and a special collection will be taken on World Mission Sunday, 20 October. Packs with more information are available from the back of the church and include a 'Missio Box' which can be used for the second collection.

There will also be a special Mission Sunday Mass to celebrate the Extraordinary Mission Month in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 20 October at 3.00pm. Archbishop Cushley, President of the Pontifical Mission Societies, will be chief celebrant. All the missionary congregations which have communities in Scotland will be present.



WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Drodzy, prorok Amos wołał przed wiekami: *Biada beztroskim (...) i dufnym*, a to ostrzeżenie jest aktualne dla nas także dzisiaj. Psalmista nas zachęca do modlitwy dziękczynnej: *Chwał, duszo moja, Pana, Stwórcę swego*, a mamy za co dziękować i uwielbiać Boga, który: *dźwiga poniżonych, kocha sprawiedliwych, strzeże przybyszów, ochrania sierotę i wdowę*. Przed ewangelią usłyszeliśmy, że *Jezus Chrystus, będąc bogaty, dla nas stał się ubogim, aby nas swoim ubóstwem ubogacił*. Znamy opowieść o bogatym człowieku, który dzień w dzień świetnie się bawił i o żebraku imieniem Łazarz, który pragnął nasycić się odpadkami z jego stołu. Wizja nieba i piekła, z przepaścią między nimi i dojmującymi cierpieniami. Dramatyczny apel bogacza: *gdyby kto z umarłych poszedł do nich, to się nawrócą!* Zmartwychwstały Chrystus przyszedł do nas i wzywa do nawrócenia. Uczy jak niwelować podziały i przepaści między nami, a innymi ludźmi. Czy widzę potrzebujących wokół mnie? Jaka jest moja wrażliwość na ubogich? Co robię, by zlikwidować podziały i spory w rodzinie i otoczeniu? Jeśli nie jesteśmy pewni, czy robimy wszystko, czego potrzeba, posłuchajmy św. Pawła: *Ty, o człowiecze Boży, podążaj za sprawiedliwością, pobożnością, wiarą, miłością, wytrwałością, łagodnością. Walcz w dobrych zawodach o wiarę. Wszyscy mamy tę samą misję – chcemy zdobyć życie wieczne – naśladować Jezusa i czyniąc dobro!* Z modlitwą – Wasz ks. Piotr

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 29 Sept	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Gary Craig RIP</i> 5.30pm Mass Fr IO	9.30am Mass JS <i>John Mallon RIP</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	26th Sunday of the Year - Year C
Mon 30 Sept	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>George Rarity</i>	Memorial of St Jerome
Tue 1 Oct	No Service	No Service	9.30am Mass JS <i>Henry & Elizabeth Gill RIP</i>	No Service	Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus
Wed 2 Oct	9.30am Mass PK <i>Bernadette Neil</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Gary Craig RIP</i>	No Service	6.00pm Mass JS <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
Thu 3 Oct	No Service	No Service	9.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	Thursday 26th week of the year
Fri 4 Oct	No Service	9.30am Mass in St John Ogilvie School	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi
Sat 5 Oct	5.30pm Vigil PK <i>Apolo, family & friends</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Pauline Morgan RIP</i> 6.30pm Polish MM	9.30am Mass JS <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	Saturday 26th week of the year
Sun 6 Oct	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass SH <i>Baby Ritchie Jackson RIP</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30pm Mass JB	9.30am Mass JS <i>Thanksgiving</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	27th Sunday of the Year - Year C