



St Margaret's Academy

Snippets

4th October 2019

What you need to know...

- 1 The S2 parents' evening is on 24th October from 5-7pm in the school. All parents will receive booking info this week.
- 2 This Friday is a dress-down day. Pupils are encouraged to bring £1 to school.
- 3 Sportathon is on Thursday evening and Friday morning. If your child is taking part then please ensure that you have completed an EE2 form.
- 4 The extra curricular programme is now up and running. Please see full calendar on our website and remember that all pupils are welcome.

Key dates in Oct/Nov

Monday 7th October

S6 progress report issued to pupils

Thursday 10th - Sportathon

Friday 11th - all break

Tuesday 22nd - Pupils resume

Friday 24th - S2 Parents evening

Wednesday 30th October -

SLT surgery & S1 Halloween Disco

Friday 1st November -

ALL SAINTS DAY - Mass arrangements tbc

Cuppa in the cafe

Senior Awards Ceremony 2019



The Senior Awards ceremony was held on Friday morning and we celebrated the success and achievements of our young people in session 2018/19. Congratulations to our individual award winners (top right) Ellie, Nikola, Peter, Nathalie, Shauna, Niamh, Ethan, Alex and Lauren. Our young people also thought it would be a good opportunity to support the 'Show Racism The Red Card' campaign by displaying individual red cards. Well done to everyone involved and special thanks to our parents and carers for supporting the event.

Stellar Awards Ceremony 2019

Congratulations to our former S6 pupils, Orla, Tabitha, Rowan, Anabelle and Sophie (not present) who won the West Lothian Stellar Award Literacy category for 2019. The girls received their award from Mrs Allison Kennedy (HT Knightsbridge Primary School) in recognition of their work in supporting the school library during their time in S6. They organised a number of reading events and initiatives to support the English dept in promoting a reading culture throughout the school.



SQA Information

The SQA have started to publish key information documents for this session including a guide to coursework and the exam calendar for May 2020. There will be a series of assemblies for all S4-6 pupils after the Oct break to highlight key information, however, if you'd like to find out more then please visit the following web address <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/71526.html>.



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European Week of Languages 2019



It was European Day of Languages on Thursday 26th of September and our Modern Languages Department has ran different language activities this week.

These ranged from European and language quizzes for our S2 classes, run in the café, poster competitions on the importance of learning Modern Languages, sampling French or/and Spanish food to cultural research. Some of our Senior students (S6) learning languages also visited our S1 classes and delivered lessons in French or Spanish.

Finally, a slogan / catchy phrase competition on 'why learn languages' has been opened to all pupils of our school and entries posted all week into a box in the ML Area. The winner will win two cinema tickets. The name of the winner will be revealed next week and the prize will be given during Assembly by our two S6 language ambassadors.

This is what some of our pupils have said:

'Throughout European week of Languages, we made posters and slogans about why we should learn languages. We also did a Kahoot Quiz on European culture and languages in the café. We have enjoyed doing this in French and Spanish and we learnt new facts on why it is important to learn languages, such as: 70% of employers say they value language skills in their employees.'

Mya M, Jessica T and Amina A, S2AK

'During European Languages Week, our S1 class was taught by some S6 pupils: Kaitlin, Sophie and Scott. During this visit we played some games, did a quiz and learnt some languages along the way. Overall we had an exciting and pleasurable week learning about European languages.'

Victor S and Dominik B, S1SG



Fr Simon says...

Friday 4th October was the Feast Day of the great St. Francis of Assisi after whom Pope Francis also named himself in his role as Pope. Both Francis's highlight for us the responsibility we have to care for Creation and the immediate environments in which we live and move. Sometimes as I'm driving down towards the school I see a big road sign with the words 'Don't throw your litter out of your cars!' It astonishes me - why would ANYONE do that anyway? Let's do all we can to love and care for the incredible gift to us of this world.



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**WE ARE
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St Margaret's MacMillan coffee morning

Our S6 students organised and prepared two very successful coffee mornings for Macmillan yesterday, raising over £400. The first, for staff, the second for parishioners from the local parishes were enjoyed by all who came. The amazing amount of donations of cakes also meant that all of S1 were treated to some home baking. A huge thanks to all who helped in any way.



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Pupil Bulletin

1st October 2019

General

Young Person's Collaborative

During the School Improvement Session with Mr McDowall the Young Person's Collaborative have identified recognising and celebrating St Margaret's being a multi-cultural (a range of ethnicities and religions) school as a priority for the coming year. If you are interested in being in a group who will make an action and present it to the the staff leadership team please see Mrs Macleod in U15/Social Subjects base/Aidan House Pupil Support by Friday 4th October.

European Week of Languages

As you may know already, we are celebrating Languages this week at St Margaret's. You will have started already doing different activities on languages with you ML teacher and maybe in other subjects. You will also see different European meal options at the canteen.

A slogan competition is open to all year groups. If you want to take part, post your entry in the post box in the ML area by Friday and you might be winning the prize! Your P1 teacher today will show you the PP with the detail on it.

Film Club

Film Club will be back the week beginning Monday 7th October. If you have 5a lunch on a Monday or Wednesday, you can sign up with Mrs Sedgewick in U62 English. All members must collect a pass or you will not be able to attend. There will be a cinema trip soon which you can only attend if you are a member who comes every week. I look forward to seeing you there!

Maths Week Treasure Hunt

This week is Maths Week Scotland. Hidden around the school are 7 problems so solve and decode a mystery word. Once you have your mystery word write it, your name and year group and hand to a maths teacher. Winners and prizes will be announced next week. Good luck!

Duke of Edinburgh

Group lists for this year are up on the notice board. Please attend an introductory meeting after-school on Friday (12.30-1pm) in the Cafe where you'll be issued with additional information.

Cross Country 2nd October 2019

A reminder all pupils participating in the cross country today should come to PE at the end of P3.

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

Mass will take place in the Oratory on Thursday morning at 8.20am. It lasts about 15 minutes. If your bus arrives after Mass has started you are welcome to come in late.

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

Junior Choir

Junior S1-3 Choir is moving to a Monday Lunchtime 5A. Please see Miss Saunders to collect a new pass.

S4 – S6

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SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2019

27th Sunday of the Year - Year C



This Sunday is the only Sunday in the three year cycle where we have a reading from Habakkuk.

The final words of the reading "but the just one, because of his faith shall live" compliment the theme of faith in the gospel. The example Jesus gives of the faithful servant in

today's gospel suggests that faith is not about dramatic isolated miracles but about ordinary events such as waiting at table. The issue is about being faithful to the Master. Faith begins not with us but with God.

In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is led to faith through the experience of God's enduring promise, that he will be their God and they will be his people. Faith is relational and faith grows in the daily living out of that relationship in service to others.

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 ...



Update on Fr Kenneth: Fr Kenneth is now in Lourdes in thanksgiving for successful surgery. His general health is now better than any of his colleagues in Livingston!

Sacramental Programme: Today we welcome the children who are preparing for the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Weekday Masses: On each weekday there will always be a Mass somewhere in the cluster. Sometimes there may be two or three depending on clergy availability. Please also be aware that until Fr Kenneth is back on 2 November, the weekday Mass schedule can change at the last minute as various pastoral needs crop up that Fr Simon has to respond to. Please be patient - Fr Kenneth will be back soon!

Youth Club: The club will meet tonight, Sunday 6th, from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn.

RCIA: This coming week the group will meet on Thursday at 7.00pm in St Peter's.

PPC: The next meeting of the PPC will be on Wednesday 9 October at 7.00pm in St Margaret's Academy.

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, Knightsbridge Adventure Project and The Bridge Community. Everyone welcome.

Men's Breakfast: It is sometimes difficult for Christian men to get together and reflect on their belief in Jesus. This is an opportunity to meet other Christian men, to pray and reflect on our faith together and get an early morning breakfast. Takes place on Saturday 12 October from 7.45am in St Andrew's church hall. See Brian Rolfe for more details.

CIC Class: Our sacramental preparation classes for those children who don't attend a Catholic primary school will start on Saturday 26 October from 10.15am - 11.00am in St Andrew's church hall. Please contact Karen in the parish office if you want to register your child.

Can you help? Mary's Meals works to provide a daily meal in school for some of the world's poorest children. Thanks to your help we are now reaching more than 1.5 million children every school day in 18 countries. You can assist by donating any unwanted clothing (including bags/belts/shoes) and household textiles (towels/curtains/bedding - excluding pillows & duvets) and soft toys. Our volunteers will be visiting St Peter's 9.30 Mass and St Andrew's 11.30am on Sunday 27 October. We regret that we are unable to uplift bric-a-brac and cannot collect any donations in the evenings or from home addresses.

The One World International Family Night: Will be held in the Lanthorn on Saturday 2 November from 6.00pm - 10.30pm. Tickets now on sale as follows St Philip's (Alex 07851 373 165); St Theresa's (Daniel 07946 199 406); St Peter's (Judith 07428 761 323); St Andrew's (Kas 07908 491 058); Polish Community (Anna 07549 875 811). 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. Boxes will be collected from the Lanthorn on 10 November.

Food Hygiene Training: We are arranging a food hygiene training course to take place one evening in the near future (exact date to be confirmed) and would like more people to come forward to do this so we are covered. Please hand your name into the parish office if you are interested.

Next Sunday's Readings (13.10.19): 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

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

ST PETER'S ...

St John Ogilvie PFA: Next PFA meeting is on Monday 7 October at 7.00pm in the school.

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

Communion Ministers: Can all those who help distribute Holy Communion on Sunday meet with Fr Simon after Mass next Sunday.

Thank You: Due to a change in her personal circumstances, our 'flower lady', Susan Wetherspoon, has decided to step down from this role. A big thank you to Susan for creating beautiful floral arrangements for a number of years. This will take effect from the end of the year so we need more people to come forward who might be interested in flower arranging or making tea/coffee after Sunday Mass. One or two more money counters would be helpful too. Please let Fr Simon know if you are interested in helping out.

Last Sunday's Collection: £1,047.17; **Church Stall:** £61.86; **Aged & Infirm Clergy:** £622.52; **Sunday Teas:** £207.39

ST THERESA'S...

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

Parish Nursing: Barbara McFarlane, Co-ordinator of Parish Nursing in Scotland, is speaking about the work of parish nursing at an evening event on Sunday 13 October at 6.30pm in East Calder church hall. Everyone is welcome.

Last Sunday's Collection: £433.31;

Bonus Ball Winner: No 26 John Canning

ST PHILIP'S ...

Fairtrade: Stall today, Sunday 6th.

Last Sunday's Collection: £482.42 (22.09); **200 Club:** No 90 M McCue (22.09); No 103 M Logan (29.09); **Sanctuary Candle:** Special Intention (22.09)

ST ANDREW'S ...

Loan Fund: The outstanding current loan figure is £3,172.72. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £887.45;
Building Fund: £141.04; **2020 Sunday Teas:** £48.00; **200 Club:** TBC;
Sanctuary Candle: Tracie Ann Dodds (Anniversary)



Appeal from Fr John ...

My dear brothers & sisters in Christ, last year I mentioned to you about a project I would like your help with. It is the building of 3 simple dormitory blocks, 10 toilets and 10 baths at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of the Mountains - Shieni-Lakpale in my Diocese of Yendi in northern Ghana.

Since the shrine was opened 8 years ago, miracles have taken place for the pilgrims and many of them have had their prayers answered. These are examples of the miraculous powers that characterise the shrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary all over the world. Over the years, our Marian Shrine has gained popularity and it is drawing people from nearby countries like Togo, Benin and Burkina Faso.

Despite its popularity, the place is poorly developed. The shrine is on top of a high mountain with a grotto and cross on it - that's all. When it is time for the pilgrimage to take place, parishioners go and tidy up the ground so the activities can take place. There are no rooms to shelter the pilgrims so they sleep on the ground in the open air at the mercy of insects and reptiles. When it rains, the activities are disrupted while the pilgrims get beaten by the rain. This situation is posing health hazards for the pilgrims most of whom are women with children or babies as well as the disabled and the elderly. That is why I am appealing to you to help me and my people build an appropriate shelter for our pilgrims.

Although this project is urgent and vital, it is very difficult for our Diocese to achieve it. This is because it is located in a rural area where the people are predominantly peasant farmers who grow what they eat and eat what they grow. They are so poor that they cannot make any meaningful financial contribution to the project. Also, Catholics are only about 7.7% of the total population of 616,552. Sometimes the weekly collection in the outstation churches is only about £1 sterling and so it is very difficult, if not impossible, for the people to support the Diocese in its projects or help financially. In spite of this, the people would be ready to make their contribution by providing unskilled labour at the site eg. digging the foundations, clearing the site, carrying gravel and sand, etc.

When I came to work among you over a year ago, you showed some wonderful generosity towards me which I will never forget and will always appreciate. Now that this project is about to start, I have every hope that you will show me even more of your generous hearts by contributing and donating much more towards the realisation of this project. No amount is too small in support of this worthy cause which I believe would one day bring many blessings to you and your families as the pilgrims will always pray for you for the immense support you have given to us.

I would like to finish by thanking the Parish Pastoral Council for agreeing to raise £10,000 towards this project and that will mean each parish and the Polish community will raise £2,000 each. To you, the parishioners, I say thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

MAY THE GOOD LORD RICHLI BLESS YOU.

Fr John



WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Drodzy, razem z prorokiem z 1 czytania możemy narzekać na ciągłą obecność zła na świecie i między nami: *Czemu każesz mi patrzeć na nieprawość i na zło spoglądasz beczynnienie? Oto ucisk i przemoc przede mną, powstają spory, wybuchają waśnie.* Pan odpowiedział jemu i nam dzisiaj: *sprawiedliwy żyć będzie dzięki swej wierności.* A psalmista nam daje konkretne wskazanie, byśmy przyjmowali słowo Boże z otwartością: *Słyszac głos Pana, serc nie zatwardzajcie.* Tylko jak to zrobić, gdy słowo wydaje się nam wymagające a życie trudne? Tak jak dla Tymoteusza, którego wiarę umacniał Paweł słowami: *nie dał nam Bóg ducha bojaźni, ale mocy i miłości, i trzeźwego myślenia. Nie wstydz się zatem świadectwa Pana!* Tę prośbę apostołów powinniśmy często wypowiadać w trudnych chwilach wątpliwości i prób: *Przymnóż nam wiary.* Wiara jest w stanie przeprowadzić nas przez wydarzenia, których nie rozumiemy po ludzku, buntując się, walcząc i wątpiąc. Kiedy przechodzimy je z Bogiem, jest nam łatwiej, zwłaszcza gdy zrozumiemy, że te próby prowadzą nas do pełni życia, w Chrystusie zmartwychwstałym. Miarę pokory i dojrzałej chrześcijańskiej odpowiedzi na trudy całego naszego życia zostawił nam Jezus w tym zdaniu: *Słudzy nieużyteczni jesteśmy; wykonaliśmy to, co powinniśmy wykonać. Panie, przymnóż nam wiary w to, że radości, ale i trudy życiowe przeżywane w łączności z Tobą zaprowadzą nas do Nieba!* Ks. Piotr

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DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
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
Mon 7 Oct	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Simon Martin</i>	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Tue 8 Oct	9.30am Mass JS <i>Frances Johnston RIP</i>	No Service	No Service	No Service	Tuesday 27th week of the year
Wed 9 Oct	9.30am Mass JS <i>Theresa Devlin RIP</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Peggy McGillivray RIP</i>	No Service	No Service	Wednesday 27th week of the year
Thu 10 Oct	9.30am Mass JS <i>James Corr</i>	No Service	No Service	No Service	Thursday 27th week of the year
Fri 11 Oct	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>Huntly Briggs</i>	No Service	9.00am Mass PK <i>Sarah Rarity</i>	Friday 27th week of the year
Sat 12 Oct	9.30am Mass JS 5.30pm Vigil JS <i>Bill Oldershaw</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Alice Whyte</i> 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass PK <i>Our West Lothian Priests</i>	No Service	Saturday 27th week of the year
Sun 13 Oct	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>Jo Costello</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Alan Broom</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass PK <i>Frances Johnston</i>	28th Sunday of the Year - Year C