

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

Inspire, Nurture, Discover

Learning as we grow, Growing as we learn, Rooted in Jesus

Friday 11th Feb

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Leading Lights

I am delighted to report that 21 pupils in Discovery put themselves forward to be part of Leading Lights. Following elections, the following were elected:

Year 5—Poppy, Aurora and Arthur

Year 6—Alfie B, Alfie M and Ruby.

Many congratulations. They held their first meeting where pages of ideas were generated for the new Spiritual Garden.

Malawi Day

On Tuesday 1st February we held our first 'Malawi Day'. This was the launch day of our partnership with Kaputu Primary School in Malawi. The day started with worship led by Cathy Penfold who is the School Links Co-ordinator from Starfish Malawi.

Throughout the day the children followed a range of activities. Russet Class listened to a traditional Malawian story of 'Kalulu the Lazy Hare'. They used the moral of the story of 'working together' to help them work collaboratively and problem solve how to cross the playground using planks and blocks only. Then they made starfish collages and learnt the 'Starfish Malawi' song.

Pippin Class made fact files and chose interesting information that they had learnt from both Cathy and by reading a range of texts to retrieve information. In the afternoon they made Malawian cookies using fair-trade ingredients and also learnt the 'Starfish Malawi' song.

Bramley and Discovery Classes followed a carousel of activities including drama through traditional stories, drumming and learning the 'Starfish Malawi' song, map work and investigations on the geography of Lake Malawi. The day was a great success.

Eco Award

Mrs Greatrex would still very much like to receive 2 litre plastic bottles. If we receive enough, the plan is to build a greenhouse! Many thanks.

Diary

Mon 21st Feb Start of term 4 and children return to school

Tues 22nd Kids Fit—1 hour of vigorous and fun activity for each class

Mon 28th Celebrating World Book Day (see separate letter)

Tues 1st/Thurs 3rd Parent Teacher Consultations

Tues 8th Family Trust worship

Wed 9th FOCSS meeting

Thur 10th FOCSS Pamper Evening—tickets will be limited availability

W.b. Monday 14th Eco Week across the school

Fri 18th Eco-friendly Fancy Dress—animal theme! (more details to follow)

Tues 22nd Family Trust Easter Puppet Show to Key-Stage 1

Thurs 24th School Discos

Fri 25th Clubs and After School Tuition finishes

Tues 29th (reserve Thurs 31st) FOCSS Easter Egg Hunt after school

Fri 1st 9.15am Easter Church Service. End of term

Mon 4th—Mon 18th Easter Holiday

Tues 19th April Start of term 5 and children return

Key dates for Terms 5 and 6

Key-Stage 2 (Yr 6) SATS from Monday 9th—Thurs 12th May. Reasoning Tests for Year 5. Key-Stage 1 (Yr 2) SATS will also be undertaken this week.

Wed 18th 6.30pm Secondary School meeting for parents of children in Yrs 4 and 5

Fri 20th May—Jubilee Celebrations

Mon 23rd—Fri 27th Year 6 Residential to PGL

From w.b. 6th June Phonics Testing for Year 1, Times tables check for Year 4

W.b. Mon 20th Testing week for Yrs 3-5

Sat 25th PET SHOW

Tues 28th 1.30pm Sports Day (reserve Wed 29th)

Mon 4th July STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—School closed for pupils. ***Please note this has just been set and is the last for this academic year.***

Thurs 21st Last day of term. End of academic year church service

Cake Sale

Well done to Poppy and Evie in Year 5 who organised and ran a cake sale after school on Tuesday. They raised the most impressive sum of £116.92.

Enjoy the February holiday.