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### Newsletter No. 2

Autumn is upon us and we are enjoying watching the landscape changing around us.

As you know tomorrow will be my last working day at St Margaret's. It is difficult to put into words how much I have loved working with your wonderful children; being a Head Teacher is an incredible privilege and I will take so many wonderful memories with me. Thank you for all the kindness and support you have offered me over the past two years.

Mrs Lloyd can't wait to get started and has been with us regularly over recent weeks finding out about our wonderful work.

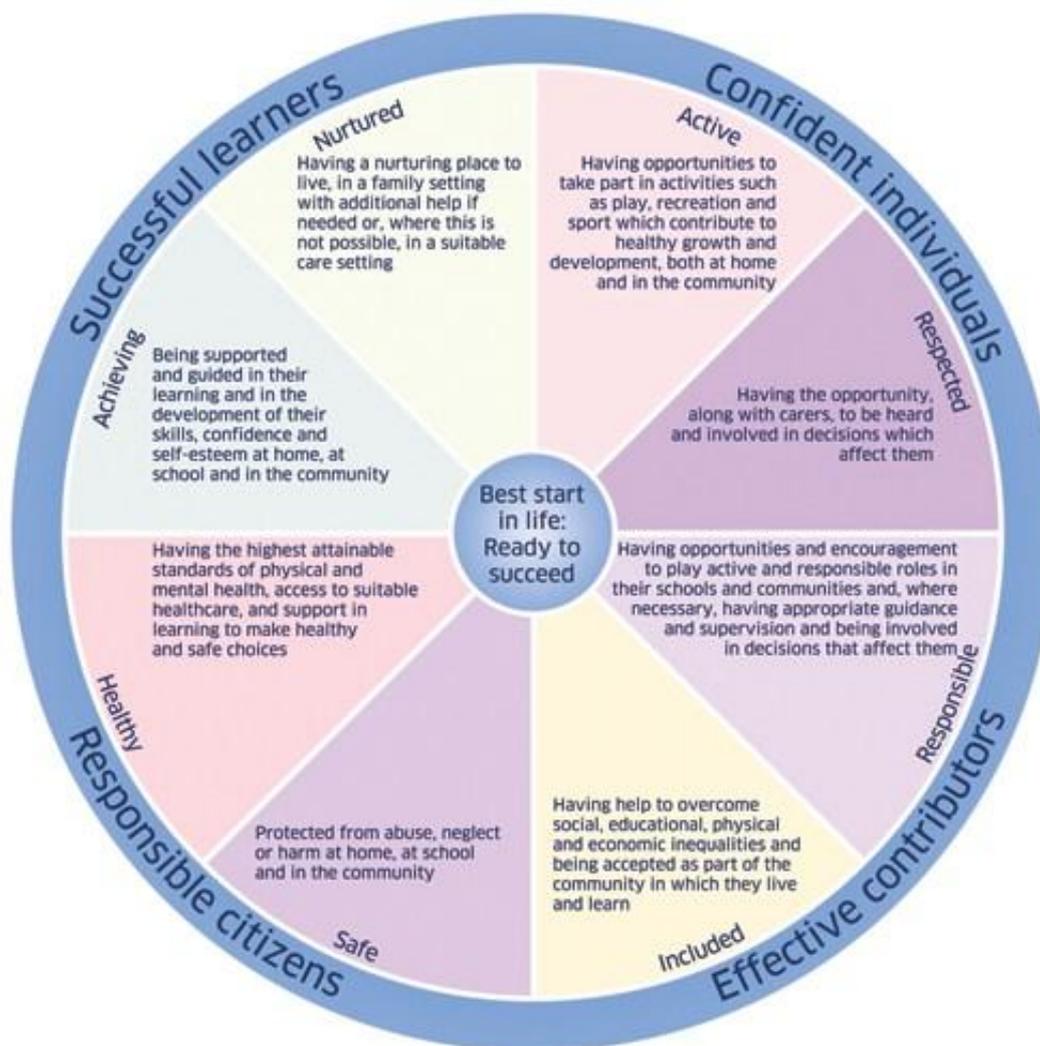
### ***Message from the New Pupil Council***

*Speeches were made, votes were cast and we are the nine pupils chosen to represent our peers this year:*

Emily (P1 Rep)  
Poppy (P2 Rep)  
Bethany (P3 Rep)  
Adam (P4 Rep)  
Abby (P5 Rep)  
James (P6 Rep)  
Skye (P7 Red House Captain)  
Eve (P7 Blue House Captain)  
Artur (P7 Red House Captain)

**WE ARE DELIGHTED!**

## SHANARRI WEEK AT ST MARGARET'S



Next week we will have a whole school focus on SHANARRI. Of course we learn about these themes throughout the session but we believe it is important to explore themes including **anti-bullying and equalities, personal safety and cyber resilience and digital safety** at the start of each school year.

Please join us for our SHANARRI assembly on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.50am (come into school via the main office) where we will share this important learning with you.

It is essential that all pupils bring a PE kit to school. This should include shorts (or leggings), a plain T shirt and **indoor shoes**. Football strips are not permitted.

Please remember to telephone (0131 271 4685) or email (stmargarets\_ps@midlothian.gov.uk) the school office if your child is going to be **late/ absent**. This information should be given to the school office rather than the class teacher, head teacher or a Learning Assistant.

We welcome **Mrs Raquel Calvo** back to our staff team as she embarks upon her training to become a Learning Assistant. As part of her study (HNC in Childhood Practice) Mrs Calvo will have a placement here each Wednesday across a number of classes.



We also welcome **Mrs Kim Ho** who joins our Learning Assistant Team alongside Mr Roy. Mrs Ho joins us from another Midlothian school and brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge.

Our first **Learn Along** of the year was a great success! The pupils were motivated to share their learning with a parent and the event was very well attended. The feedback from staff and pupils was very positive and we intend to offer this again in March.



Everyone loves a birthday and we like to hear about how you and your family celebrate. Unfortunately we are unable to **accept any cakes** (whether homemade or shop bought) to give out to pupils. If you would like to bring a treat to school to celebrate your child's special day this must be in an **individual sealed wrapper** (Haribo mini bags or small bars of chocolate work well) and these can be given to pupils at the end of the day for eating at home.

There is much evidence to suggest that **drinking plenty water** throughout the day helps you think! The children are welcome to bring in water (not juice) to school each day to drink in the classroom. Bottles should be taken home at the end of each day.

We all have a duty to **protect children**, whether we are professionals or private individuals. If you think a child is being or is at risk of being abused or neglected, speak to:

- the Children's Services duty team by calling 0131 271 6674 (Mon - Thu 9am-5pm and Fri 9am-4pm);
- the Emergency Social Care Service by calling 0800 731 6969 (freephone) at any time outside normal office hours;
- the Police by calling 101 or in an emergency 999;
- a member of staff at the child's school;
- any Health professional.

Once again, I wish you and your families all the best for the future.

Rebecca Favier  
Head Teacher

### **Provisional Dates**

Parental Consultations:	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30-6.30
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 5.30-8.30
All Saints Mass:	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November (time TBC)
School Feast Day:	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Catholic Education Week:	26 <sup>th</sup> November- 30 <sup>th</sup> November
P1/2 Nativity	Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am
Christmas Service	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 9am