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*A Community of Love and  
Learning*

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## **Newsletter No. 9**

4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

This term has ended with a showcase of pupil talent in 'St. Margaret's Got Talent'. Pupils have showed their confidence, creativity and talents and we encourage this in all of their learning. We are also very proud of the organisers. Evie, Sophie, Eve and Maja have run this event from the initial idea through the publicity and setting up the auditions, semi-finals and final. Superb skills at a young age; you will go far!

I wish all families a happy Easter and a great holiday.

### **Learn- along**

Thank you to everyone to come to our learn-along to learn with your children. The feedback was positive and we welcome any further suggestions on how to support families learning together.

P7 took part in a literacy transition event at St. David's High School. They worked in teams with other P7s from feeder schools and, although felt shy at first, really enjoyed the challenges of the day.

**Red Nose Day** was a day for dressing down. We watched a short film at assembly about where some of the money is spent and raised over £43 in donations. Thank you!

**Football festivals** P5/6/7 has sent teams of boys and girls to Midlothian football 7s festivals.

**Ryder Cup Golf Festival** P5/6/7 is taking part in the Active Schools golf festival at Dalkeith Campus on 4<sup>th</sup> April – now postponed until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**SPCA workshops** All classes took part in workshops to raise awareness of caring for pets, wild animals and farm animals.

**P1/2 and P3/4 parent/carers consultations** were very positive. We hope you found them informative, we always welcome feedback.

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

Lauryn, Artur and Eve shared a power point presentation at assembly to tell us about the lives of their saints.

Red House – St. Teresa

Blue house – St. Mary

Green House – St. John the Baptist

School website

The Pupil Council are uploading posts about the learning in our school. Please have a look!

**St. Margaret's Sports Council** Applicants met Denise McKenzie and Kate Murray, Active Schools Coordinators, to form the council and set some tasks. Well done to Ewa, James, Adam, Daniel, Reuben, Orla, Frily, Affan and Emily.

P3 – P7 visited Loanhead Library to meet author, Janis Mackay. She read from one of her novels and talked about the inspiration behind her stories.

### **Upcycle School Uniform**

If your child has outgrown school uniform why not send it in to school so that someone younger can use it next? We would like to build up a stock of used clothes so that all of our pupils can access it. This scheme both reduces the cost of the school day and helps the environment! We have a stock already so please feel free to come in and take what you need.

### **Wider Achievements**

We celebrate children's achievements in and out of school at assemblies. If your child has an achievement to share then let the class teacher know. They can bring in photos, medals, certificates or just their news.

### **Head Teacher Certificates**

February Head Teacher certificates were awarded to Colby, Oliver Q and Sophie. March certificates will be awarded tomorrow.

### **P3 and P4 Sacraments 2019**

Two P3 pupils will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Church on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Congratulations to Oliver Q and Orla.

### **Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church**

This takes place on the second Sunday of each month at 11 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Penicuik. Please come along with your families, as the children are encouraged to be very involved. The next Family Mass is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Please let me know if you can take part.

**Kerbcraft** is a Road Safety programme delivered to P1 and P2. We are looking for parent/carer volunteers to take the children out before the summer holidays. Training is given and times are flexible. Please let me know if you can help. Thank you.

**Literacy Support Base** St. Margaret's is hosting the Lasswade area Literacy Support Base from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Mrs Masek will work with Mrs Campbell, Principal Teacher Speech and Language, to support a small group of pupils from various schools in literacy skills. It will be held every Tuesday and Thursday morning in Mrs Masek's room.

### **The World of Work**

We would like to invite you and any family members to come in to talk to classes about your work. Children will benefit from understanding the nature of different jobs, how to progress into different careers, the skills suited to different jobs and reflect on job satisfaction. Please contact your child's teacher.

### **Indoor Shoes**

Children should change from outdoor shoes/boots into indoor shoes. This is more comfortable and hygienic and helps protect our carpets that children sit on. Please ensure that your child has a change of shoes.

Please remember to telephone (0131 271 4685) or email (stmargarets\_ps@midlothian.gov.uk) the school office by 9.20 am 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.

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.

### **Play Therapist**

Laura Jones, our play therapist, offers drop in sessions for pupils every Wednesday lunchtime. It is a chance for pupils to talk over any worries or issues in a safe and supportive space. Parental permission is required so please ask for a form.

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.

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## **Future Dates 2019**

Easter holiday	5 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
All resume	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
P4 First Holy Communion preparation Rite Of the Presentation of the Gospels	28 <sup>th</sup> April
P5/6/7 parent/carer consultations	24 <sup>th</sup> April
P5/6 camp parents information meeting	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 3.30 pm
P7 ASG Camp Lockerbie Manor	29 <sup>th</sup> April – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
P5/6 Camp Netherurd	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019
May Holiday	6 <sup>th</sup> May
P4 First Holy Communion preparation Rite Of the Presentation of the Creed	19 <sup>th</sup> May
Staff In-Service	20 <sup>th</sup> May
Ascension Mass in Church	30 <sup>th</sup> May at 9.30 am
Provisional Sports Day dates	31 <sup>st</sup> May or 21 <sup>st</sup> June
P4 First Holy Communion preparation Rite Of the Presentation of the Our Father	9 <sup>th</sup> June
Whole School Trip to Jupiter Artland	11 <sup>th</sup> June
P7s visit High School	12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Gala Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> June
P4 First Holy Communion	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Leaver's Mass in school	27 <sup>th</sup> June
Term ends	28 <sup>th</sup> June