



School Newsletter

Happy Easter to all in our St Margaret Ward ‘family’

Dear Parents and Carers,
Another busy term is coming to an end at St Margaret Ward — with lots going on as usual.

Holy Week has been marked by a moving re-telling of the Easter Story. Well done to all of the children involved, especially Year 4. Also a big thank you to Mrs Delury for her excellent work in pulling Tuesday’s performance together, with the help of Mrs Cook and Mr Thompson.

It is always lovely to see the whole school community come together for such a special occasion. Indeed, the strength and togetherness of the St Margaret Ward family was one of the first things that stood out for me in school.

Therefore, it was important that, when we refreshed our school mission statement and values, the word ‘family’ was at the forefront.

When we did the consultations with staff, pupils, parents and governors, the supportive, caring and joyful atmosphere around school was mentioned lots.

With this in mind, we believe our new mission statement — ‘We are a family who love, believe and achieve together’ — is a perfect fit for our school and its community.

This is now written large in our entrance area as part of a lovely new mural (see picture top right). This is a striking and immediate impression for visitors, letting them know what we are about and what we stand for.

This new mission statement was



launched this term at a highly successful Values Day (see below).

Going forward, the work will also form part of our new home-school agreement. On the subject of the home-school partnership, it was nice to read so many overwhelmingly positive comments from the questionnaire at the recent parents’ evening.

More detailed feedback will follow, but for those parents who would like more updates on what their child is learning in school our new website with individual class blogs is something we have already introduced to give regular updates about life in your child’s classroom. Have a look at the new address of www.SMWprimary.net.

Finally, may I wish you and your families a very happy and holy Easter.

Let’s hope for some sunshine!

Thank you for your support,
Mr Hughes.



Values Day 2018

Values Day was held in school to launch our new mission statement and values. Children from different age groups worked with each other to reflect on our new school values of AMBITION, KINDNESS, TEAMWORK and RESPECT. They then presented their work to the rest of the school with a mixture of music, drama and art.

‘Our Values’ words have been finished ready to be displayed around school. They were decorated by the children with work from their books.

More news from around our school....



Back to school again

Grandparents were welcomed into St Margaret Ward to read with their grandchildren. Young and old came together in the hall as pupils from our Nursery and Reception classes read some of their favourite books to their grandparents. One grandparent commented: "It was lovely to visit our granddaughter in her school setting and share a lovely story. Thank you!"

Spiritual life of SMW

Children in Year 3 made their First Forgiveness this term as they continue on their Faith journey through the Sacramental Programme. Thank you to Fr Ned, Miss Flynn, Mrs Boyle and of course all of the families for making it such a valued and spiritual occasion. The next big date is their First Holy Communion in May. Class Masses continue to be well supported by parents and parishioners, with the highlight being the joint Mass between Reception and their 'buddies' in Year 6. Pupils from Year 6 and Year 3 also visited the Marist Centre in Chorlton for a day of spiritual reflection. They always love this day and often pick it out as their favourite school trip. From next year, all children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to visit the centre.



Wellbeing Week

Wellbeing Week - in recognition of Children's Mental Health Week - was a great success in school. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for the 'Walk and Talk' around the playground before school.

Other activities during the week included yoga, lunchtime meditations, cooking, cheerleading and drop-in sessions with the school nurse.



Teamwork rules!

Our girls and boys football teams have been busy this term in competitions against schools from across Trafford. With teamwork being one of our new school values, we were delighted to hear glowing reports of how all those who represented the school went about the games. Coach Colin said: "Win, lose or draw, every player had an excellent attitude in every game. They worked hard and encouraged each other, proving that teamwork makes the dream work!"



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NEWS IN BRIEF

FUNDRAISING We supported Francis House again this year by selling the knitted chicks for the hospice in Didsbury. So far £220 has been raised. Thanks!



BIG BREW As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, we held a 'Big Brew' after the Year 1 Mass. Fairtrade drinks and chocolate were sold and thanks to all who supported the event.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- April 9th—Back to school*
- April 12th—Class photos*
- April 12th—First Communion parents' meeting (6.30@SMW)*
- May 12th—First Holy Communion (12pm@SMW Church)*
- May 14th-17th—Year 6 SATs*
- May 21st—School Mass to celebrate First Holy Communion (9.15am)*
- May 25th—Finish for half-term*
- June 12th—New Nursery parents' meeting (4-5pm)*
- June 13th—New Reception parents' meeting (4-5pm)*
- July 19th—Finish for summer (2pm)*

SPRING TERM HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Dylan Nelson, Javae Houghton, Darcey Williamson, Maisie McGee-Nelson, Brooke Wilson, Thomas Hart, Jean-Paul Machunda, Micah Peters, Jan Jumma, Emma Hull, Joseph Bradley, Jessica Bradley, Olivia Barnes, Jessica Chan, Niamh Tracey, Harvey Cleary, Maddison-Mae Carty, Lily Chandler, James Chan, Kyiera Robinson, Evie Lucketti, Sophie Rinu, Matilda Brookbanks, Matthew Law, Liam Burney, Laura Phelps, Kaydieleigh Phillips, Nia Terzo, Oscar Smith, Grace Tute, Maisie Stuart, Ellie Welsby, Harvey Atkinson, Malachi Moyo, Lexii Nicholson, Kali Deenah, Freya-Mai Cleary, Ella Willis-Hughes, Francesca Jordan, Liam Downey, George Patterson, Hollie McCarroll