



# Weekly News 10th May 2019



## From the Head

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This four day week after the bank holiday has certainly seen a lot of activity, not least SQA exams in Spanish, English, statistics and chemistry; geography fieldwork; a string concertino and the Summer Concert. Today Mrs Oldham, Head of Classics, is taking a group of girls on a trip to Hadrian's Wall for the weekend. Meanwhile back at school our junior show club will be rehearsing for next week's performance of 'Aladdin Jr' which will be staged at The Lemon Tree on Thursday 16th and 17th May.

I was exceptionally sorry to miss last night's Summer Concert due to a GSA/HMC Universities Committee Meeting at which I was representing Scottish schools. I know from Mrs Lynch that she was extremely impressed by the standard of musicianship of our younger performers and thoroughly enjoyed the varied repertoire. She said it was also lovely to see some of our most accomplished musicians from VI Senior there to mentor and support younger girls; it is evident that the high standards they have set will be maintained in the years to come as these young players develop.



## Summer Concert Review

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Memories of the cold evening air outside were quickly dispersed when the Intermediate Concert Band opened the Summer Concert with their lively foot-tapping pieces. The bar was set high and all who followed, whether singing or playing instruments, kept up the excellent standard. The audience was treated to a varied programme of music which came from different eras and was played in a range of styles. The whole performance ran like clockwork with everyone giving of their best. It is surely a testament to the music staff that some very talented senior pupils were expertly conducting some of the items.

This enjoyable evening showcased the talent of some of the younger girls in school and anyone lucky enough to be in the audience will no doubt witness their progress over the next few years. While the girls put in the hours of practice, the music staff deserve to be highly commended and appreciated for all they do to encourage the girls and of course the parents deserve credit for time spent ensuring practice is regularly completed!

Congratulations and well done to all.

Mrs Margaret Hendry

With the summer recess a few weeks away, you are invited to enjoy an early 'Jolly Holiday with Mary'. 'Can You Imagine That?' for one night only this year, St Margaret's PTA are hosting a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious film night for all the family – and Mary Poppins Returns especially for the occasion.

'Mary Poppins Returns' starring Emily Blunt will be held in the School Hall at 6:15pm sharp on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Now, you could all decide to 'Go Fly A Kite' or 'Feed the Birds' but we're hoping you'll choose instead to 'Trip a Little Light Fantastic' down to St Meg's. We have a 'Spoonful of Sugar' to tempt you – the £2 per person ticket price includes a small bag of popcorn and a chocolate treat. Why not take along your own water bottle to fill up so we can cut down on waste.

And we just know little ones who 'Love to Laugh' will 'Stay Awake' for the 2 hour, 10 minute magical journey which will cast a spell of happiness that will have them floating on air. So spit spot and come along and Chim, Chim, Cheree with us!

From the PTA and 'Mary Poppins With Love'





## Race for Life

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Last year staff and friends of St Margaret's took part in the 5K Race for Life, raising an impressive £3,317.80 for Cancer Research, a charity close to many of our hearts.

St Margaret's will be entering a team again this year, taking part in the 5K on Sunday 9th June at 11:00am. Please visit <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-margarets-and-friends> to either join our team or to donate money for such a worthy cause.



RACE FOR LIFE

WE DON'T BREAK RECORDS. WE BEAT CANCER.

**Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is a series of events raising money for research into all 200 types of cancer**



## Show Club - Aladdin Jr

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Junior Show club will be performing 'Aladdin Jr' at The Lemon Tree on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th May. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online at <http://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/>. The girls have been working very hard and we are sure you will be delighted with their performances.

Mrs N. Murray and Mrs L. Goodwin



## Theatre Summer School

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We are delighted to offer a week long theatre summer school for girls aged between 7 and 12 years. Participants will work in our drama studio on various theatre skills throughout the week, culminating in a performance for invited guests.

The school will run Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm and the cost of the week long course is £150. For further information please contact the school office.

Ms K. Schmitz

## 2 Junior - World Hygiene Day

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World Hygiene Day took place this week and we had a visit from Paula, who is the infection prevention control lead nurse at Albyn Hospital, along with two other staff members. They were able to show us how many germs we had on our hands and then taught us how to wash our hands properly to ensure all the germs were washed away. We were surprised to see so many germs on our hands and pleased that they were much cleaner after we had washed them properly.

Mrs N. Murray







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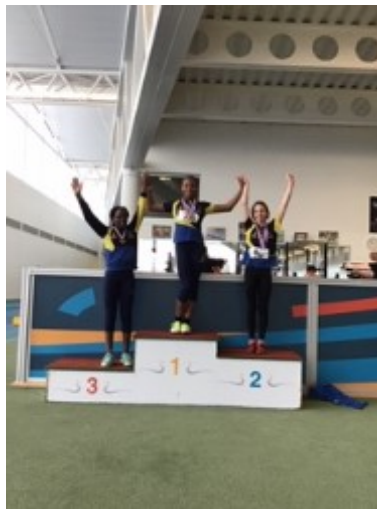


## Athletics

Despite the rain, the primary schools' athletics meeting went ahead last Saturday. We had eight girls representing St Margaret's: Buyakomi Adejuwon, Penny Campbell, April Campbell, Freya Campbell, Josie Laing, Ife Alawode, Martha Dolin and Anna McNeill. Parents and staff were delighted with the following results:

3 - 4J:	60m	1st Bukayomi Adejuwon, 3rd April Campbell
7J:	100m	1st Josie Laing, 2nd Anna McNeill
7J:	800m	1st Anna McNeill
7J:	Long Jump	1st Josie Laing, 2nd Anna McNeill 3rd Ife Alawode
7J:	Shot Putt	1st Ife Alawode
7J:	Relay	1st Josie Laing, Martha Dolin, Anna McNeill, Ife Alawode

Josie has also broken another record – the 7 Junior hurdles record - increasing her tally to two new records this year!



## Volunteering

It is always nice to hear about people helping and supporting others. Three of our II Senior girls, Kyla Almeida, Elena Eguiagaray and Lucia Eguiagaray, volunteered through their hockey club Granite City wanderers to help at the Baker Hughes 10km last Sunday. It was an early start and rather chilly! They spent three and half hours setting up, encouraging runners, giving out water at the 8km mark and then tidying up after the race was finished. Well done girls.

Mrs K. Norval



## Food Technology

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All of the girls, together with myself and Mrs Gregory, would like to say a huge thank you to Entier kitchens who have very kindly donated a new set of very smart aprons to use in our Food Technology classes. The girls are delighted to wear them while we continue to try out Entier's healthy eating menus. I'm sure you'll agree we now really look the part!

Mrs V. Gerbrandy



## Speech and Drama Success

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Congratulations go to Elise Corry in VI Senior, who sat her Associate Diploma in Speech and Drama in March. The examining board was the New Era Academy as Elise had completed Grade 8 with Distinction the previous year. This exam was a pass or fail exam with the pass mark required to be over 75%.

Elise can now add the letters 'ANEA' after her name as she now holds a Speech and Drama performers diploma.

Ms K. Schmitz



## AberNecessities

AberNecessities is a registered charity helping underprivileged families in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire by collecting pre-owned children's clothes up to age 12 and distributing them to local families most in need, as well as helping to provide essential items that families need to care for their babies and children. AberNecessities accepts donations of nappies, wipes and children's toiletries. They are also delighted to accept toys and equipment; please donate items that are in a condition that you would be happy for your own child to wear or use. For further information visit: <http://www.abernecessities.co.uk/>



## Charlie House Fundraising Event

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has been arranged for

Monday 20th May 2019

at 8am-9am am / pm

Any questions - please ask your  
school collection organiser

School Office

www.bag2school.com



## Bag2School Collection (continued)

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TURN YOUR PRE-LOVED ITEM INTO CASH FOR OUR GIRLS!

**Bag2School** is back and ready to bring in a bumper cash contribution to the coffers of St Margaret's School for Girls Parent Teacher Association.

If you're getting ready for a spring clear-out, you have the perfect opportunity to offload all of your unwanted, good quality clothes, shoes, bags, and bedspreads to the PTA, who will in turn pass it on to **Bag2School**.

Proceeds will go to the school to pay for all of those luxury, additional items not routinely covered by school fees. They are special little 'extras' that will make our girls time at St Margaret's all the more memorable. And it couldn't be easier. Collection bags will be sent home with your girls in the run up to the Easter break on Friday. All of you have to do is go through your cupboards and drawers, select items no longer needed from the list below, put in the collection bags provided and return them to the school by 9am on the morning of **Monday 20th May**. PTA reps will be in the school car park from 8am to collect them and hand them over to **Bag2School**, who will do the rest.

**Bag2School** is a trading name of Next Best Clothing Ltd, the largest textile collection company working with schools in the UK. Founded in 1999, it has paid over £32 million to schools, nurseries, playgroups, pre-school groups and churches which is helping the Circular Economy. With its trading stablemate Bag2TheFuture, it provides a free fundraising service for anyone using a resource EVERYONE has got in their wardrobe – unwanted clothes. Better still, the bags used for collections are all recycled! Of its annual turnover Bag2School pays 76 - 80 % to schools, 18 - 20 % is spent on operational costs and 2 - 4 % is profit.

It accepts the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- ☐ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- ☐ Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- ☐ Handbags
- ☐ Hats
- ☐ Bags
- ☐ Scarves and ties
- ☐ Jewellery
- ☐ Lingerie
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Belts
- ☐ Soft toys
- ☐ Household linen
- ☐ Household curtains
- ☐ Household towels
- ☐ Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We **DO NOT** accept:

- ☐ Duvets and blankets
- ☐ Pillows and cushions
- ☐ Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- ☐ Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- ☐ School uniforms with and without logo
- ☐ Corporate clothing and workwear
- ☐ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

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**Wander**

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THE **Mighty**  
**Stride**

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<https://registration.everydayhero.com/ps/event/TheAberdeenKiltwalk2019>