



ST MARGARET'S
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



WEEKLY NEWS

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Summer Drama Camp

Monday 7 - Friday 11 July

9.00am - 3.00pm

St Margaret's School for Girls is excited to welcome young performers to its Summer Drama Camp, running from the 7th to the 11th of July.

Open to boys and girls aged 8-14 from any school, this week long camp promises a week of creativity, confidence-building, and theatrical fun! Designed for budding actors, as well as those new to the stage, the Summer Drama Camp offers something for everyone! From acting workshops and improvisation to scriptwriting and stagecraft, all led by experienced drama teachers.

With access to fantastic drama facilities at our school, young performers will have the perfect stage to explore their talents and bring stories to life, while also fostering teamwork, self-expression, and confidence in a supportive environment.

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out! Secure a place today and let your child step into the spotlight this summer!

Book a place [here](#)

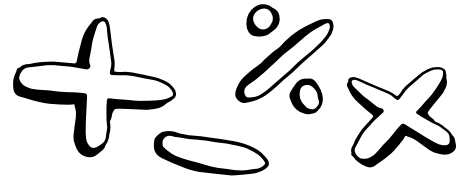
Moana Jr. Local Nurseries Showcase

We had the most wonderful time inviting some of the local nurseries in the area to a showcase of some of the highlights from our Junior School Show, Moana Junior. The children loved it and even posed for photos afterwards with some of the show's top stars!



Success in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

Mrs Bryce



I am delighted to share the outstanding results of this year's UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. Congratulations to all pupils who participated, your effort and enthusiasm are commendable, regardless of whether you met the threshold for an award.

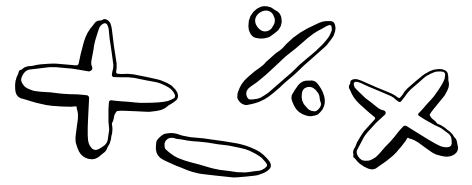
Across IS and IIS, a total of 27 students received awards. Six girls earned prestigious Gold Awards, 13 achieved Silver, and eight were awarded Bronze, an incredible achievement reflecting their hard work and mathematical talent.



Congratulations

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In addition, we are proud to announce that four of our pupils, Tasneem and Jenny (IIS) and Penny and Yoonjae (IS), have been invited to take part in the Junior Kangaroo, the next round of this nationally recognised competition. This invitation is a testament to their exceptional performance and places them among the top young mathematicians in the country. Well done to all involved!



7J STEMovators

Mrs O'Neill



Over the past few months 7 Junior have been working towards the STEMovators competition. This is a Scottish competition that encourages pupils from Primary 5 to S2 to explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths in creative and innovative ways.

7 Junior are taking part in the Climate Smarter section of the competition and have been involved in a series of work focusing on four key Climate Smarter topics: Renewable Energy, Water, Forestry, and Smart Technology. The final part of the project requires the pupils to work in teams to create a sustainable school of the future.

Monday the 12th of May was the culmination of all their work when parents and judges were invited into school to see all the hard work come together in a brilliant presentation of their learning. Our two judges, Mr Bamford and Miss Wilson, were amazed by the girls' presentation skills and the quality of the sustainable model schools they had created.

The judges had a very difficult job selecting the 2 winning groups against the STEMovators criteria.

However, after considering all the evidence, the judges selected the Eco Frogs and The Eco Champions of St. Megs as the two winning groups who will take their presentations to Aberdeen University on Tuesday 27th of May.

We wish these groups all the very best for the STEMovators final event!





IIS Geography Field Trip

Aberdeen's Central Business District

Mrs Stone



On Wednesday 14th May, the I1 Senior Geography pupils carried out fieldwork in various places around Aberdeen's CBD (Central Business District) and inner city. The girls visited 5 sites: the West end of Union Street, the middle section of Union Street, the East end of Union Street, the Green and Maberly Street. They also spent some time looking at the changes and improvements to the St Nicholas roof top garden and Union Terrace Gardens.

The girls carried out traffic and pedestrian counts and detailed environmental quality surveys. They also observed and recorded building features at each of the sites visited.



The purpose of this fieldwork was to equip pupils with information gathering skills. It also allowed them to collect information that they can use for their National 5 Geography Assignment. This assignment is carried out in exam conditions over a time period of 1 hour and is marked externally by the SQA. It makes up 20% of the final mark for National 5 Geography. The girls worked extremely hard and gathered detailed and accurate information at all the sites.

IIIS Peterhead Prison Museum Visit

Miss Ghimpu



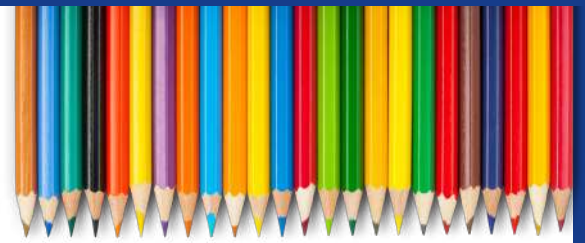
Our Modern Studies III Senior class recently enjoyed a visit to the Peterhead Prison Museum. It was a lovely day, and the pupils found the experience both interesting and eye-opening. They learned a lot about the history of the prison, the daily lives of the prisoners, and how the justice system has changed over time. Walking through the old cells and hearing real stories from the past helped bring their classroom learning to life.

The visit tied in really well with their coursework, especially around crime and the justice system. It gave the pupils a chance to think more deeply about the impact crime can have—not just on those who commit it, but also on their families and wider society. Everyone came away with a better understanding of these important issues, and it was a valuable day all round.



ART NEWS

Mrs Teglas



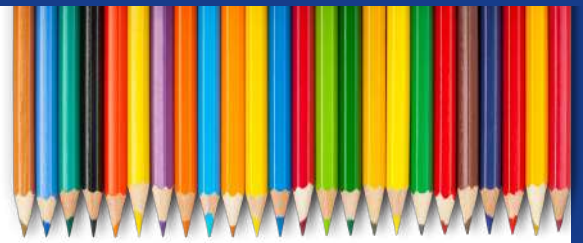
7 Junior China Project

To introduce their new theme of China, the girls have started looking at Chinese opera masks and face make-up designs. They learned about symbolism and colour meaning and then had a go at drawing a design and adding colours to represent characteristics.



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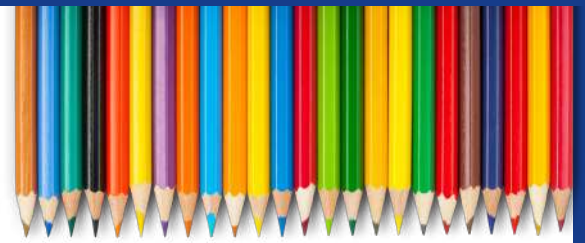
I Senior Ceramics

This week the girls have been forming their clay to create their outcomes based on unusual seed pods. These will now go for a biscuit firing before glazing.



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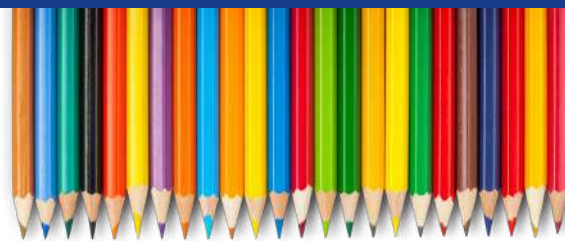
II Senior Movement

This week the girls started their movement project. They began by creating a series of loose, timed drawings showing their quick responses to still and moving images of dancers. Their influences came from looking at the dancers Loie Fuller and Jane Avril as well as the artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec.



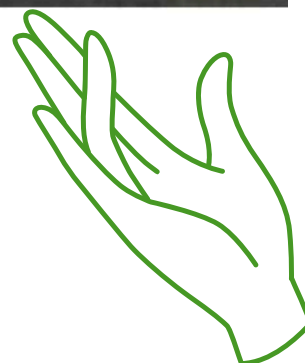
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Junior Art Club

For the past two weeks the girls in art club have been creating Victorian puzzles out of paper, watercolours and dry mediums.





Athletics

On Tuesday afternoon we had a team of twenty one athletes from IS to IIS, competing in the annual athletics match held at Milltimber. Our team was supported and encouraged by our athletics Captain Princess and Vice-Captain Erin, who we appreciated giving up their time during study leave to help out. With a variety of places accomplished over the track and field events the team came fourth overall - they just missed out on third place by two points. A special mention must go to Alice Matthews who won the 800m by miles and set a new record for that competition in the process.

Congratulations go to:

IS: Alice Matthews, Emily Mathieson, Harriet Anderson, Hannah Wilson, Lily Dingwill, Annabelle Williamson

IIS: Sophie Howell, Arabella Winn, Christina McNeill, Lowri Nixon, Tamsin Petrie, Katie Thomson

IIS: Chimdi Zubi-Emele, Nandi Dasar, Jewel Jobin, Saathvika Devadas, Bukayomi Adejuwon, Teninla Ashaye, Lucy Cherrie, Elodie Tennant, Sobechi Onyekwere



SUMMER HOLIDAY

CLUB

3 weeks beginning:
21st July, 28th July & 4th August

Age between 3 - 12 years

8am - 5.30pm

To book a place, click [here](#)



1J Punch & Judy Puppet Show

Mrs Nesbitt



1 Junior had a lot of fun this week creating a Punch and Judy puppet show. They used cardboard boxes and painted them to create the theatre. The girls then had a lot of fun putting on a show for the class. This was a lovely example of how the girls extend their learning through role-play opportunities in 1 Junior.



2J On The Hunt for Clues!



Mrs Garden

2J took their learning outside this week and put their problem-solving and teamwork skills to the test! They were given clues to read, before having to find the correct house to deliver the items to. When they got to the house, they found a letter to solve a code!



Nursery News

Mrs Simpson



There has been a lot of learning taking place outdoors this week. The car wash was very popular, with signs made to advertise the service.



It cost £50 for a car wash and £11 for a car dry and there were plenty of customers!



By 'playing' in the water, the children have been experiencing and learning about capacity, sharing and developing their pre-writing and literacy skills.



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The children have been enjoying investigating shape and symmetry this week too.



With shapes to match and patterns to copy to make symmetrical butterflies, the children have been really busy. This has extended into the construction area where there has been problem solving and decision making over which shapes will balance best!



Nursery Reviews



Our nursery is now registered online with [daynurseries.co.uk](https://www.daynurseries.co.uk), a website where people can look for information on suitable day nurseries for their children.

We would very much appreciate if parents of nursery children would take a few minutes to submit a review of our nursery on the website.

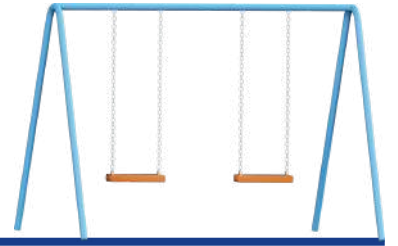
Please click [here](#) to do so.

Thank you so much!



After School Care

Mrs Stirling



The nice weather this week has been great for playing outside! The monkey bars, tyres and mud kitchen have all been popular, but there has still been time for a spot of pure relaxing too!



Rights Respecting Schools

Article of the Week

Nandi Dasar IIS



Summary

This week, Nandi shares her childhood wish for a younger sister after experiencing the chaos of having two energetic younger brothers. Despite the noise and constant sports, they grow to appreciate the love and support their family provides.

Tied to the International Day of Families (May 15), the piece highlights the importance of family bonds, especially during hard times. It references UN child rights articles that stress keeping families together and ensuring children are well cared for, even in alternative living situations.

The text also looks at family poverty, especially in the UK and developing regions, and its effects on both children and parents.

Nandi concludes by reflecting on the fact that while families can be messy and difficult, they are also a source of comfort and unconditional love — and should be celebrated.

To read the full article, please click [here](#).

Duke of Edinburgh Henna Lunchtime Sessions

Mrs Reid



FOR SENIOR PUPILS ONLY

Looking for some fun henna designs? Sign up for henna which takes place on Friday the 23rd and 30th of May in the art room at 1.00-1:30pm.

Karma in III Senior is doing henna art for her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh skills and would really appreciate as many sign ups as possible. The henna used is completely safe and has no harmful chemicals.

These henna lunchtimes will also be a chance to raise money for Forget-Me-Not Club, this year's YPI charity winner, a local charity that supports people with dementia.

Sign up for some beautiful henna designs by emailing Mrs Reid - j.reid@st-margaret.uk, please bring a donation of £2 and get a consent form completed by a parent/carers (please see separate school post).

Not free on Fridays? No problem - come to the henna stand at the PTA summer fair on the 14th of June instead.



PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale & Summer Fair

Join us for the PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale and Summer Fair on Saturday, June 14th, from 10am to 12pm.

We need volunteers to help out on the day so if you would like to organise a stall or help on the day please get in touch. Contact us at PTA@st-margaret.uk if you can help.



PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE & SUMMER FAIR



Saturday 14th June

10.00am - 12.00pm

@ St Margaret's School for Girls



Aberdeen Beach Clean

Mrs Miller

Aberdeen Beach Clean Sunday 18th May 11:00-13:00

Our Senior sustainability reps have been working this year on our theme of Sustainability Development Goal 6: clean water and sanitation. They have been keen to link their work with SDG 14: Life below Water and UNCRC Article 24: health, water, food and environment and would like to encourage the school community to join the beach clean organised by Aberdeen Climate Action on Sunday 18th May.

All equipment is provided, and the meeting point is at the public toilets in Footdee at 11:00 sharp.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at the link [here](#)



Aberdeen Kiltwalk

Mrs Leon Flores



Hi everyone!

I am participating in the Aberdeen Kiltwalk again to help raise money for Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) to support their incredible work providing unwavering care for children who may die young and their families.

Your donation big or small, will go directly towards supporting families from the moment that they learn the devastating news that their child is seriously ill and may die young.

Every little bit counts and your generosity will make a real difference in their lives.

Thank you for your support!

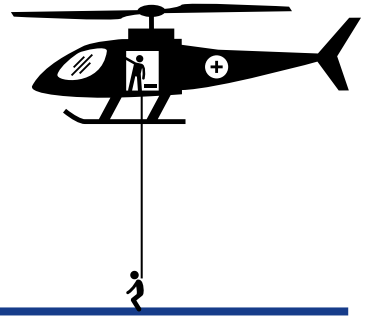
To make a donation, please visit my justgiving page:
<https://tinyurl.com/3v8rd8st>

To learn more about the incredible work of CHAS, please visit:
<https://www.chas.org.uk/>

To learn more about the kiltwalk, visit:
<https://thekiltwalk.co.uk/events/aberdeen>

Fundraising for Aberdeen Mountain Rescue

Mrs Oldham



In order to raise funds for the Aberdeen Mountain Rescue, I am taking part in a challenge with my running club - the Cosmic Hillbashers.

The challenge is to gain the equivalent of 35275m of elevation as a combined effort during May. This height corresponds to the summit heights for all Munros in our patch. Elevation gained when climbing the stairs at school does not count I am afraid...

If you would like to contribute to this fundraising initiative, you can find the justgiving page [here](#).

Thank you very much!

 **Cosmic Hillbashers** 



Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Parent Survey

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This is a reminder about taking part in the ELC parent and carer survey. The survey is for all parents and carers with children aged 0-6 who have not yet started school. The survey asks about your views and use of early learning and childcare in Scotland and should take around 15-20 minutes to complete. Those who complete this can enter a prize draw for a chance to win 1 of 8 £100 Love2Shop e-gift vouchers.

You can access the survey here:
<https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/ELCparents>

The survey will be available until Friday 23rd May 2025. Please feel free to share this survey with other parents or carers of children that you know (e.g. via parent / nursery WhatsApp groups).

This survey is being carried out by the Scottish Centre for Social Research (ScotCen) on behalf of the Scottish Government. For more information about the study, please visit the study webpage: www.natcen.ac.uk/ELCparents