

Weekly News 19th April 2019

From the Head

The first week of the summer term has certainly sped by and for our IVS, VS and VIS pupils every lesson really does count in these particularly important final days of teaching and consolidation before the SQA exams begin next week. I am pleased to say that there has still been opportunity for our VIS girls to have some fun in their final days as school pupils. Yesterday saw the annual fancy dress day for VIS girls and I have to say that this year's costumes reached an all-time high in terms of their ingenuity and creativity!





Dates for the diary:

May day holiday
Summer Concert
In-service day
Sports Day
In wish you all a very happy
Monday 6th May
Thursday 9th May
Monday 27th May
Friday 31st May
Easter weekend.

Easter Holiday Club

The children had a fun-filled week at holiday club taking part in a variety of activities. They were very creative on the Monday making dens and games out of cardboard boxes. Some girls made a multi-level game for marbles whilst others created a game with prizes.

We went out to Wynford Farm on Tuesday and were extremely lucky that it was a sunny day. The children were taken round the farm and got to feed the sheep, goats and pigs. The lady let them stroke a rabbit, a chick and a baby rat! After the tour, the children enjoyed playing in the park. The afternoon was spent in the soft play area inside.

Wednesday was messy Science Day! It wasn't surprising that the slime making table was the most popular. We also did an experiment with dancing raisins, growing gummy bears, making potions and we attempted to do the Mento explosion. It turned out we needed far more Mentos than we had so we will try again in the summer. Some of the children enjoyed playing with shaving foam and making cornflour play dough.

We went out again on Thursday on the public bus to the Zoology building. The children love looking at all the interesting exhibits. We had our lunch beside the 'jumping tree' before spending most of the afternoon at the 'climbing tree'. It's a fantastic tree that lies mostly on its side so that it's easy to climb and swing from. Some children made a den by collecting branches and leaves.

Friday was an Easter Eggstravaganza! The day started by making tasty treats and by doing Easter crafts such as decorating eggs and bonnets. We had to have our picnic inside because it was a wet day. Some children still had energy so had a session with Just Dance. Others enjoyed some quiet time watching a movie.

The photo album is available to look at in ASC so please ask when you collect your child.

Ideas have already been given to me for the summer club which runs for three weeks from 22 July. The booking forms for this will be issued in due course.

Miss S. Thomson





Easter Holiday Club (continued)







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🔀 6 Junior - The Great Eggscape

6J were tasked with a science challenge this week, naturally with an egg theme, 'The Great Eggscape'. The objective was to protect an egg (hard boiled) from cracking when dropped from a height using a variety of materials and focusing on ways to slow down a falling object. Naturally such an open ended question produced a variety of results. Some girls chose to design a parachute, some protected the egg with padding, some even made an airplane in which to carry the egg. Romy's solution was to set up a zip wire, slowing down the egg's descent considerably.

The girls had a super time and there was lots of excitement as each egg was dropped, with varying degrees of success, from Miss Tomlinson's balcony. The conclusion, parachutes were great, provided they had a large surface area and cellophane was used instead of tissue paper. Equally, those eggs which survived the drop, receiving no cracks, had travelled by egg plane or attached to chutes with several strings.

Mrs G. Wyatt



6 Junior - The Great Eggscape (continued)







Easter is fast approaching and for the girls in the Food Technology department it has been a busy few weeks preparing for the celebration. After the successful Christmas' 'Tried and Tested' we thought it would be a great idea to have a St Margaret's Easter Tried and Tested. The I Senior girls have taken on all of the hard work for you and discovered the best Easter food to buy for this coming weekend from our local supermarkets.

The girls were given five categories to test. They 'blind' tasted foods for each category from four supermarkets without knowing which supermarket each product came from. They then rated the product on taste, texture, appearance and aroma. The scores were discussed, analysed and averaged. But before we reveal the results may we say a huge thank you to Tesco and Co-op who rather generously sponsored the event with an abundance of Easter food and treats.

So with a pan roll please...... here are the results!

Hot Cross Bun - WINNER

By far the winner was Marks and Spencer with their pack of 9 mini hot cross buns for £1.25. The girls loved these and many thought they had the perfect amount of spice and a lovely overall flavour.

Runner-Up was from the Co-op with a pack of 6 for £1.00.

Gluten-Free Hot Cross Bun - WINNER

It was a close call with Tesco, but the winner was the Co-op's pack of 4 gluten-free hot cross bun for £2.00.

Runner-Up was from Tesco with a pack of 4 for £2.00.

Special Hot Cross Bun - WINNER

It was a difficult decision for the girls in this category. Each bun tested was delicious but the overall winner was from Tesco with their Raspberry and Belgian White Chocolate pack of 4 for £1.50.

Runner-up was from Marks and Spencer with their Salted Caramel and Chocolate buns. A pack of 4 costs £1.25. The girls felt they were too big and would have preferred these in mini versions.

Chocolate Egg - WINNER

This was an outstanding winner for both groups of girls. The Co-op have produced a delicious Fair trade Honeycomb Crunch Explosion flat slab of chocolate costing only £3.50. It is absolutely delicious! A must buy say the girls!

The runner-up was Asda's pack of milk chocolate carrots and rabbits costing 89p for a packet.

Easter Celebration Cake - WINNER

Tesco's Lemon Swiss Roll costing £1.00 had a perfect lemon flavour and was light and creamy.

Runner-up was the mini Carrot Cakes from Asda costing 85p for 6 small cakes.

With the Tried and Tested results complete, the girls then began to increase their knowledge of cooking and practical guidance by learning how to prepare an Easter feast. They have made a spring soup (pea, mint and asparagus), a Victoria Sponge decorated with spring wafer flowers and an edible gift of Easter shaped shortbread carefully wrapped and decorated to give to their family. So there is no excuse for them to not help out in the kitchen this weekend.

From the Food Technology department we wish you all a Happy Easter.



Food Technology (continued)









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Cricket

I am delighted to welcome Anthony McKenna to St Margaret's. Anthony is the cricket development officer for this area and is very keen to encourage young people to take up the sport. Anthony will provide taster cricket sessions to pupils during their games times. There is the 'All Stars' programme for children aged 5-8 years and some of you may be interested for your child. There are various venues as listed below:

Aberdeenshire All Stars Cricket begins Friday 17th May 6pm-7pm @ Mannofield Cricket Ground

Gordonians All Stars cricket begins Tuesday 7th May 6.30pm – 7.30pm @ Countesswells Playing Fields

Stoneywood Dyce All Stars Cricket begins Wednesday 15th May 5.45pm – 6.45pm and Friday 17th May 6.15pm-7.15pm Peoples Park – Dyce

Inverurie CC begins Tuesday 14th May 5pm -6pm — Kellands park



Hockey

Congratulations go to Lyona Munyoro, Carly McNeill and Rylee Thompson who were part of the successful Air Cadet hockey team that have reached the national final held in Liverpool in late June.

Congratulations also go to Ava Airnes, Joanne Sharples and Eva Sheal who have been selected out of seventy girls to play for the U14 north district team in the inter-district tournament to be held in May.

We are also delighted that Jennifer Tait has been selected to play for the Scottish U18 hockey team this weekend against Wales in Cardiff. We wish the team and Jennifer the best of luck.

Record Breaker - Sports Day

Our first record was broken on the last Thursday before the Easter holidays – Una McGee smashed one of our longest held records – she threw the discus 28.22m to beat the 1978 record of 27.04m. Una now holds the discus records for all years from 7 Junior to seniors. A fantastic achievement!

Mrs K. Norval

Dru Yoga Training Course

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The Dru Scotland Team

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Our next Bad2Sch

Our next **Bag2School** collection 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

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 them 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, preschool 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.

 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

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

In the event of inclement weather please protect your Bag2School investment by covering with a plastic sheet or storing bags undercover as wet items cannot be accepted.

If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780222.