



Weekly News 26th April 2019



From the Head

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. It was wonderful to do this with so many other people, including our pupils, parents, colleagues and friends of the school.

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**



Annual School Reunion - 1st June 2019

The annual school reunion will take place on Saturday 1st June from 10:30am to 2:00pm. We would be delighted to welcome back any former pupils or staff, plus guests, who would like to catch up with old school friends and take a trip down memory lane.

Arrival refreshments are kindly being provided by our Former Pupils Club which will be followed by the opportunity to tour the school before lunch with plenty of time to mingle and share news.

You can register online at www.stmargaretsconnect.com or contact Rachel Paterson-Davies, Head of Development (r.patersondavies@st-margaret.aberdeen.sch.uk) and she will be able to help.

Here's hoping for a lovely sunny day like last year.

Mrs R. Paterson-Davies



Mindfulness Classes for Teenagers

Dr Selma Yanik of Yanik Psychotherapy for Children and Adolescents has asked us to advertise mindfulness classes for teenagers: "Mindfulness builds resilience by giving young people the skills to help them cope better with stress, anxiety and difficult emotions as well as engage more fully with themselves and the world (Harvard research study). If you have difficulties emotionally, socially or academically, you are invited to go along with your parents to a complimentary introductory group session on 26th April from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Queen's Cross Church. Thereafter an 8 week block will run for youngsters aged 15 and above from 3rd May to 21st June from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. More information is available at: psychotherapy-yanik.com or by contacting Dr Selma Yanik on 07480 550130".

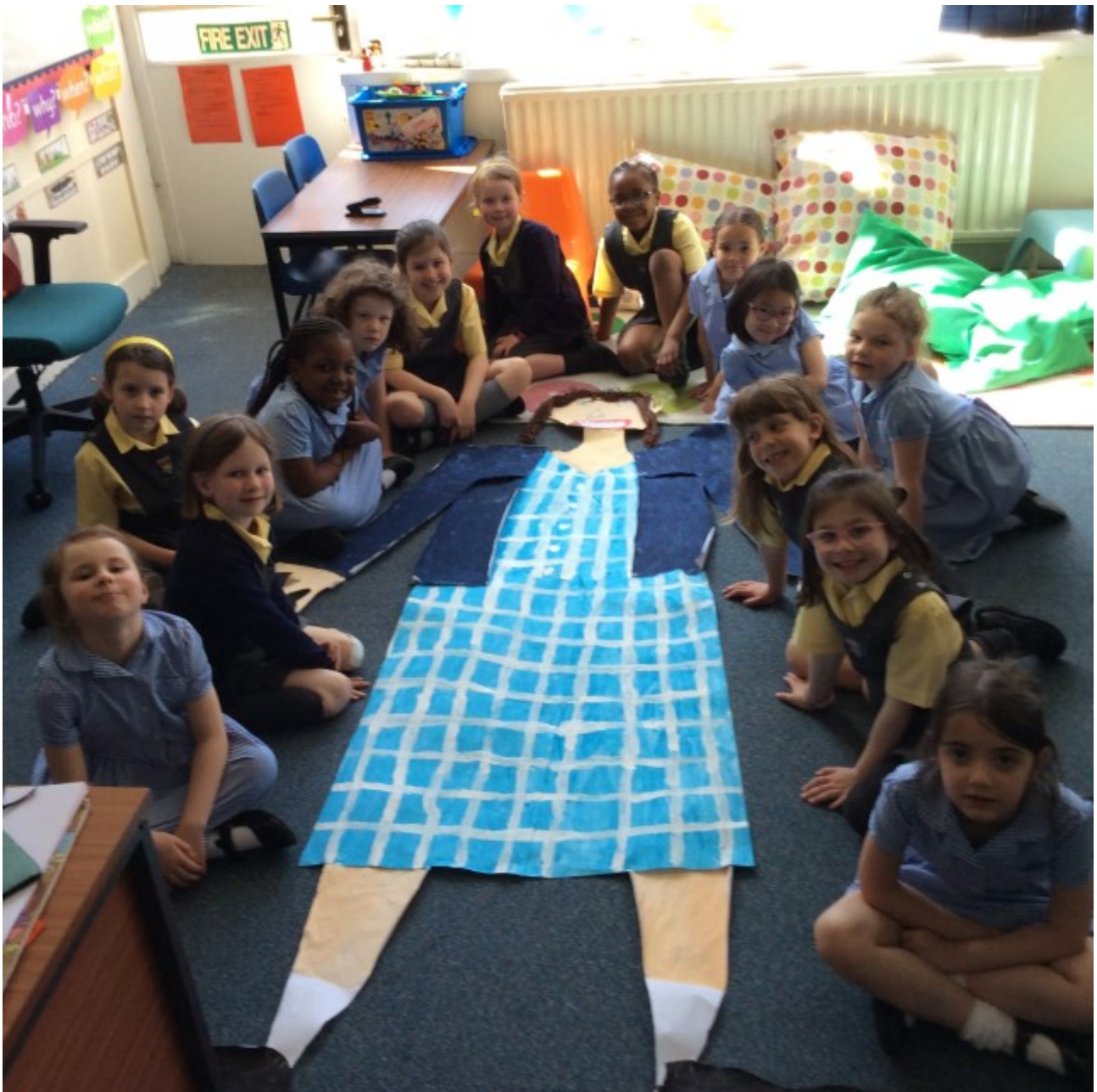
Ms K. Schmitz



2 Junior - A St Margaret's Giant!

Last week 2 Junior were amazed to discover giant footprints in their classroom. From the size of the footprint we have been able to create a giant. We knew the proportions to use for the body, as we had previously measured our own body using our foot and had worked them out. We decided to dress our giant in a St Margaret's summer uniform and we gave her a name. On the day the footprints arrived, the letter 'f' was mysteriously missing from our class alphabet display so we took that as a clue her name began with 'f'. We called her Flossie Felicity. She was too tall for our classroom so she is now hanging in the corridor outside our room. Do come and say hello!

Mrs N. Murray





2 Junior - A St Margaret's Giant! (continued)





3 Junior...Pants! Pants! And More Pants!

3 Junior were honoured to be given the task of counting all of the pants that had been collected by the school for the www.smallsforall.org charity. This task fitted perfectly with our maths topic. We had been looking at multiplication and our times table facts. We started by separating the packs into equal amounts. We had singles, packs of 3, packs of 4, packs of 5, packs of 7 and packs of 10. We then set about totalling how many were in each pile. We had 12 singles, 5 packs of 3, 34 packs of 4, 23 packs of 5, 7 packs of 8 and 24 packs of 10. Of course, as you have calculated this came to the grand total of 574 pairs of pants. WOW! Thank you for your contribution to this worthy cause.

Mrs E. Gibb and Mrs L. Tapper





II Senior Physics - Bridges

We have begun a unit on bridges, and are learning about compression and tension forces. So far the girls have looked at beam and truss bridges. They have worked with straws to improve the strength of a thin card beam bridge. Straws have been used to make trusses which distribute the force on the bridge and strengthen the deck. We have tested the bridges to see how much weight they can take before collapsing. The variety of bridge structure shows a great level of creativity from the girls as they have applied their knowledge from the unit.

Later in the unit the girls will have the opportunity to construct a suspension bridge using a variety of materials.

Mr I. Garioch



On 23rd April, both the Higher and Advanced Higher Economics classes attended an economics presentation at the Royal Bank of Scotland's Corporate Division in Aberdeen. The presentation gave us an insight into the current topical issues being debated in the media, namely Brexit, low productivity in the UK, the stagnating global economy, UK government spending and the future impact of Artificial Intelligence on employment. Information surrounding these topics was given to us in a series of slides and we were also informed about the work of an economist and given advice on studying economics at university. A lively question and answer session brought the event to a close and we were very grateful for the selection of refreshments provided to us by RBS, and the wonderful view of the city from the top floor of Marischal Square!

Mr G. Cunningham



Karate

On Monday, after school, twenty pupils were ready for their first karate grading since they started the club in August. Over the last few weeks they have had to learn commands and movement patterns to be ready for the tests. I am delighted to say that all the girls passed with flying colours to gain their orange belt.



Record Breakers

There were two more records broken this week during sports day heats – Janani Mohan broke her own senior 800m record that she set last year and then Josie Laing broke the 7 Junior long jump record set in 2017. Congratulations to both girls. Remember that Sports Day is on Friday 31 May this year!

Hockey

Congratulations to Jennifer Tait who played in all three Scotland U18 international matches v Wales this Easter weekend. Jennifer scored the third goal in the first match which they drew 5-5 and then had several assists in the next two matches which they won 2-1 and then 4-2. Jennifer said it was a wonderful experience.



Mrs K. Norval



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Our next **Bag2School** collection
has been arranged for

Monday 20th May 2019

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at 8am-9am am / pm

Any questions - please ask your
school collection organiser

School Office

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Bag2School Collection (continued)

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

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.