



Weekly News 3rd May 2019



From the Head

I am pleased to draw your attention to the forthcoming PTA Film Night on Friday 24th May. Please return your booking forms as soon as possible to the school office where tickets will be issued.

This weekend will see our III Senior girls undertaking a Bronze practice expedition, a reunion of former pupils in London and some of our junior girls will be participating in a primary schools athletics competition at Aberdeen Sports Village. Good luck to all those competing.

I do hope that everyone enjoys this long weekend. School will reopen on Tuesday morning as normal.

St Margaret's PTA

MOVIE

N-I-G-H-T

MARY POPPINS RETURNS

FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2019

6.15PM-8.30PM

SCHOOL HALL

'Trip a little light fantastic'

Join us for an evening for all the family.
Tickets available from the School office priced £2 each.
This includes a small bag of popcorn and a chocolate treat. If you would prefer to take your own snack please make sure they do not contain nuts. To save plastic waste bring along your own water bottle to fill up.
Tea and coffee will also be available.
JUNIOR girls must be accompanied by an adult
SENIOR girls can attend without an adult but must be dropped off and picked up by a nominated adult.

Please fill out the accompanying consent/order form and take it to the school office to receive your tickets

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PTA Family Film Night

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 24th 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'

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



Race for Life

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

Summer Concert



THE SUMMER CONCERT

Thursday 9th May at 7:00pm

The Gym

No tickets needed

This concert will feature the:

Intermediate Concert Band

Cello and Bass Club

Corelli String Ensemble

Junior Wind Quartet

IS Wind Quartet

6J and 7J Choral Society

Plus solos from our up and coming musicians from 4J - IIIS



Picture of the Month

April's picture of the month is by Holly Highton, VI Senior, Advanced Higher. The work is entitled 'Sisters. Reduction Lino Print'.

Mrs T. Scott



English Speaking Board Exam

A number of our I Senior girls were entered for the English Speaking Board Oral Skills for Interviews examination. The qualification is designed for all those who wish to improve and demonstrate their full range of communication skills within an interview context. The award is also designed to encourage and develop speaking, listening and thinking skills. This syllabus addresses the structured research and communication of all aspects pertaining to the interview process and enhances employability and life skills. We are delighted that all of the sixteen girls who were entered for the award in February have obtained the qualification, with distinction.

Mrs S. Stirton



Thursday started in the normal way for 1 to 7 Junior with an assembly. Immediately we knew it would be different because Mr Parfitt was at the piano and a music stand was set up. Mrs Murray announced that the girls were in for a treat. Two of our junior girls took to the floor to share their talents on their woodwind instruments. First, Daisy Leighton from 5 Junior, played the 'Can Can' followed by 'Wouldn't it be Lovely' on her flute accompanied by Mr Parfitt on the piano. Rose Veitch from 4 Junior played 'Georgie' accompanied by Mr Parfitt and 'Smarty Artie' unaccompanied on her clarinet. Both girls played well and received a round of applause. It was a lovely way to start the day and we look forward to hearing some of the other junior girls in the coming weeks sharing their talents.

Ms A. Dressel





6 Junior Easter Afternoon Tea Party

On Easter Monday, 6 Junior prepared an afternoon tea party. We made sandwiches which we had to cut into 4 neat pieces, triangles or squares, then we had the choice of toasting hot cross buns which we could spread with strawberry or raspberry jam. As it was Easter we tried Simnel cake which had been cut into eighths. We also had scones with whipped cream and strawberries. Then we filled our water bottles with orange squash and carried all the trays downstairs to sit in the garden and enjoy our lovely food. Some of us brought in picnic blankets for us to sit on in the sunshine. Iona and I decorated the classroom with Easter decorations.

Earlier we had gone outside for an Easter egg hunt. We had about one hundred and twenty eggs which had been hidden so everyone could have five each.

Overall we had a really fun afternoon. We were thankful to all the parents who supported our Easter event and to Mrs Gregory who helped hide all the eggs!

In our maths lesson on Tuesday we had to calculate the cost of our afternoon tea. We found out that we could make a round of cheese sandwiches for about 15p! We talked about why gluten free bread was much more expensive. Isla B. researched this and explained her results to the class on Friday.

Maryam Soliman, 6 Junior





6 Junior Easter Afternoon Tea Party (continued)





6 Junior Easter Afternoon Tea Party (continued)



On Wednesday the Conservation Club embarked upon a new project to encourage bees and butterflies in to the school gardens. Advised by Gayle Dixon, who devised a list of the most insect friendly flowers, we were very lucky to receive many packets of seeds from Dobbies Gardenworld at no cost. We are very grateful to Dobbies and to Gayle for the support.

During lunch break the club, using recycled plastic fruit trays donated by the girls in the Junior School, worked in pairs to plant a variety of seeds. The list included poppies, thistles, nasturtiums, echinacea, cosmos and herbs. In the larger beds the girls sowed wild seed mix, which should produce many colourful and scented blooms to attract insects.

The club hopes to plant the same number of trays again next week with a view to giving every student in the Junior School a tub to take home later in the term, therefore encouraging more insect life across the Shire.

Mrs G. Wyatt



Rowing

Congratulations go to Erin Gibson and Phoebe McCraith who competed in the Scottish Spring Regatta at Strathclyde last weekend. The girls won gold on the Saturday for the Women's Junior 13, doubles category and then silver on the Sunday for the Women's Junior 15 4x+. Erin was also awarded a handful of silver and golds for coxing in other quads races. Erin and Phoebe enjoyed the taster sessions we held last year and went to the summer holiday programme and have been hooked ever since! In the Easter holidays they went to a training camp in Germany. All the practice has clearly paid off with such an impressive medal haul over the weekend!



Cross-country

Last Saturday Jessica Gunn travelled to Kirkcaldy to compete in the Scottish Primary Schools cross-country competition. She came in a commendable 24th out of 141 competitors.

Record breakers

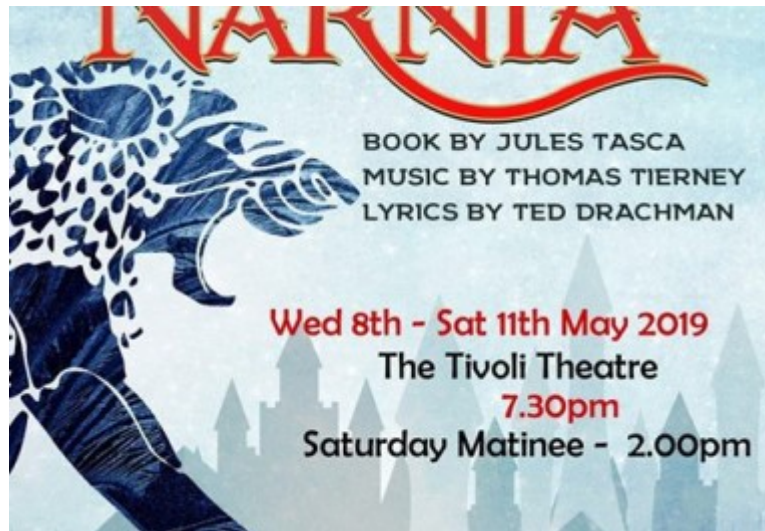
Some more excellent performances have meant more records have been broken. In 7 Junior Josie Laing added to her tally by breaking the 75m hurdles record while Ife Alawode broke the high jump record.



'Narnia' at The Tivoli Theatre

Aberdeen Youth Musical Theatre is staging *Narnia the Musical* at the Tivoli Theatre on Wednesday 8th May through to Saturday 11th May. Girls from St Margaret's will be taking part, including Tiana in I Senior who will be playing the role of Lucy at the Wednesday evening, Friday evening and Saturday matinee performances. Tickets are available from Aberdeen Box Office.

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/>





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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



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.



You give
your charity
100%
The **Hunter**
Foundation
adds **40%**

13 MILES
THE **Big**
Stroll

6 MILES
THE **Wee**
Wander

26 MILES
THE **Mighty**
Stride

Kiltwalk
Aberdeen
Sunday 2nd June
'Walk as a family
for a family'



Support and friendship
for families

Could your family be a **wee wanderer** in the Aberdeen Kiltwalk for Home-Start Aberdeen?

We're looking for families who can join the fun of the **Kiltwalk 2019** and raise money for Home-Start Aberdeen.

For further information contact Karen Smith or sign up online:

fundraiser@homestartaberdeen.org.uk

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