



Weekly News 31st May 2019



From the Head

We are delighted that we will be able to welcome award-winning writer and former parent of St Margaret's, Leila Aboulela, to school on Wednesday 12th June from 2:30 to 3:30pm. Ms Aboulela will discuss her latest book 'In Conversation with Leila Aboulela', and her most recent book 'Bird Summons', and will answer questions from a panel of pupils and the audience. There will also be an opportunity to purchase copies of her books courtesy of Waterstones. If you would like to join us at this event please register at stmargaretsevents.com.



If you are participating in Sunday's Race for Life, our St Margaret's group will be meeting at 10.30am before the 11am start. We are going to meet on the left hand side of the stage (when facing the stage). The stage will be located on the grass area to the side of the links ice arena and next to the starting point. Please allow plenty time before the race as parking may be busy. We will be able to participate in the warm up together before race.

It is not too late to sponsor our team effort! Thank you for your support.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-margarets-and-friends>



The sun shone brightly for the 2019 annual school reunion, which took place last Saturday, and we were delighted to welcome more than 40 former pupils and staff back to the school, with a particularly large group of FPs from the class of 1989.

The Former Pupil Committee provided arrival refreshments, while visitors caught up with familiar faces and looked over the various school archives which were on display, including old copies of the Chronicle and photo albums.

Miss Tomlinson welcomed all visitors back to the school before three tour groups, led by senior school pupils, departed from the hall. There was much new to be seen by some of the ladies, many of whom had not been back to the school for many years; they were particularly delighted to see the new classrooms in the science teaching block.

The tour guides took their time walking round the school giving visitors plenty of time to reminisce and see what had changed and what had not, including the lion at the foot of the stairs. The senior girls confirmed that they still rub him for luck before their exams!

The sandwich lunch was much appreciated by all after the school tours, allowing everyone a further opportunity to catch up over cuppa and a 'fine piece'. After a group photo, Mr Drew Tulloch led the reunion with the rendition of the two school songs, with the newer song sung particularly beautifully by the senior girls.

It was another successful reunion and we look forward to the next one in London in November.

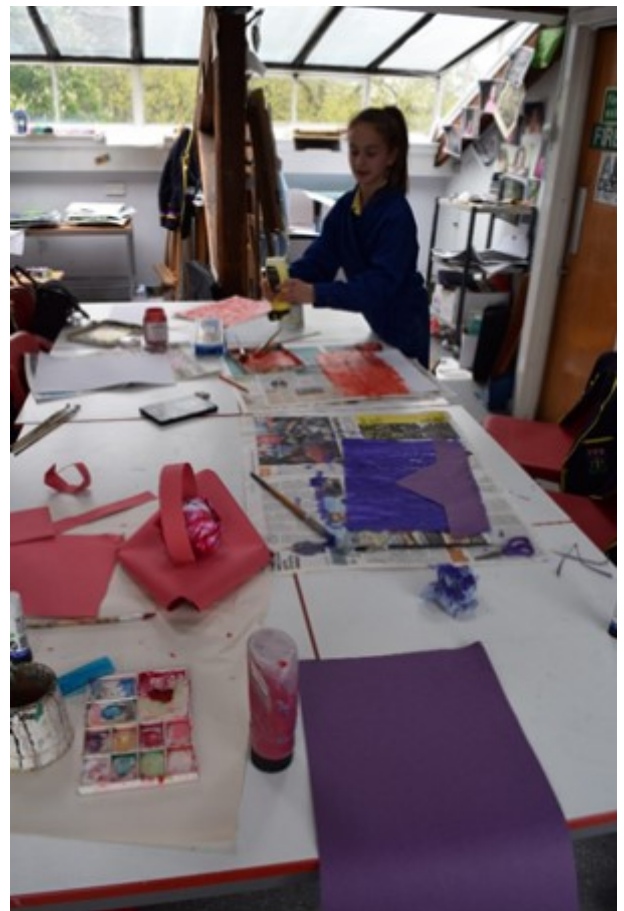
Mrs R. Paterson-Davies



In the last block of art club, we corresponded each session to the birthday of a famous artist; J. M. W. Turner, Willem de Kooning, Yves Klein, Jasper Johns, Salvador Dali and Henri Rousseau. The girls created a variety of work inspired by each of them, fitting their own personal image.

Without any fear of getting our hands dirty, we created a sophisticated body of work perfect for any exhibition. We looked at how to create different textures through the use of mixed media and even ventured into 3D design!

Miss I. Andrianova





2 Junior Visit to Satrosphere

As part of our learning about the human body, 2 Junior went to Aberdeen Science Centre. When we arrived we had the opportunity to explore the exhibits on the floor. We then took part in two workshops. Our first workshop was called 'Amazing Bodies'. During this we looked at a life sized skeleton and we had to perform surgery on 'Joe'. Our second workshop was titled 'How to make the perfect poo!' We went through digestion step by step and created a 'perfect poo'. It was very messy!

Miss S. Hulme





2 Junior Visit to Satrosphere (continued)





3 Junior Cancer Research Charity Collection

Inspired by Emily's Show and Tell presentation on the good work of Cancer Research charity shops, we decided to collect a bag full of clothes, toys and books to take to our local shop. We each brought in a bag which we then had to carry all the way to the shop on Union Street. We struggled through the rain, avoiding the big puddles, and delivered our donations. We are now waiting to hear from the Cancer Research shop to tell us how much our things raised. "It's good that we are helping out," explained Emily.

Mrs E. Gibb





Inter-house Debate

The inter-house debate took place on Monday this week. The judges were wowed by the array of talent, from girls in IS to VIS who took part. Girls debated the motion, "This house would hold social media companies legally liable for content on their platform."

All girls had researched the topic well. For many of the participants this was their first try at debating, which made the event even more impressive.

Debating is a great way to build confidence in public speaking, and well worth fitting in to your extra-curricular schedule. Next session we will hold more events, so keep an eye on the debating notice board from August. The winning house this year was Crathes.

Mrs H. Jennings





Debating - Donald Dewar Memorial Competition

Last night our debating team participated in the national final of the Donald Dewar Memorial competition organised by the Law Society of Scotland.

They debated the motion, "This House believes that the Scottish Parliament should have an appointed second chamber". Although not the overall winners, the girls performed very well and each received an engraved quaich and a £50 book token.

It was a real honour to compete in the debating chamber of the Scottish Parliament. We were thrilled that former pupils were present - Frances and Emma Barnett (classes of 2013 and 2015), Keira Dargie (class of 1995), and Elizabeth Grant (class of 2000), who was a member of the winning team of this competition in her final year at St Margaret's.

Mrs H. Jennings



There is still time to book a place on the summer holiday club which runs from 22nd July to 9th August. Please note that some days have very limited spaces available. Here is a poster showing some of the activities that will be offered over the three weeks. A draft programme will be sent to parents before the end of term.

Please get in touch if you have any queries by emailing me at s.thomson@st-margaret.aberdeen.sch.uk

Miss S. Thomson



Coming to St Margaret's Holiday Club...



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.

The cost of this week long course is £150. Participants will be asked to provide their own snacks and packed lunch. If you wish to reserve a place for your child, please contact the school office for a form and return it as soon as possible to secure a place. The fee for the theatre summer school will be added to your next fees invoice. Please be aware that you will be charged 25% of the cost if you cancel your booking more than 2 weeks before the start of the club (i.e. before 1st July 2019) and you will be charged the full cost if cancelled on or after 2nd July 2019. Childcare vouchers can be used for payment, but please let us know in advance if this is your intention. The number of places are capped at 30 and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Mrs L. Goodwin



Theatre Summer School (Age 7-12)
15th-19th July inclusive

Venue: St Margaret's School for Girls
Time: 9am-2pm Cost: £150

Participants will work in our drama facilities on various theatre skills throughout the week, culminating in a performance for invited guests

☆ Masks ☆ Puppetry ☆ Script-Writing ☆ Drama Games ☆
Voice ☆ Technical theatre ☆ Improvisation ☆ Mime ☆ Musical Theatre ☆



For more information or to reserve a place please contact us
EMAIL: info@st-margaret.aberdeen.sch.uk PHONE: 01224 584466



Charity Sale

Run by : Asc



Wednesday 12th June

3-5 pm

Dining Room or Playground

What We Will be Selling

Notebooks with pencils

Sweeties and Stationery Jars



Jewellery

Stress balls

Playdough

baking

by Iona/Mary



Save the date!

Nearly new Uniform, Book and Sports Kit Sale

Saturday 8th June

10.30am – 12.30

In the
School Dining Room
&
School Hall

Please note, **last day** for handing in sale items / donations is
Thursday 6th June.
Thank you

- For queries email
- Gillian Corry dwcorry@aol.com



PTA NEARLY NEW Uniform, Books & Sports Kit Sale Saturday 8th June 10.30am-12.30

The uniform sales are held once a term and give parents the opportunity to purchase good quality uniform and sports kit, help raise funds for the PTA, and provide an outlet to sell surplus uniform. Donations of items to the PTA are welcomed!

Items to be included in the forthcoming sale may be brought to the school office anytime, but the strict **deadline for submission is Thursday 6th June**. Items received after this date are not guaranteed to be included in the sale.

TERMS & CONDITIONS :

- Garments should be in good condition, laundered and folded/on hangers. Blazers should be dry-cleaned. *Only items on the school uniform list* to be submitted please.
- Items of sports gear to include: tennis rackets, hockey sticks, hockey boots and hockey bags - to be in a good clean condition. NO trainers please.
- Standard printable labels are available below. Each item *must have a label attached* (stuck or pinned) with all information / boxes complete - failure to do so may prevent processing payments, and items will be treated as PTA donations. Un-labelled items are assumed to be donations to the PTA. The PTA will not take any responsibility for flimsy, poorly attached or illegible labels.
- Suggested asking price - 50% of new price - *please round up to nearest £1*.
- 35% of sale proceeds will be donated to the PTA. 65% of sale proceeds will be paid to sellers via bank transfer (BACS) only. Individuals who have sold items will be contacted for bank details via email. Payments to sellers will be made following the final sale in the summer term.
- The organisers reserve the right to reject any garments which in their opinion are unsuitable for the sale. Items may be re-priced to reflect a reasonable going rate for that article. Items cannot be returned once submitted.
- All unsold items are retained in school for subsequent sales. After two years they will be sent to a charitable organization.

Please note that personal data provided to the PTA is stored and processed in accordance with current data protection regulations.

For any queries please contact Gillian Corry via email at - dwccorry@aol.com

✂ ST MARGARETS PTA UNIFORM SALE LABELS ✂

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