

St Margaret's Academy **Snippets**



8th November 2019

you need to know.

Reporting delay - We've been experiencing technical issues all week and unfortunately the S1/2 reports will be delayed until Monday and Tuesday. S3 reports issued today.

The first S4-6 study support block of this session will run from the 18th-29th November. Full timetable will be published next Friday.

S4 Prelim diet is the 2nd -13th of December. More details to follow.

S3 parents' evening is on Thursday 21st November. Look out for booking information next week via groupcall & email.

Key dates...

Monday 11th November Parent Council 7pm **Tuesday 12th November** Careers trip - Film Festival **Monday 18th November** S4-6 study support begins (2 weeks)

Remember and Reflect service 7pm

Holocaust alive.

Thursday 21st November ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY 25th BIRTHDAY!

Friday 22nd November Community Education Mass - more details to follow **Tuesday 26th November** Supporting your child: Mathematics 7-8.30pm **Wednesday 27th November**

The lesson of Auschwitz



Before the October break, the Advanced Higher English class were lucky enough to welcome national playwright and novelist, Alan Bissett into the school. Alan did a Creative Writing workshop with the class with the aim of helping them with their portfolios. The students enjoyed getting to know the writer himself as well as the wisdom he had to offer on the writing process!

Alan has been writing professionally for nearly twenty years and had lots of advice to offer, encouraging the students to commit their ideas to paper. He spent two hours with the class and, by the end of the session, everyone had been inspired to write openings to stories which may go on to form the basis of their folio pieces. On discussing the event afterwards. students responded very positively to the experience. Read some of their thoughts below:

"I thought it was very beneficial in encouraging me to think outside the box for my folio, it made me consider settings and concepts I hadn't thought of before." "Made us fight the hardest battle. The start."

"Gave a good, fresh perspective to creating a well-rounded, captivating read." Overall, a very enriching experience for the class. Thanks to Alan for his inspirational workshop! Miss E Cochrane (English dept)





Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the

Last week, Lauren Keenan and Sophie Martin of S6 gave a thought-provoking presentation on their recent trip to Auschwitz in Poland. The qirls made the visit to the infamous concentration camp in the space of one day as part of a programme designed to keep the lessons of the

Lauren and Sophie shared their experience with Miss Cochrane's S3 English class who have recently studied The Diary of Anne Frank as part of their BGE course. The pupils were engrossed in the girls' detailed account of their trip and how it affected them. Having studied the fates of various real-life victims and survivors of such a terrible atrocity, the class were able to more fully imagine what the experiences of these people would have been like through listening to the girls' stories.

Thank you for sharing your experience with us, girls.



Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Spooky Senior Lunch

Last week, Miss Cochrane's S2 English class successfully organised a special Halloween lunch for the Advanced Higher English class with the aim of building confidence as well as skills in Literacy and Numeracy. Pupils spent the week arranging all of the details, including a trip to Lidl with their food budget (with the help of Mrs Fafinska), decorating the classroom and practicing their hospitality skills on each other before the big event!

The pupils did a wonderful job of the food preparation and the organisation of a Halloween treasure hunt for their senior quests. The feedback left by the S6 pupils reflected the hard work that the whole class had put into the event. Needless to say, they are looking forward to the seniors returning the favour with a lunch for them at Christmas time!













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West Lothian Council

S2 CABE Challenge Success!

Ten of our S2 pupils visited West Lothian College to compete in the heats of the annual Construction and the Built Environment Challenge.

The heat involved the pupils working as a team to complete three tasks linked to construction and engineering - constructing a flooring joist system from a plan, building garden trellis from a design and investigating heating and lighting in buildings. The team did the school proud showing excellent teamwork skills and commitment to accuracy in their work. As a result they won their heat and will progress to the final at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange of 16th January where they will have a chance to win the trophy plus individual vouchers and a cash prize for the DMG department. A fantastic achievement, well done to them all! Mrs Mabhena (PTC)





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Winter Ready

Parents and carers are being urged to be Winter Ready

West Lothian's 31,000 pupils, their parents and carers can be one of the most affected groups during bouts of severe winter weather, particularly if there is a need

to close a school.

Head of Education Jim Cameron said: "During periods of winter weather, the school closures page is the most viewed page on the council's website, so we know it's an important issue.

"One of the most important actions for parents and carers to do is check that their child's school has up-to-date contact details so that messages via GroupCall can be communicated effectively. GroupCall is the first method of communication in the event of a closure or school disruption, so it's very important that the school has the most up-to-date contact details.

"Whilst the message will also go out via websites, Apps and social media, GroupCall is the main method for schools. If there's no GroupCall message, then there is no major disruption at the school."

He added: "Parents/carers should also note that it's their responsibility to decide on whether their child/children should travel to school during winter weather. It's not for the school staff to tell parents whether their child should come to school unless, of course, the decision has been taken to close the school due to weather conditions."

"The school can only make a judgement based on the condition of the school building and immediate area outside a building. They can't make a judgement based on individual streets, roads and paths for every child.

"In extreme weather conditions such as snow, parents/carers should carry out an assessment as to whether they consider it safe for their child to travel or walk to school. Parents/carers should then inform the school of their decision at the earliest opportunity."

For information on the impact of winter weather on local facilities, and tips on how to keep safe ,visit: www.westlothian.gov.uk/winter







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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school/brea k	RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE department
Lunchtimes	Film Club (5a lunch) Mrs Sedgewick English Department	S1-S3 Choir Niss Saunders U46	Equalities Group ATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATATA		
Lunchtimes		Senior Choir Mrs Allan U47	Drama Club (5a+b) Mrs MacDonald		



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After school	Basketball (S1-3) PALDING WITH Bradley Games Hall	Rugby GILBER Mr Haynes Grass	Football Mr Bradley Astro	Dance & Gymnastics Miss Stryke Dance Hall	S1 Football Team Mr Bradley
After school	Mr McCurdy Astro	RE Department	Running Club Mr Hopkins	Skiing Mr Haynes Hillend	S2 Football Team Mr Cumming
After school	Water polo Water polo Mr Hopkins Pool	Girls Football Miss Weir	Move Night Note Total Total Description Total Descripti	Roller-skating Club Mrs Sim	

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Other Teams
After school	Fitness Club Miss Mcilraith	Netball Club Miss Munro	Electronic Games Club RE Department		Handball Team Cross Country Team County Sports Team Volleyball Team Gymnastics Team Giant Heptathlon Gymfest Team
	Higher/National 5 Maths Ms Brennan TLC		School Brass Band Mrs Downs Drama Studio		
			Press Club Mr Amamize U63 - English		

St. Margaret's Academy

Pupil Bulletin

5th November 2019



General

Film Club

Film Club is running Monday and Wednesday 5a lunch in U62. It's great to see lots of new members and we are really enjoying Monster House! EE2 forms for the Film Club trip to see Spiderman: Far From Home are due back today at the latest. Please return to Mrs Sedgewick to confirm your place today or you cannot come.

Equalities Club

The Equalities Club now meets in the RE department. Miss McKeown's room will be available every break, Mon-Fri as well as Tues, Wed and Thurs lunchtimes.

Mass

Mass will take place in the Oratory on Thursday morning at 8.20am. It lasts about 15 minutes. If your bus arrives after Mass has started you are welcome to come in late.

Water Coolers

The new mains fed water coolers are finally installed in the atrium and PE department. Please ensure you bring an empty water bottle to school. In order to reduce the amount of plastic waste, there will be no more plastic cups available from the school office.

School Canteen

Students are reminded not to take plated food out of the Atrium. Please take a seat while you eat and place all rubbish in the bins provided. Thank you.

Latecoming

Please sign at the School Office, if you arrive late into school. If you are late due to the school bus please indicate this when you sign in. Thank you.

Bus Tickets

Bus tickets should be purchased from the School Office at break and lunch time <u>only</u>. The cost of a 10 journey ticket is £6.96, please try to bring the exact money with you to the School Office.

School Tie Return

If you have borrowed a tie from the School Office could you please ensure that it is returned by the end of the day.

<u>Procedure for Leaving School for Appointments/Sent Home from Sick Room</u> If you have to leave the school premises for any reason e.g. medical appointment, sent home from sick room please remember to sign yourself out on the black folder at the school office window.

Social Times

Pupils are reminded to remain on school grounds during break and lunch time.

Lost Property

Please be reminded that the lost property basket is located outside the Janitors Office. If you have lost any items of clothing etc. please check this basket in the first instance.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see attached sheet for details.

S1 - S3

The Lion King

Any S1/S2 pupils interested in seeing the Lion King at the theatre, please collect a letter from Music or Drama ASAP.

S2 Spooky Lunch

Please see attached document for information.

<u>S4 - S6</u>

Sleep in the Park

Attention all S5 & S6 pupils.

Can all pupils who have signed up for the Sleep in the Park please come to a short meeting at break on Monday 11th November in U20.

Into Film Festival Senior Careers Trip

Attention all S5 & S6 pupils.

Into Film Festival Senior Careers trip EE2 forms are due back to Mrs Sedgewick today or you cannot come on the trip. A list of pupils will be entered into ipay Impact this week when all forms are returned so that you can make your payment.

Auschwitz Presentation

Please see attached document for information.



Remember AND REFLECT

As we celebrate 25 years of St Margaret's Academy we extend a warm invitation to all to gather together to express our gratitude for all who have gone before us, and to remember them with Love and Respect.

This is a special opportunity for pupils and staff, former and current, their familes and friends and the wider community of our parishes to come together to Remember and Reflect.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the school on Wednesday 27th November from 7pm.

Tea/Coffee available. In order to help us with planning, please sign up at http://bit.ly/2qjyGU7

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019 at 7:00PM st margaret's academy, livingston eh546at



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: MATHEMATICS S1-3

Tuesday 26th November from 7pm to 8.30pm St Margaret's Academy cafe



On November 26th the Maths Department invites S1 - S3 parents and carers to St. Margaret's Academy to help you support your child.

Workshop 1 - Negative Numbers

Integer calculations have long caused problems as people struggle to interpret rules such as "Double Negative". This workshop will show how concrete materials can be used to help deepen understanding of this fundamental topic.

Workshop 2 - Grid Multiplication

This workshop will demonstrate different ways of carrying out multiplications. The main focus will be on the grid method because of its links with algebra.

Workshop 3 - Subtraction

The debate about "borrowing" or "exchanging" in subtraction have been ongoing for over a century. This workshop will look at methods that will increase understanding.

To sign up visit http://bit.ly/2BDGumf

ST ANDREW'S ST PETER'S ST PHILIP'S ST THERESA'S

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SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2019

32nd Sunday of the Year - Year C

Jesus gets drawn into the argument that went on between the Saducees and the Pharisees regarding the resurrection. The Saducees did not believe in the resurrection; the Pharisees did. In his argument the Saducee used the tactic known as 'reduxio ad absurdum'.



Jesus used the man's insincere inquiry as an opportunity to deliver a genuine teaching. The first thing he did was to challenge the assumption that the after-life is just a continuation of this life with some extras thrown in. It is a completely new mode of existence.

Then he went on to use another argument to support belief in the resurrection of

the dead. God is known as a God of the living. But he is also known as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This means that the patriarchs must be still living.

Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am St Philip's: Sat 9am

St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am

Thu 7pm to 8pm Sat 4.30pm to 5pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am

St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat

9.15am

Charismatic Prayer Group

St Andrew's: Tue 7.30pm

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm

Shared News ...

Youth Club: Will meet tonight, Sunday 10th, from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn.

St Andrew's Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi: There will be a meeting on Wednesday 13 November at 7.00pm in St Andrew's church hall for those interested in a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in October 2020. Information is available at the back of the church. Everyone from our four parishes and friends from elsewhere are welcome on the trip.

PPC: The next meeting will be on Thursday 14 November at 7.00pm in St Margaret's Academy.

Livingstones Prayer Group: Is hosting a time of prayer, praise and reflection on Saturday 16 November in St Peter's from 1.30pm - 4.00pm. All welcome.

Presentation of the Gospel: Children who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion should attend Mass on Sunday 17th when they will be presented with a copy of the Gospel of Matthew.

Bereavement Masses: The annual Masses for the Departed will take place on Saturday 23 November at 5.30pm in St Andrew's and on Sunday 24 November at 5.30pm in St Peter's.

Marth & Mary Day - Attention all ladies of the cluster! A day's retreat from the busy preparation for Christmas, a day of Christmas crafts in the morning and time in the afternoon for reflection based on Mary visiting Elizabeth. To be held in St Peter's on Saturday 30 November from 11.00am - 3.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied; soup available at lunchtime; please bring a packed lunch. Cost is £5.00 per person and the proceeds will go to Fr John's Ghana Project. Please contact Frances McGuire or Nancy MacGillivary (Tel: 07801 533 104) to book a space.

Safeguarding Induction Part 1: An additional safeguarding induction part 1 session will be held in St Andrew's shalom chapel on Monday 2 December from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Please note this is for volunteers who have not yet undertaken any safeguarding training.

Next Sunday's Readings (17.11.19): Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21: 5-19

Recently Deceased: Osemedua Kachikwu, Eileen Mellia, Francis Cassidy Anniversaries (November): Colin Phair, Charlie McGillivray, Adelaide Martins, Brian McKenna, Elizabeth Fleming

ST PETER'S ...

Fr Simon: In Fr Simon's absence, the phone will be diverted to the parish office so please contact Karen or Clare who will be able to point you in the right direction. Fr Kenneth is available for any pastoral needs.

Confessions: Please note there will be no Confessions until Fr Simon returns.

Rosary Group: Will not meet while Fr Simon is on holiday.

Knit & Natter: Until further notice, will meet at 1.00pm on Wednesdays.

Project Ghana: Any donations for Fr John should be put in an envelope marked 'Project Ghana' and given directly to Fr Simon.

Last Sunday's Collection: £814.26; Building Fund: £352.01; Church Stall: £94.35; 200 Club Winners: September - 1st Carmel Hunter; 2nd Eddie Houston; October - 1st Morag Watson; 2nd Donald MacLellan; November - 1st Elizabeth Garvin; 2nd Helen McFarland



ST THERESA'S...

Rosary: The rosary will be recited every Monday morning after 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Cards: Are now on sale from the stall at the rear of the church.

Last Sunday's Collection:

£810.86; Building Fund: £164.24; Bonus Ball Proceeds: £210.00: Bonus Ball Winner: V Grant

ST PHILIP'S ...

Gifts for Christmas: The SVDP Giving Tree will be up on 24 November and 1 December. Please pick up a tag and return gifts by 8 December. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £427.25 200 Club: No 39 A Raeburn (27.10); No 75 T McKenna (03.11);Sanctuary Candle: Norah Devitt & deceased members of Devitt family

ST ANDREW'S ...

2020 Committee: Will meet on Tuesday 12 November at 7.00pm.

Fairtrade: Stall next weekend, 16 & 17 November, after Mass.

Debt Fund: Thank you to everyone for their contributions. We have received a £2,000 donation from the 200 Club so that leaves us £414.98 to clear. Over the next few weeks let's try to get that cleared and we will be debt free.

Last Sunday's Collection:

£878.47; Building Fund: £135.69;

200 Club: No 40 & No 68; Sanctuary Candle: Safe Journey

Look what's on offer in our parishes ...

St Peter's

Knit and Natter Wednesday 1.00pm

Rosary Group Wednesday after morning Mass

Holy Family Lay Associates Thursday 7.30pm

Polish Ladies Prayer Group Third Thursday of the month 7.00pm

Polish Men's Prayer Group Second Thursday of the month 7.00pm

Saturday 10.00am

Eucharistic Adoration Saturday 10.00am

St Andrew's

Sequence Dancing Monday 7.00pm

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesday 7.00pm

Bereavement Café

Second Wednesday of the month 2.00pm

Ladies Group Thursday (fortnightly) 1.30pm

Foodbank

Thursday 4.00pm

Thursday 7.00pm

Friday 6.00pm

Saturday (fortnightly) 10.15am

One World Group

Confessions

Saturday 9.00am & 4.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday 10.00am

Thursday 7.00pm Saturday 4.30pm

Fairtrade Stall

Monthly

St Philip's

Sunday (fortnightly) 6.00pm - 8.00pm Lanthorn Centre

Holy Family Lay Associates First Monday of the month 2.00pm

Morning Prayer Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9.15am

Divine Mercy Prayers

Tuesday morning

SPRED

Tuesday 7.00pm Side Chapel

Confessions

Saturday 9.00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 9.00am

Fairtrade Stall

First Sunday of the month

St Theresa's

Rosary Monday after morning Mass

Confessions

Sunday after 11.30 Mass

Children from St Paul's Primary School join the parish for Mass on the first Friday of

the month



Class Masses

Children from our primary schools attend Mass regularly

Foodbank SVDP

CIC RCIA Across our four parishes



WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Drodzy, z księgi Machabejskiej, opisującej męczeństwo za wiarę weźmy ten mały fragment: *cale jego otoczenie zdumiewało się odwagą młodzieńca, jak za nic miał cierpienia* - by sobie uświadomić jak wielu młodych ludzi oddało życie za naszą Ojczyznę i za naszą wiarę. Dzisiaj - w 101 rocznicę odzyskania Niepodległości - podziękujmy za wszystkich, którzy sprawili, że cieszymy się wolnością w Polsce i w Europie. Autor listu do Tesaloniczan napisał te słowa także do nas: *Niechaj Pan skieruje serca wasze ku milości Bożej i cierpliwości Chrystusowej*.

W listopadzie modlimy się w WYPOMINKOWEJ LITANII IMION, wierząc, że Jezus Chrystus jest Pierworodnym umarłych, Jemu chwała i moc na wieki wieków. W dyskusji o zmartwychwstaniu na pytanie saduceuszów Jezus odpowiedział, że wierni zmarli: są równi aniołom i są dziećmi Bożymi, będąc uczestnikami zmartwychwstania. (...) Bóg nie jest Bogiem umarłych, lecz żywych; wszyscy bowiem dla Niego żyją. Módlmy się za naszych Bohaterów Niepodległości, ale także za naszych Zmarłych Siostry i Braci – z wiarą którą przypomina pełen nadziei refren psalmu: Gdy zmartwychwstanę, będę widział Boga. Dziękuję wszystkim Dzieciom i ich Rodzicom za aktywny udział w Gali Wszystkich Świętych – ks. Piotr

W sobotę 23 listopada odbędzie się kurs przedmałżeński – zapisy i informacje przez email

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 10 Nov	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS People of the Parish	9.30am Mass JS Margaret Ingles 5.30pm Mass JS	9.30am Mass KO People of the Parish	11.30am Mass KO Jerry McCool	32nd Sunday of the Year - Year C
Mon 11 Nov	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS Martin Crighton	Memorial of St Martin of Tours
Tue 12 Nov	9.30am Mass KO Elizabeth Groden	No Service	9.30am Mass JS William Caffrey RIP	No Service	Memorial of St Josaphat
Wed 13 Nov	9.30am Mass KO Bill Ferris RIP	No Service	No Service	6.00pm Mass JS Audrey MacPherson	Wednesday 32nd week of the year
Thu 14 Nov	9.30am Mass KO Tonny McGavin	No Service	9.30am Mass JS Catherine Caffrey	No Service	Thursday 32nd week of the year
Fri 15 Nov	9.30am Mass KO Audrey MacPherson RIP	No Service	No Service	No Service	Friday 32nd week of the year
Sat 16 Nov	9.30am Mass KO 5.30pm Vigil KO May Kelly	6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass JS Donor's Intention	No Service	Feast of St Margaret
Sun 17 Nov	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO Moira McGinlay	9.30am Mass KO People of the Parish 5.30pm Mass IO Betty McGuire	9.30am Mass JS Peggy Dorrian	11.30am Mass JS People of the Parish	33rd Sunday of the Year - Year C