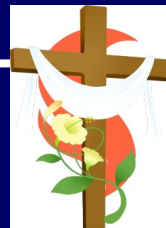




# EASTER



# NEWSLETTER



**D**ear Parent/Carer

We are very proud of our students accomplishments this term. Our exam candidates have engaged well with their supported study classes both during the week and on Saturdays. Our younger pupils are certainly enjoying the breakfast club opportunities that are available.

All of our pupils have contributed and enjoyed taking part in our charity fundraising for SCIAF— well done.

Please take time to read, enjoy and share this newsletter.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and other members of our community who contribute to the life of our school.

Many of our pupils and teaching will be working and studying hard during the holidays but I hope that all families will have time together to enjoy a peaceful and Holy Easter.

**Headteacher**

### HOLIDAY DATES

School closed

Good Friday 19 April &

Easter Monday 22 April 2019

Re-opens Tuesday 23 April 2019 @ 8.50am



## Education Services Survey



### PARENT/CARERS

**Could you take a moment to complete this Parental Involvement and Engagement questionnaire issued by Scottish Government to help find information about St Margaret Mary's Secondary School.**

**Please use the following link:**

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PIESecondary/>

**It is vital that we encourage as many parents/carers and families to take part as the results will help shape the future national education decisions.**

**If any parent or carer would like assistance or require internet access to complete the questionnaire, please contact the school office.**

**Thank you.**

# Departmental Activities

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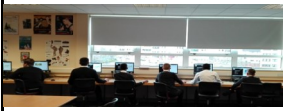
## Religious Education



### Year Group Retreats

Every year group, from first to sixth, have been on retreat this school year.

Themes such as 'Building a better world', 'Charity', 'Justice & Peace' and 'Our Future' have been at the forefront of all our retreats. We have had workshops run by our School Youth Worker, Campus Police Officer, speaker from Justice and Peace Scotland and our school Chaplain.



Each year group had a day filled with fun and excitement, getting to know themselves and each other better, learning how to live their lives being closer to God.

### Liturgies

During this Lenten season we have taken time to think about our faith each morning, coming together for peaceful reflection and to celebrate Mass.



Thanks you to Fr Paddy who has led us in the celebration of the Eucharist, Friday mornings during Lent. Thanks also to the staff and pupils who attended and gave witness to their faith.

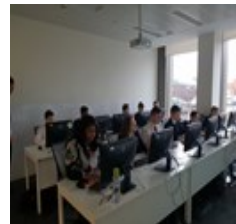
## Computing Science



### S2 Computing Trip to FDM Recruitment



Some of the S2 pupils represented the school to visit FDM Recruitment. Pupils participated in different tasks which included improving their presentation skills and learning to build websites using HTML, CSS and JavaScript. They also got the chance to feature in the FDM Group's online promotional video.



## Developing the Young Workforce



### DYW

All pupils from S2 to S6 pupils have been engaging in a variety of Developing the Young Workforce activities this term. S2 pupils had a visit to our School Business Partner, FDM Recruitment, for a day of Software Developing and Coding. S3 and S4 pupils attended a week long Fire Skills Placement with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Our S3 Hospitality pupils were able to take a tour of the Tennent's Academy, and thirty S4 to S6 pupils participated in a presentation with Jet 2!



A special mention goes to our five Determined to Report pupils who have been attending workshops at News UK every Tuesday after school. After competing against 40 other pupils, Daniel Leggat S4, will now have one of his articles published in the Sun Online! Well Done Daniel!!



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# Departmental Activities

## Social Subjects



### Modern Studies

Hot off the press! S1 pupils have been working with classmates to create their own newspapers



#skillsforlearning.life&work!



S4 & S5 Modern Studies pupils have attending the prelim and exam preparation classes. Good luck in the forthcoming exams!



Modern Studies pupils have been taking part in Making Thinking

Visible routines.  
#independent learners!



Our Pupil Council has been working hard to promote events and to fund-raise - Pupil Power

## Social Subjects



### Travel & Tourism

The S3 Travel and Tourism class enjoyed a talk from Jet2 about customer service and careers at Jet2.



### History

Lots of Making Thinking Visible work going on in History this year.



S3 stepped inside the politicians of Weimar Germany



in 1919 to hold a mock election to help understand the political problems in this period

### SOCIAL SUBJECTS STARS OF THE MONTH

Many of our Pupils received certificates of excellence this term...



## Social Subjects



### Geography

#### Doug Allan Scottish Schools Tour

In February S2 were treated to a talk from Doug Allan. Doug is a world renowned wildlife cameraman and photographer and has

worked closely with Sir David Attenborough on programs such Planet Earth, Frozen planet and Blue planet. Doug talked to pupils about his experience of filming in some of the most remote places on the

planet and explained to pupils how these fragile areas are at great risk from



#### S3 Coastal Geography

S3 continue to embrace a hands-on approach to learning in Geography. The pupils worked hard to create models showing the formation of different coastal features. Proving that Geography isn't all colouring in!





# Departmental Activities

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## Physical Education Department



### Football

Girls football

S1 girls football team have worked hard this season at the 7 aside Tournament held every second Tuesday night at Toryglen Sports Venue.

Boys football

Our new s1 football team have worked hard this season at the 7 aside Tournament held every second Tuesday night at Toryglen Sports Venue.

### Heart Start Emergency Life skills

Fourth Year Core PE class completed their Heart Start certificate in emergency first aid. Pupils learned how to put an unconscious person in the recovery position as well as learning how to give CPR.

St Margaret Mary's Staff also received Heart Start first aid training from PE department during our In-service day.

## Physical Education Department



### Cycling Club



Cycling club has started at St Margaret Marys and is on Thursdays after school.

Young people have already learned safety checks, basic cycling skills, trail riding skills, how to travel on

roads. The young people are really enjoying the professional coaching they are receiving on how to use the "World Class" Cathkin Braes mountain bike facilities. The group are making great progress and there is still limited space for more young people to join.

### Breakfast clubs

It is great to see so many pupils arriving early to participate in a variety of breakfast club activities in the PE department. Pupil's have worked up a healthy appetite at the Fitness, Football and badminton clubs and enjoyed a free breakfast afterwards.

## Outward Bound



### Loch Eil Outward Bound

Yet again, the annual S2 trip to Loch Eil was a great success.



Thanks to our instructor Craig, the pupils took part in many different activities, such as canoeing, abseiling, hill walking and rock climbing to only name a few.

To top it off, three of our pupils impressed Craig so much that they have been invited back to take part in the Outward Bound Adventure Programme.



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# Departmental Activities

## Science & Technology



### STEAM (putting the "A"rts into STEM) Writing Competition

This competition, to write about famous Scottish Scientist, is organised by the University of St Andrews each year.

St Margaret Mary's was delighted to find out that **Jemma Sutherland** in S2, received a certificate of commendation (as did the school). Judges: Prof Niamh Nic Daeid, FRSE (Forensic Scientist Dundee University), Frank Sorrell (Neuroscience, St Andrews), Francesca Fotheringham (Neuroscience St Andrews), Pamela Forbes (Classicist Scottish Funding Council) all sent their congratulations to Jemma. Well Done Jemma



### British Science Week

To celebrate British Science Week 2019 the Glasgow Science Centre hosted a fantastic David Elder lecture "The Galaxy Zoo" inviting us to join them and listen to the latest information about our Universe from an astrophysicist.

All S1 pupils were treated to sometime in the Science mall before enjoying the lecture in the Planetarium.



## Science & Technology

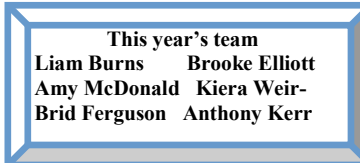


### S2 Go4SET Competition

This year we have entered a group of S2 pupils into this competition which challenges pupils to come up with an electronic solution to improve some aspects of school life.

The team are currently working with Mrs McGin-

lay, our mentor from Viridor and an Ap designer...they plan to design some uses for print ID around the school. All will be revealed as our team develop their ideas.



### Operating Theatre Live!

A group of our S3 Biologists, who are interested in a career in the medical field, took part in a unique workshop called Operating Theatre Live at St Paul's Secondary. The purpose of the workshop was to give pupils hands on experience of working in a medical job. Pupils got to practice the process of anaesthetising patients and more importantly got lots of practice dissecting Brains,



Hearts, Lungs, Eyes...Not for the faint hearted! The pupils really enjoyed the experience and particularly enjoyed a selfie in their medical scrubs!



## Science & Technology



### S4 Engineering Club

The Science department was successful in our bid to start an Engineering club.

Our equipment was delivered to the school and pupils have already started to learn to solder before building an impressive LED cube and starting to program.



### Powering the Future

In January the 'Glasgow Science Centre on Tour' team arrived at the school to give all our S2 pupils a trial run at their new exhibition 'Powering the Future'. Our S2 pupils got the opportunity to look at cutting edge technologies, games and research that are currently being used to help make different forms of energy to help 'Power the Future'. This was an excellent opportunity that was enjoyed by all, helping to link our science curriculum to everyday applications in our lives.



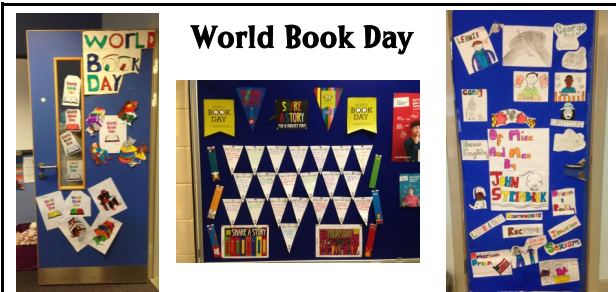
### Science Show

As an exciting end to the S4 National 4 Chemistry course, the pupils have been showcasing their Science and research skills that they have developed over their time in science by picking their own project to build, explain and present to the rest of the class. The winner of this competition gets to name the Science department's new pet... an Axoloti!

# Departmental Activities

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## English



### World Book Day

For World Book Day 2019 the English Department encouraged pupils from S1-S3 to decorate their classroom doors to celebrate the texts they had been studying in class. Pupils also wrote comic stories which became bunting for other pupils to enjoy, A lunchtime club ran by the librarian involved badge making and Harry Potter themed activities. Pupils enjoyed sharing their favourite books with each other over the week.



## Creative Arts



All creative arts pupils have been working very hard to complete all practical SQA elements across all levels in music, drama and art. Pupils have shown excellent commitment by attending additional rehearsals and support sessions. All candidates were well prepared and did themselves proud in practical exams and folios submissions.

Higher Drama pupils assisted with the filming and making of a film about DYW to show to parents and partners.

Justyna Holi in S5 attended a Product design taster day at the Glasgow school of Art.

Duy Nyugen S5 played with the city guitar group at Glasgow school's spring concert in city halls. Duy was selected out of 150+ pupils that attended the play day, he was 1 of the top 20 guitarists to get this wonderful opportunity.



Mrs Madden took a group of four female senior pupils to an event at Glasgow City Chambers to celebrate International Women's Day where attendees heard from Derry Girls actress Siobhan McSweeney about the journey she has had in the industry as a woman.

S1&S2 pupils have been given the opportunity to attend music lessons with one of our 4 instrumental music instructors. The uptake and enthusiasm from the pupils has been great, the department is well attended at lunchtime for extra practise.

# CARITAS

## Caritas

11 of the S6 girls recently passed their Caritas award and will now receive their Pope Benedict Medal in a ceremony in the Armadillo on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The award is for completing in excess of 20 hours of faith based school and parish activities. The group have organised many activities and then written essays about the impact of the year on their faith life.

Well done to all those who achieved the award.

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Amy Kelly          | Alisha Logue    |
| Chloe Malone       | Caitlin McGuire |
| Megan McKenzie     | Demi Paesano    |
| Abby Stewart       | Alex Thomson    |
| Dara Venning       | Natalia Wolniak |
| Alekandra Warzecha |                 |



## Ozanam Centre

Pupils have continued to work hard at the centre giving out clothes and toiletries to those in need.

## Movie night.

In February, the group organised a "Valentines" night in St Bartholomew's parish. We had a Lenten service in the church followed by a movie and pizza night. Thanks to the S1 girls who came along and Father Paddy who helped us organise it.

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# Departmental Activities

ST MARGARET MARY'S SECONDARY

## ESOL



### ESOL

The Nat 5 ESOL group have been working hard towards getting their Nat 5 ESOL qualification. We have been practicing our English speaking at every opportunity and made a visit to the Castlemilk Youth complex to see what clubs were available after school. Some of us have joined the Youth complex music group and are learning to play the guitar.



To immerse ourselves in our Scottish culture we celebrated Burn's day in January where we all sampled Haggis, Neeps and Tatties. Not everyone enjoyed the Haggis!

To celebrate pancake Tuesday we had to research the meaning behind it in English and present this to the rest of the class. We finished off the lesson by making and eating pancakes!



We decided to expand this lesson and researched and presented and made food from our respective countries to give to the class.

## Nurture Group



### Nurture Group

S1 Nurture Group have been very busy. We have been designing board games and writing down rules so that others can play. We were also welcomed by the science department where we were given a lesson on how to make bath bombs. This was a really successful activity. We decided that we were going to design boxes to put them in.



We also celebrated Burn's day by hosting a burns supper. Everybody in the group took an active role. Some people performed the address to the haggis whilst others made the address to the laddies and the lassies. Some people also volunteered to read the Selkirk Grace. As part of the Burn's day celebrations we also got to design our own tartan. We really enjoyed this activity.

At the end of last term we got to make and eat pancakes for pancake Tuesday.



## MCR Pathways



### MCR Pathways

We now have just over 33 mentors working with our young people. This has been a great success with very positive feedback from the pupils.

Some of our MCR pupils have been fortunate enough to have been involved in talent tasters, where they have been able to gain a morning/afternoon's work experience in an area of their choosing. The areas of work experience have been very diverse. Some examples being... working at the Dog's Trust, experiencing an afternoon working at Police Scotland, alternative beauty therapies, working at a law firm and an afternoon shadowing Glasgow City Council's engineering department.



We have an up and coming MCR pathways coffee morning scheduled for June where we will invite mentors from our neighbouring schools to come and see the good work we are doing in St Margaret Mary's.

Some of our MCR students will be attending the MCR Annual conference at the Glasgow Concert Hall. The focus for this year's conference is positive mental health and some of our young people will be performing in front of John Swinney and Maureen McKenna. Good luck to them!

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## Science & Technology Badges

### Badge Winners

The badges are given for **commitment, effort in homework** and **positive attitude** for some subjects and academic achievement in others.

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| S1 Technical               | Maisie Kay Enright, Camryn MacKay, Brydon McGarry, Lennon Mooney, Kayleigh Wilcox |
| S2 Technical               | Tyler McPhee Josh Scott , Sophie Watt, Chloe Pillans , Adam Quinn                 |
| S3 Biology                 | Sean Fitzpatrick, Callum Elliot, Kendal Anderson, Megan McClisoy, Amy Myles       |
| S3 Chemistry               | Megan McCloskey   |
| S3 Physics                 | Aiden Storrie, Chloe Eardley  |
| S3 Technical               | Irvine Kariuki , Aidan McInarlin  |
| S4 Biology                 | Ayo Lambe, Callum Mooney, Daniel Leggat, Barry Kelman                             |
| S4 Chemistry               | Calvin Gilmour  |
| S4 Physics                 | Adam McInch, Ayomede Lambe  |
| S4 D&M                     | Reece McDonald  |
| S5/6 Biology               | Justyna Holi, Emma Reilly   |
| S5/6 Chemistry             | Lennon Docherty   |
| S5/6 Physics               | Dean Shepherd, Liam Durie   |
| S5 D&M                     | Aiden McKay   |
| S5 Technical               | Hristina Kazakova , Gary Bain   |
| S5/6 Lab Skills            | Mani Latifi   |
| S5/6 Practical Electronics | Scott Logue, Dylan McCole   |



### Supported Study & Saturday Morning Revision classes



During March pupils from S4/5/6 have been attending extra revision classes in preparation for their exams. Subjects

include: Maths, Computing, Drama, Music, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and D&M. Pupils have shown great commitment and benefitted from the classes.



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# SCIAF Lenten Fundraising



SCIAF fundraising has again been tackled whole heartedly at St Margaret Marys Secondary School. Many activities have been taking place during the period of Lent including SCIAF Mile, a school FIFA football tournament, rich man Poor man lunch, bake sales, staff bake off competition, dress down day and many more. These events will culminate in a fundraising day on 29<sup>th</sup> March with pupils paying to dress down, learning about the work of SCIAF, raffles been drawn. Hopefully we can

**WE PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING**

match our very ambitious target of raising even more than the £1700 raised last year!

## SCIAF MILE



This year we went the extra mile for SCIAF by collecting enough coins to stretch a mile around the school. All money raised has been donated to SCIAF.



Well done to all that got involved!

## FIFA Tournament



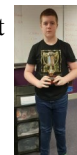
Mr Paterson ran a FIFA tournament across the school for all S1-S6 pupils to raise money for SCIAF.

Pupils from all year groups attended the lunch time club over the course of two weeks to participate or even cheer on their friends.

Pupils have donated generously to support the cause!



Well done to Liam Burns who beat Mani Latifi 1-0 in the final of the 2019 Fifa tournament. The tournament alone raised £45 for SCIAF.



Well done to everyone!



## Rich man / Poor man

As part of our Lenten campaign to raise money for SCIAF-the S6 Caritas group organised a Rich Man Poor Man meal which aims to highlight the divide of wealth and poverty in our world. Staff and S5/6 pupils were either allocated a Rich ticket and had pizza, drinks and chocolate cake-or a Poor ticket and had soup, bread and water.



## Gerry Cinnamon Guitar

The lucky winner of the signed Gerry Cinnamon guitar was Michelle Mallay... Well Done Michelle



**TOTAL RAISED FOR SCIAF**

**£1257.84**

