

# St Martin's Post

**Issue 168** 

19th November 2021

We have put up our Christmas tree and decorations in school – providing some wonderful Christmas cheer. The Christmas post box is ready to be filled with Christmas cards for your children's friends and teachers so please feel free to bring them in - form 6 are looking forward to delivering them. The pantomime will be taking place but has been postponed until January. However, our festive, extra special Christmas lunch / Christmas jumper day will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. If your child normally brings in a packed lunch but would like to have Christmas lunch (vegetarian option available), please email Mrs Jacobs.



# **This Week's Shooting Stars**



**Maya** Achieving highly when completing alliteration work

**Nael** Producing beautiful artwork

**Andrea** Showing resilience when forming her name

**Kaylan** Achieving highly in reading and helpfully collecting leaves with Miss Katya to keep

our environment tidy

**Tobias** Wonderfully retelling the story of the Good Samaritan for Inter Faith week

**Sophia T** Great teamwork whilst writing an information leaflet

**Ariana** Great teamwork whilst writing an information leaflet

**Shayan** Excellent work for Interfaith Week

**Victoria** Achieving highly in English using formal language and semi-colons effectively

**Zack** Thoughtful reading comments using Vipers skills

**Zakariya** Showing enthusiasm for all his learning

**Philip** A wonderful persuasive letter to England's Cricket Supporters' Club

**Olivia W** Achieving highly in her persuasive report on the Golden Rule

**Michael** Contributing meaningfully to Inter Faith week discussions

**Alan** Outstanding achievement in Maths

Two **Head Teacher's awards** has been awarded this week – congratulations to **Zen** for excellent writing in timed conditions and for linking paragraphs effortlessly. Well done to **Sarah** for a super piece of writing on the human life cycle. Congratulations to you both!

Golden Tea is an opportunity for children to show Mrs Wilson the work they have completed that week of which they are most proud, whilst enjoying juice and biscuits together. The following children were chosen at random to enjoy Golden Tea with Mrs Wilson during Monday morning break time next week.

Sofiya P Ariana Anthony Husain

Please continue to Lateral Flow your children every Monday morning and Thursday morning before they attend school.

#### **Term Dates 2021- 2022**

#### **Autumn Term 2021**

Return to School: Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

Half Term Break: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021

Term Ends: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021

### Spring Term 2022:

Return to School: Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022

Half Term Break: Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

Term Ends: Friday 1st April 2022

#### **Summer Term 2022:**

Return to School: Tue 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Half Term Break: Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Term Ends: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### Autumn Term 2022:

Return to School: Wed 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

#### Term Dates 2022 - 2023

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

Return to School: Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

Half Term Break: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022

Term Ends: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

#### Spring Term 2023:

Return to School: Wed 4th Jan 2023

Half Term Break: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

## **Summer Term 2023:**

Return to School: Tue 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Half Term Break: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2nd June 2023

Term Ends: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

# **Autumn Term 2023:**

Return to School: Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

This has been an exciting week for pupils in all classes as we celebrated Inter Faith Week at school. Despite not being able to visit the synagogue or church this week - visits that will be rescheduled - the whole school's Inter Faith theme was The Golden Rule.

From EYFS to Form 2, pupils have discussed how to treat others with respect and loving kindness and selflessness- values we hold dear at St. Martin's.

In Form 1, children have looked at the story of The Good Samaritan and how they can adapt the message of the story to their own lives at school and at home. In Form 2, children have started to write leaflets on different religions and world views.

Form 3 have spent time looking at the Muslim Golden Rule and listening to, rewriting and illustrating their own stories with a moral message.

In Form 4, pupils have learnt about the Hindu Golden Rule and thought about how this compares with other world views. In Form 5 and 6, children have looked at the Humanist worldview and written persuasive texts and posters to encourage others to think about their behaviour and make appropriate choices about how to behave respectfully towards one another.

Having just finished a unit of work on Buddhism, Form 6 also wrote thought bubbles comparing Buddhist philosophies with those of Humanists.

Some of the children's work is displayed on the RE and world views board with more exciting work to be submitted in the early part of next week.

'I am so proud of all the work the children have completed and especially impressed with all the interesting and reflective discussions I have heard this week....' Mrs Boxer

Thank you to Mrs Boxer for arranging and coordinating such a wonderfully, interesting and though provoking week.

Ever mindful of our children's mental health, if you are concerned that the recent exposure of Covid-19 in school is worrying your child, please do let your child's class teacher know so they can be added to our welfare list and receive the support they need.

On Monday, all children will be taking part, class by class, in an 'ultimate frisbee' competition in the playground. Please come to school in PE kits. Thank you Mr Benson for arranging this fun activity.