



We are delighted to announce that we will once again be running our Easter break holiday club on 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd April. This is a wonderfully fun way for your children to spend their holidays with familiar faces creating artwork, doing sports, baking and so much more. Sibling discounts will also be available. Booking forms will go out next week, please book quickly as spaces will be limited.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Ella S	Achievement during phonic lessons
Andrea	Perseverance in phonics
Shaan	Making lovely progress with his reading
Adam H	Showing independence and teamwork constructing a vehicle
Oliver K	Showing independence and teamwork constructing a vehicle
Philip	Achieving highly in writing a balanced argument
Amar	Improved independence in maths class
Aeson	Achieving highly in his VIPERS work
Ella W	Consistently being a respectful and thoughtful friend
Faith	Her outstanding finch rendering

This week, **Joshua G** has been awarded a **Head Teacher's** award for being a good friend to children at the 'Buddy Stop'. Well done Joshua.

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 will meet with Mrs Mbah after the holidays –

Cameron

Elijah J

Jayden

Ehsan

On Tuesday, the Government announced a temporary pause of confirmatory PCR tests. You are now only asked to take a follow up PCR test after a positive LFD test if you:

wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment

have been advised to take a PCR test because you are in a clinically vulnerable group

have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

have received a positive day 2 LFD after arriving into the UK

If anyone has any of the main symptoms of Covid-19, you are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not an LFD test. If someone with symptoms has already taken an LFD test for any reason and the device is positive you do not now need to take a follow up test.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTS MUST BE UNDERTAKEN EACH MONDAY AND THURSDAY BEFORE ATTENDING SCHOOL.

We are pleased to welcome to the team 3 new members of staff. Miss Mukadi joins us as the first apprentice teaching assistant to be interviewed and approved to work at St Martin's, as part of our exciting new move to create 6 month placement opportunities in collaboration with the national 'Kick-Start' program. She has shown wonderful initiative and astute awareness of children's needs, settling instantly as a member of our team. Mrs Davies will oversee the training and development of candidates on these placements as we become increasingly outward facing - sharing the excellent practice happening here in school so that it may benefit the wider teaching profession.

Mrs Ali, having had a week of shared teaching with Miss McCarthy, will now become the Form 4 class teacher as well as spending some afternoons in EYFS for the duration of Miss McCarthy's maternity leave. Her vibrant personality and positive approach are already a joyous addition in school and we look forward to seeing the exciting work Form 4 create under her guidance.

Mrs Norval will be taking over from Mrs Yaacov-Hai as EYFS Lead and we welcome her all the way from South Africa! She is a very experienced EYFS practitioner bringing a range of ideas and strategies to ensure our youngest learners are receiving the best possible education.

We would like to extend our heart-felt thanks to Mrs Yaacov-Hai for all the work she has done to combine Nursery and Reception into our EYFS setting and ensure we are working in line with current best practice nationally. We are very proud of the huge developments that have been made over the last few years and are glad that Mrs Yaacov-Hai is staying with us in EYFS, albeit part-time, to ensure a smooth handover and continued progression of our wonderful setting. Thank-you.

Please be reminded of the following uniform regulations –

1. When wearing PE kits, lower school must wear PLAIN black trainers or plimsols. Upper school must only wear PLAIN white trainers.
2. All children must wear a regulation branded uniform winter coat, available from Uniform4U.
3. All hair bobbles, bands and clips must be dark blue. Other colours are not permitted. Please ensure that any child with hair up to or below their shoulders must have it tied back in a ponytail (or similar.) Just wearing an 'alice band' is not sufficient.
4. Regulation branded water bottles are the only water bottles permitted in school. There are available at Uniform4U.

Unfortunately, the boaters and felt hats are no longer available to purchase from Uniform4U. The supplier has sadly had to close their business after many years, as a result of the Covid pandemic and Uniform4U have been unsuccessful sourcing them elsewhere. These hats are therefore sadly no longer part of our school uniform. The winter woolly hats with our logo are still available and are the only acceptable winter hat. Navy blue gloves and scarves may be purchased from any shop – they are not branded.

Many thanks for your continued support.

We are thrilled to be able to offer trips again. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the synagogue on Wednesday and we are very grateful to Mill Hill synagogue for their continued support. We have a lot more exciting trips coming up this half term too:

Tuesday 18 th January:	Form 6	Verulamium
Friday 21 st January:	Form 3	Horniman Museum
Wednesday 26 th January:	Form 5	Museum of London
Friday 28 th January:	Form 2	Tower of London
Tuesday 1 st February:	Form 6	Natural History Museum
Tuesday 1 st February:	Form 4	Science afternoon
Wednesday 2 nd February:	EYFS	RAF Museum
Wednesday 2 nd February:	Form 1	Natural History Museum
Thursday 10 th February:	Upper School	Wigmore Hall

Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Spring Term 2022:

Half Term Break: Mon 14th Feb to Fri 18th Feb 2022

Term Ends: Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term 2022:

Return to School: Tue 26th April 2022

Half Term Break: Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June 2022

Term Ends: Friday 15th July 2022

Autumn Term 2022

Return to School: Wed 7th Sept 2022

Half Term Break: Mon 17th Oct - Fri 28th Oct 2022

Term Ends: Friday 9th Dec 2022

Spring Term 2023:

Return to School: Wed 4th Jan 2023

Half Term Break: Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

Return to School: Tue 25th April 2023

Half Term Break: Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June

Term Ends: Friday 14th July 2023

Autumn Term 2023:

Return to School: Wed 6th September 2023

Upper school children are excited to be taking part in the Golden Kilometre research project with Middlesex University. Please return all consent forms on Monday.

We are pleased to announce that the re-scheduled date for young voices is 24th May, please hold the date! We have requested that the date we are allocate is moved to Friday 27th May and will inform you if we are successful ASAP.

Please be reminded that children should be bringing their reading record and books into school every day. The library is open before school for children to change their books. Every child should have 2 books – either a levelled reader and library book or, for children who have finished the reading scheme and are a free reader, two library books. We are monitoring the comments in the reading records to ensure that there is a deep level of understanding using VIPERS and PEE to analyse the text sufficiently.

We are also pleased to announce that PGL have confirmed that the Form 6 residential can go ahead during the week beginning 9th May. There will be a parent information evening for this trip on 31st March 2022.

Our September Reception class now has more registrations of interest than places available, therefore, we would urge anyone wanting a sibling place or who has recommended a friend to please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We are also in demand for our Nursery 2022 places which are given first priority for Reception 2023 and encourage anyone who is interested to book a tour or register online as soon as possible. If you recommend St Martin's to your friends and family, please do let us know so that we can thank you.