



We are now allowed visitors in school and are keen to ensure the, previously very successful, reading volunteers program continues. If you are interested in supporting children in school with their reading, please let Mrs Jacobs know your availability. Please note that we try to avoid parents reading with their own child's class. Additionally, we are hoping to have more visitors in for assemblies and to support learning in class so if you have a particular skill or talent you would like to share, please let us know so that we can fit it with our planned curriculum and assembly content.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Claudia	Wonderful counting skills
Reuben	Showing selflessness towards his peers
Kaylan	Amazing addition skills
Mila	Showing kindness and friendship to a child at the Buddy Stop
Gavin	Asking great questions about recorder technique
Thiya	Showing a lovely understanding of learning and similes
Noah G	Trying really hard to do joined up handwriting
Rania	Trying really hard to do joined up handwriting
Zakariya	Taking pride in his environment - Keeping his classroom tidy
Joshua G	Taking pride in his environment - Keeping his classroom tidy
Tiam	Taking pride in his environment - Keeping his classroom tidy
Zak	Having a 'lightbulb moment' during maths
Krishav	Great teamwork whilst making bread, resulting in a lovely stretchy dough
Abir	Great teamwork whilst making bread, resulting in a lovely stretchy dough
Beau	Producing an amazing write – up
Max	Being a team player during his science investigation
Michael	Achieving an impressive amount of detail in his charcoal drawing
Seth	Planning, building and evaluating a plastic rocket
Anthony	Achieving highly with a formal balanced argument

Lots of **Head Teacher's award** this week! Congratulations to -

Zaci S - superb perseverance in Maths algebra problems.

Aeson - excellent methodical working in Maths equivalent fractions.

Sophia T - fantastic concentration and completing a brilliant recording of her investigation.

Kabir - wonderful articulate contributions in class RE discussions.

Congratulations and well done to you all!

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 –

Sara

Zaci

Bhim

Sarah

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:

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

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.

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.

We were thrilled to welcome researchers from Middlesex University to school this week to undertake assessments to measure the impact of the Golden Kilometer. Thanks must go to Mr Benson for finalising the organisation of this project that was first introduced to us by Mayor Caroline Stock, when she presented at our 2019 Prize Giving event. We are also pleased to be working with UCL researchers in our EYFS on a long term research project to investigate effects of activities, strategies and approaches on meta cognition and development in 3 and 4 year olds.

We are delighted to see children coming to school on their scooters and using the new scooter park. The bike shed is also still available for those of you wishing to ride to school. However, please be reminded to always wear your helmets when riding your scooter or bike.

The weather is still very cold and roads can be icy so please make sound, considered judgements about whether riding to school is safe and ensure bikes have proper lights fitted so you can be seen in the dark or misty mornings and evenings.

For those of you riding or walking to school, please remember the 'be safe, be seen' advice and ensure you are wearing reflective bands and/or lights whenever possible.

Following the Government announcement this week and subsequently anticipated DfE guidance, we are in the process of reviewing and updating our policies, procedures and risk assessments accordingly. Further information on this will be released in next Friday's St Martin's Post.

As always, we ask that you park in designated spaces in the roads around school and not in front of our neighbours' drives or on the yellow zigzags. We also ask that you turn off your engine whilst the car is stationary. The signs we place on the yellow zig zags to reinforce these messages are designed to represent our children; we ask that you kindly refrain from running them over!!

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