



We would like to wish all our families celebrating Navratri a very happy time this weekend. It is also Mahatma Gandhi's birthday this Sunday. We hope your children enjoy the small box of raisins they will all be coming home with today in recognition of these special days. Wishing our Jewish parents G'mar Chatima Tova to those observing Yom Kippur next week.



This Week's Shooting Stars



- Kishi:** Coming out of his shell and showing more confidence
- Mia:** Coming out of her shell and showing more confidence
- Eden:** Being a super listener
- Isioma:** Always being eager to learn her phonics
- Bhim:** Incredible diary writing this week
- Noah G:** An excellent drawing and description of a cyclops for his homework
- Elenor:** Great effort to be an achiever – always trying her very best
- Avi M:** Showing a good understanding of 'one more and one less'
- Alayna:** Sharing fantastic spiritual ideas in her RE lessons
- Shayan:** Showing more resilience in improving his work to meet success criteria
- Yoahan:** Showing greater independence working in all subjects
- Yugo T:** Trying his best in every lesson
- Shungo:** Thoughtful and heartfelt answers in RE
- Samarth:** Demonstrating resilience and improving his writing
- Aman:** Achieving highly in his writing

This week's **Head Teacher's Award** goes to **Ehsan** for a fantastic effort and improved writing in English. Well done, we are very proud of you!

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 Wilson during break-time on Monday

Ella

Alisha

Israel

Hussein H

Form 4 parents – please ensure you have returned permission forms for the Longtown Residential trip. Residential experiences are a vital part of children's social, emotional and mental health learning as well as forming part of the PE curriculum by engaging in outdoor and adventurous activities. All our trips are also designed to support the wider curriculum and this particular trip is designed for children to understand the parts of a mountain, which they have been learning about in their Geography Topic lessons with Mrs Mbah. They are also great fun and your children have a wonderful time! Thank you

Term Dates 2022 – 2023

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

Next Week is the start of Black History month when we honour black people from all periods of History and focus our attention on the contributions of African and Caribbean heritage. At St Martin's, we recognise slavery and racism but also look beyond this at the achievements of individuals. Over the past few years, we have looked at the presence of an African in the Domesday book, African troops in Roman Garrisons, learnt about the Bristol Bus Boycott and studied some stories from the Windrush. We have also shone a spotlight on individual success:

Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan – Women in NASA.

Lucius Septimius Severus – Rome's first African Emperor

Paul Stephenson – Activist in the Bristol Bus Boycott

Sir David Adjaye – Architect

Leyland Melvin – Astronaut

Benjamin Zephaniah – Poet

John Agard – Playwright and Poet

Jimmy Peters – Rugby player

Bill Richmond – Boxer

Also next week - To support their science learning in school, Form 5 and 6 are going to the Science Museum on Tuesday and EYFS are going on Wednesday – we look forward to hearing all about what an exciting time you will have learning about your respective topics!

This Week we celebrated Rosh Hashanah and Michaelmas, thinking about the similarities and differences – particularly the links to food and harvest that we looked at last week. We learned why Christians believe they should not eat blackberries after the Michaelmas feast on the 29th September. A big 'Thank you' to the whole staff team for supporting one another so that our Jewish colleagues could attend synagogue and take time to celebrate with their families.

We have really enjoyed seeing you all in school for parent/teacher meetings this week and hearing your valuable insights about your children. We would love to continue this partnership to develop your child's learning and progress by inviting you to our Thursday morning drop in sessions to talk to your child about their objectives in the front of their Maths and English books. We suggest reviewing these together at least once a half term.

We were delighted to welcome local artist Diana Sandetskaya to visit Form 4 this week. Form 4 have been analysing her work and this week she shared some of her fantastic pieces in person. She explained her inspiration and processes to the pupils. Diana is part of 'Studio Fridays' who are a group of 18 professional artists that share studio space in Whetstone. Each of the artists featured will be exhibiting unique yet affordable art (for sale) at the upcoming Studio Fridays Art Fair that will take place from 27th to 29th of October at Insight School of Arts in Whetstone. We have attached a flyer for the event in this e-mail and on the board outside school. For more of Diana's work please use the contact details below:
Website: www.dianasandetskaya.com
Instagram: @dianasandetskaya
E-mail: info@dianasandetskaya.com

A big thank you to everyone who has parked responsibly when dropping off and picking up their children. Mrs Mbah is extremely grateful that we have managed to start the term without any complaints from our neighbours – some of whom have commented the situation has improved significantly – thank you so much!.

Dear Children,

In the summer term, all of you participated with enormous enthusiasm in our school Art day, working collaboratively to create some inspired installations and stimulating pieces of art as part of our participation in the National Spirited Arts Competition run by the National Association of Teachers of Religious Education.

Mr Mosedale, Mrs Mbah and Mrs Boxer were challenged by all your creative input and struggled to decide the winners of our school competition. These were announced after half term in the summer term and your photos are placed with pride on the RE display board.

So, we are DELIGHTED to be able to tell you that one of our school winners, Zahi, has been selected as a National winner of the Spirited Arts competition for his incredible piece of work in the **Searching for God** category. Well done, Zahi. We are all so very proud of you!

Best wishes, Mrs Boxer and Mr Mosedale

Tuesday 4th October:	Form 5 and 6 trip to Science Museum (please see letter recently emailed for details)
Wednesday 5th October:	Yom Kippur; please submit any request for leave forms, if applicable. EYFS trip to Science Museum – All children will need a packed lunch on this day
Thursday 6th October:	National Poetry Day
Tuesday 11th October:	Form 2 trip to Cutty Sark
Wednesday 12th October:	British Values Day in School
Thursday 13th October:	Topic homework walk about.
Friday 14th October:	Diwali celebrations – please feel free to dress in traditional clothes.

Please be reminded, Form 4's Longtown trip is 31st October – 2nd November (First week back after half term)

