



On Thursday, it was National poetry day and some classes thought about this year's theme of 'environment' by listening to, analysing or writing their own poems. The Eco-council are now running a poetry competition; please help or encourage your child to write their own environment themed poem at home and submit this by Monday 31st October (After half term). The Eco-council, led by Anthony and Yugo S, will be reading these and picking their favourite on Tuesday 1st November.



This Week's Shooting Stars



- Arya:** Being a kind friend
- Chloe:** Wonderful behaviour on our school trip
- Isabel:** Always giving her best
- Gabriel:** Good phonics
- Alisha:** Beautifully retelling the story of Hansel and Gretel
- Alycia:** Showing a fantastic understanding of number bonds to 10.
- Aum:** Increased determination to achieve his targets
- Sid:** Unfailing enthusiasm in all areas of his school life
- Abir:** Being a kind, helpful, selfless and enthusiastic member of our class
- Rania:** Being so enthusiastic about her learning and having a positive attitude to everything she does.
- Olivia D:** Participating actively in class discussions
- Avelyn:** Achieving highly in her descriptive writing
- Husain:** Being thoughtful in all his lessons

This week's **Head Teacher's Award** goes to **Atlin** for superb confidence speaking French to his class. Bien Fait!!

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

Mia

Kaylan

Suleman

Ginny

Falling last Tuesday, on the lunar calendar's ninth day of the ninth month. We wish those celebrating 菊の節句 or Chōyō, happy festivities. This is one of Japan's five sacred festivals celebrated in the wish of longevity of life. In China, Ch'ung Yeung (Double Yang) is the traditional festival; nine is a yang number and on this date it is believed there is too much yang. People celebrate by climbing a mountain or flying a high kite.

If your child is on an Individual Education Plan (IEP), please book your appointment to see Mrs Mbah the week after half term, with Mrs Jacobs next week.

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

Yom Kippur

Last Wednesday was the Jewish holy festival of Yom Kippur, occurring on the 10th of Tishrei – the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar. This High Holy day is one of introspection and repentance – the day of atonement. According to tradition, the first Yom Kippur took place after the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and arrival at Mount Sinai, where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. Descending from the mountain, Moses caught his people worshipping a golden calf and shattered the sacred tablets in anger. Because the Israelites atoned for their idolatry, God forgave their sins and offered Moses a second set of tablets.

This Week we launched Black History Month with a re-cap of some key historical events in Black British History including Black people from Northern Africa settling in Northern Britain in the Roman times. We thought about slavery; recognising the huge part that England has played in such terrible events and considered racism from its meaning to its prevalence still today. We also listened to Natalie Cole's song 'Unforgettable' to remind us that we must never forget Black people belong here and their struggles to become equal.

On Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed our new Form 4 teacher Mr Musetti, who will be in again for induction next Monday and then starting with us full time after half term. We are very excited that he is joining our team and are pleased that he is embracing the St Martin's ethos of developing well-rounded individuals by accompanying Form 4 on their residential to Longtown.

On Tuesday, Form 5 and 6 went on their trip to the Science museum to consider their topics Space (Form 5) and Light (Form 6). A day full of learning was enjoyed by all and we would like to thank our parent helpers, Mr Leung and Mrs Ogenyemi for their time supporting this outing.

On Wednesday it was the turn of EYFS to visit the science museum to think about Space and enjoy the water garden which shows the importance of Science in everything we do and see in everyday life! A super trip and the children represented themselves and our school, very well. Special thanks to Mrs Nabi, Mrs Etakibuebu and Mrs Hyder for giving up their time to help.

Following on from their local artist visit, on Thursday, Form 4 took their learning outside by visiting Mill Hill Park and taking time to make careful direct observations of the wonderful landscape – noticing, appreciating and sketching the shapes, colours and tones of the autumnal trees in the gentle warmth of the sun.

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) and IEP meetings will also be held this week.

Next Week some children will be sharing inter-faith prayers for world peace in Monday's assembly.

Form 2 are visiting the Cutty Sark on Tuesday.

Wednesday is our British Values Day when the children consider the importance of our British Values and how we demonstrate them at school.

Topic Homework will be displayed throughout school and shared on Thursday morning – you are welcome to view this at Thursday morning drop in from 8.15 – 8.40.

We will be celebrating Diwali on Friday and invite children to dress up in their traditional Diwali clothing on this day.

Form 2 and 5 will be visiting Mill Hill Synagogue to view the Sukkah, share their drawings and think about Sukkot.

During the week, children will be introduced to their topic next half term and complete their 'Wonder Sessions' to raise questions they would like the teachers to include in the unit when they finalise their planning.

