



Please be reminded that the eco-council are running a poetry competition; help or encourage your child to write their own environment themed poem at home. Entries can be submitted in person during half term or by email by Monday 31st October– competitions@stmartinmillhill.co.uk. The Eco-council, led by Anthony and Yugo S, will be reading these and picking their favourite on Tuesday 1st November.

Wishing you all a happy and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 31st October.



This Week's Shooting Stars



- Thomas:** Helping his teacher
- Max:** Great maths work
- Israel:** Being nurturing during House meetings
- Andrea:** Successfully using the dienes blocks to help with addition questions
- Joshua J:** Showing fantastic independence when learning his times tables during club
- Amba:** Being kind, helpful and selfless in our classroom
- Stella:** Writing a super poem about the song of the sirens
- Sophia T:** Working hard measuring centimetres and millimetres
- All Form 4:** A fabulous collective poem based on British Values of Tolerance and Mutual Respect
- Zakariya:** Being selfless, patient and kind this week
- Sarah:** Selflessly offering helping to those in need
- Jayden:** Independently self-editing his work
- Avi B:** Achieving highly in his high-level vocabulary within his writing
- Zahi:** Using his observational skills so effectively during the class trip to the Cutty Sark
- Philip:** Giving his best during PE lessons. A fantastic achiever.

This week's **Head Teacher's Award** goes to **Victoria** – for excellent writing about individual liberty on British Values. 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

Zoe

Tobias

Sophia T

Aman M

Happy celebrations for those who acknowledge Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji on the 20th October.

On the 24th October and throughout Diwali celebrations – Let each Diya you light bring you a heart full of joy and enlighten your soul.

May those in the Persian community marking the anniversary of the birth of the bab on the 25th/26th October receive your messages from God.

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

After half term the children will be launching their new topics with 'Wow' sessions, Form 4 are on their 'Misty mountain' residential and we will be looking at the traditions of Halloween, Samhain, All Saints and All Souls Days

Please be reminded that after half term, winter uniform becomes compulsory. Please ensure that all items, particularly hats, scarfs and gloves, are clearly named before they come into school. Our lost property is regularly sorted and named items are returned to their owners. Please be reminded that painting aprons are a part of our school uniform and should also be named.

Our Healthy School Council have been working with Mrs Jacobs (our chef) to review the menu and bring back some of their winter favourites for after half term. They are delighted to share the new options with you in the attached document.

It has been lovely welcoming parents into school for parent teacher meetings and yesterday's topic homework walk about. If you accidentally took home one of our visitor passes, kindly return this to school as we seem to be somewhat depleted!

Each half term the teachers choose 2 pupils who have produced some wonderful work to be photographed for our wonderful work wall in school. This half term those children are:

Eden, Ethan, Ella, Mark, Zoe, Kaylan, Mila, Aum, Amba, Bhim, Lara, Izzy, Aman, Beau, Olivia D and Amira Well done to you all!!

This Week On Monday in Assembly, we considered the value of prayer and reflection in recognition of our school value of Spirituality. We were incredibly proud of Oliver, Emika, Zakariya, Hashini, Lara and Amira for reading their prayers or reflections and talking about what it means to them. It was lovely to hear the shared values across religions and atheists including the importance of nature and consideration of others. Children then considered their own prayers or reflections by thinking about things they are sorry for, hopes and wishes for the future and things they are grateful for.

On Tuesday, Miss Hurst held the auditions for choir which was so popular, we are considering running an additional singing club – look out for that in next terms club options on November 11th. Those successful singers who were selected will be rehearsing for performances in our winter show and at the Young Voices concert at the O2 – congratulations!

Form Two enjoyed their trip to The Cutty Sark on Tuesday where they learnt about life as a sailor in the 19th century. This included learning about the jobs, conditions and food on board as well as thinking about the places that the ship travelled to and the cargo it carried. They also learnt the story of Nannie the figurehead of the Cutty Sark.

Today we dedicated our day to celebrating our British Values: democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those of a different faith, or none. Activities ranged from creating an in-class government, learning about the origins of democracy and how it has been embedded since Ancient Greece, learning about what it means to be a good Samaritan, writing about what freedoms we are fortunate to have to Early Years learning about difference and mutual respect as well as making and sharing fruit salads! The excellent Topic homework that was shared on Thursday morning was again astounding. A huge thank you to all the parents who have helped their child to create such fantastic pieces that show how much the children have learnt about and enjoyed their Topic lessons this half term. I hope you were able to come and see some of the work for yourselves in our drop in session.

Today the children have been celebrating Diwali in school: it was wonderful to see children in all their spectacular, colourful, traditional dress and special thanks must go to EYFS for their rice patterns, diva lamps and lanterns that adorned the path this morning. Form 2 and 5 have also been to Mill Hill Synagogue today to learn about Sukkot and offer fruit and drawings to decorate the sukkah. Thank you to Mrs Boxer for organising this trip as part of the RE curriculum in school.

Throughout the week, children have been thoughtfully considering their unit for next half term in 'Wonder sessions' with inspiring tasks and interesting prompts that spark inquisitive questions for enquiries they would like to learn about next term.

Last Friday you received your child's holiday card design. This is part of a wider school competition and the overall winner's design is used as the official St Martin's School holiday card. The winning cards from each class will be displayed in school. If you have not returned your order form, please do so upon our return after half term. All proceeds will be donated to our nominated charity, Feed London.

Nursery

3rd Place: Gabriel and Ethan

2nd Place: Isabel

1st Place: Nael

Reception

3rd Place: Isioma

2nd Place: Olivia M

1st Place: Mark

Form 1

3rd Place: Charlotte

2nd Place: Nyla

1st Place: Sara

Form 2

3rd Place: Krishnan and Tobias

2nd Place: Mila

1st Place: Kabir

Form 3

3rd Place: Bhim

2nd Place: Yugo

1st Place: Hussein

Form 4

3rd Place: Joshua

2nd Place: Yunrui

1st Place: Shayan

Form 5

3rd Place: Aman

2nd Place: Beau

1st Place: Husain

Form 6

3rd Place: Olivia D and Rohan

2nd Place: Olivia W

1st Place: Avani

Thank you very much for supporting your child/ren at the auditions for the St Martin's School choir this week. The competition was fierce with more than 2 children auditioning for each space. Some children who were not successful on this occasion have been placed on the waiting list and all have been invited to join the choir club which will begin in January – please look out for the booking form. Spaces will be limited so please complete and return quickly!

Congratulations to the following children who were successful and will be performing at the winter concert and at the O2 Arena as part of the Young Voices choir on Tuesday 24th January 2023.

Alayna
Ethan L
Bhim
Isla
Zakariya
Lara J
Shayan
Izzy
Hashini
Beau
Amira
Olivia D
Olivia W
Avani
Rohan J
Sarah M
Avelyn
Ariana
Abir
Adam H
Stella
Philip
Christina
Siyona
Eli

A huge congratulations to **Seth** who achieved a Distinction in his Grade 2 guitar exam. Congratulations! We are so proud of you.

