



Thank you to our class reps and FoSMS (Friends of St Martin's) who met this week to arrange some really fun events for your children and our families. Booking forms will be sent next week for our Christmas Disco which will take place immediately after school at Hartley Hall on Friday 9th December. Please also save the date for our Family Bingo afternoon which will take place on Sunday 26th March from 3-5pm. Our last bingo afternoon was a tremendous success and sold out very quickly. Look out for the booking forms in the new year. Our nominated charity this year is Feed London (www.feedlondon.org) a wonderful charity who fight poverty by supporting families who have reached crisis point.



This Week's Shooting Stars



- Joshua J:** Great phonic work
- Mia:** Fantastic blending
- Thomas:** Being helpful and kind to his teacher
- Max:** Finding his voice and being happier to share his ideas in this classroom
- Charlotte:** Showing amazing skill when working out number bonds to 20
- Sara:** Showing a lovely understanding when finding number bonds to 10
- Amar L:** Being nurturing - helping a younger child read with patience and care
- Krishav:** Being a kind, helpful team player and delightful member of Form 3
- Sophia T:** Allowing Mr Mosedale to join her music lesson and hear her fantastic violin playing!
- Form 4:** Superb teamwork on our Form 4 residential
- Shayan:** Showing tremendous resilience on our Form 4 residential
- Izzy:** Being nurturing to her friends whilst on the Form 4 residential
- Zahi:** Showing selfless behaviour and independence in working
- Aum:** Showing selfless behaviour in Form 2
- Christina:** Outstanding independent writing
- Ehsan:** Achieving consistently whilst self-editing his work
- Victoria:** Achieving highly when analysing different sources

This week's **Head Teacher's Award** goes to Sophia E – Wonderful ideas and vocabulary for writing about Pompeii. Well done Sophia!

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

Avelyn

Amira

Yoahan

Anushka

Next Week, please be reminded that parents of Form 5 are invited to see their children's class assembly at 9am on Monday. Form 4 parents are invited to a 'meet the teacher' evening after school on Wednesday at 3.45pm. Children will be learning about Remembrance Day throughout the week and you are invited to join us on the playground on Friday at 10.45am for our shared service and silence at 11am.

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

The School Council would like to Thank:

Mrs Shannon for arranging to paint the ceiling in the hallway like a sky - This was an idea put forward by Nyla in Form 1 and Ella from EYFS.

Husain for designing and creating a brand new school council suggestions box – thank you so much for your time, care and effort you took making it – we look forward to using it for years to come. Thank you to Aman who has been leading this project.

Please ensure that all pieces of school uniform, snack boxes etc, 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.

Next week we hope to be able to sell poppies and gifts in the run up to our Remembrance Day service on Friday. Unfortunately, we have experienced great difficulties receiving poppies from our usual volunteers – I understand there is a country-wide shortage this year. We hope we will have them on Monday – but are sadly unable to confirm. Please do still give your child a small donation as we will still collect for the British Legion even if we are unable to give poppies out. If any parents have contacts who may be able to provide us with some, please do get in contact with the office! Many thanks

This Week, form 4 have had a wonderful time on their 3 day residential to Longtown, learning all about the features of a mountain and experiencing caving. The children were a delight and shared their knowledge eloquently.

In assembly, children have learnt about the origins of Halloween from the Celtic Harvest festival Samhain and pagan roots to the Roman All Hallows Eve. They thought about the history behind some of the symbols such as bats, skeletons and pumpkins as well as understanding that 'trick or treating' stems from when poor children used to be given food in exchange for prayers for dead loved ones on All Hallows Eve.

The children have embraced their new topics with excitement in our wow days and it has been lovely to hear how positive they are about their learning.

The Eco Council would like to announce winners of the Environment Poetry competition.

Thank you to everyone who entered! We were especially pleased to see some pair and group entries where children had voluntarily chosen to work together demonstrating the St Martin's value of Teamwork.

Congratulations to our winners:

3rd Place – Izzy and Lara – We especially liked your rhyming and pictures.

2nd Place – Azikiwe – We loved the decreasing size of each line representing the decreasing natural environment.

Joint 1st Place – Siyona, Christina and Victoria with their acrostic poem on pollution and **Samarth** with his poem about the consequences of littering.

