



As we enter the festive period, please be reminded that we have our very own Christmas card post box in school. If your child would like to write cards for their friends or teachers please encourage them to bring them in to post.. and a plea, lots of gloves and scarfs understandably coming into school at the moment PLEASE, PLEASE make sure they are all labelled!! Thank you



## This Week's Shooting Stars



- EYFS Class:** Great behaviour during our school outing
- Olivia M:** Perseverance when writing her name
- Ella:** For working hard to achieve her goals
- Form 1:** For being fantastic St Martin's ambassadors on our trip to the Postal Museum
- Zoe:** Showing respectful behaviour and waiting patiently
- Iman:** Showing respectful behaviour and waiting patiently
- Shungo:** Creating fabulous abstract artwork with a multicultural element
- Shungo:** Great achievement reading his Remembrance Day poem to the whole school
- Christina:** Writing an outstanding description independently.
- Krishnan:** Great achievement in his English homework
- Siyona:** Her consideration of the 7 elements of art when studying Landscape Artists
- Zahi:** Being kind, friendly and sharing in the playground and working very hard in class
- Ethan:** Working conscientiously to finish all his work
- Jayden:** Thoughtful comments about 'emotion' evoked by Landscape Artists
- Amba:** Fantastic engagement in all lessons and extraordinary writing
- Mila:** Being kind, friendly and helpful and with a sunny disposition
- Molly:** Offering valuable advice to those who needed help

This week's **Head Teacher's Awards** has been given to **Tobias** for writing an excellent poem entitled 'autumnal wonderland' poem. Congratulations! 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

**Reuben**

**Avi**

**Atlin**

**Krishav**

The options form for next term is now live – please ensure this is completed by **WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER** at the latest for Mrs Jacobs to be able to form invoices.

### Term Dates 2022 – 2023

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

Return to School: Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022  
Half Term Break: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022  
Term Ends: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

#### **Spring Term 2023:**

Return to School: Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023  
Half Term Break: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Term Ends: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### **Summer Term 2023:**

Return to School: Tue 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Half Term Break: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Term Ends: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

#### **Autumn Term 2023:**

Return to School: Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Diary Dates

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov:** Music Exams

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** Form 3 / 5 National History Museum trip  
Please remember a packed lunch and winter coat

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:** All invited to The St Martin's winter show 2pm at St Michaels Church, Flower Lane, NW7 2JA (every child will participate)

**Thus 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Celebration Day – see above

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** FoSMS Silent Disco – please see flyer with details attached

**\*\* Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March 3-5pm – Family Bingo Afternoon – More details to come \*\***

We invite your children to make suggestions for songs to be included for our FoSMS Christmas silent disco! Do they have a favourite song? Favourite artist? Please let Mrs Wilson know who will add it to the play list!

**This Week** we have observed Anti-bullying and Inter-faith week. It was lovely to see so many children wearing odd socks on Monday to raise awareness of Anti-bullying and celebrate difference. The extended Monday assembly with visitors from different religions talking about their faith and the importance of tolerating and respecting all other faiths was a wonderful experience for our children and we would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to all 4 visitors. Upper school enjoyed visiting St Albans Cathedral on Tuesday and the children all enjoyed the 'speed-faithing' activity to find out more from their 'expert' peers. Special thanks to Mrs Boxer for organising all our Inter-faith activities this week.

On Wednesday, EYFS and Form 1 visited the Postal Museum as part of their Transport topic and had a fun but exhausting time learning all about the underground train.

Thank you to all the children who were put forward to perform and auditioned for the winter show; the talent of our children is always so high and such a joy to experience. We have now finalised the main programme and it is looking very exciting. Please join us at St Michaels and All Angels Church from 2pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December for this wonderful festive occasion.

### **Next Week**

Monday - Form 4 parents are invited to watch their child performing in their assembly at 9am.  
- The JTAs will be delivering their 'Be Safe, be Seen' assembly at 1pm.

Tuesday - Form 3 and 5 have their trip to The Natural History Museum – please bring a packed lunch.

Congratulations to Emika and Atlin who competed in the National Karate Championships last week. Atlin is the Individual Kata National Champion (Green Belt 5-7 year old category). How exciting, well done!

Thank you to the 23 pupils who entered our Anti-Bullying Week competition with slogans but also poems and posters too!

Congratulations to our winners:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Stella** – We loved the use of emotion in your painted flowers.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Noah** – We loved the diagram of the victim saying 'stop' and then telling her mum.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Avelyn** – We loved the selfless message in your slogan "You will never reach higher ground if you always push others down."

### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Author visit**

Mrs Woolf, a parent of pupils who attended St Martin's before their transition to senior school, has become a published and award winning author and we are delighted that she is coming to speak to our pupils about her work as an author and to read some of her books. We may even get a first look at her new 'Christmas Bertie' book. Please see the attached flyer with details of her books and where you can purchase them. Children are invited to bring any purchased books into school and Mrs Woolf would be happy to sign them.

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Community Christmas Tree lights**

We are pleased to announce that we have been invited to join in with the launch of the community Christmas tree and lights on Mill Hill Broadway on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. All children in school will be preparing decorations for the tree including baubles and Christmas wishes and children from the choir, as well as potentially some instrumentalists, have been asked to join in with Carols led by the University of London Choir. Parents and community members are welcome to come and enjoy the carols by the tree. Please hold the date if you can – more information will follow as we receive it.

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Celebrating Christmas**

Children are invited to wear a Christmas or winter themed jumper, we will be making Christmas crafts in the morning, sharing Christmas lunch and watching a pantomime in the afternoon. If your child normally brings in a packed lunch but you would like them to enjoy a special Christmas lunch, please email Mrs Jacobs. Please bring £2.50 which will be shared between our school council reading corner project and this year's chosen charity Feed London. [www.feedlondon.org](http://www.feedlondon.org)

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term**

Children are invited to wear party clothes, bring snacks to accompany a party lunch and watch a Christmas film in the afternoon before going to the FOSMS disco after school.

Following on from the success and popularity of the Form 5 assembly last week, Form 4 parents are reminded that their class assembly is this Monday at 9am. For all other year groups, please see dates below. Each assembly will be watched by the lower year group and all siblings are invited to watch. For EYFS they will perform to parents and siblings only. These assemblies are a key part of our speaking and listening curriculum and are designed to develop pupils' confidence in public speaking.

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Form 2

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June:** EYFS

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Form 3

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Form 1

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Form 6

