

St Martin's Post

Issue 203

2nd December 2022

Please be reminded that clubs nor Tea Time Club run during the final week of any term and as such they will not be running next week. However, gifted and talented sessions and 1:1 sessions will still be running. Clubs and Tea Time Club will all resume immediately upon return in January. Thank you



This Week's Shooting Stars



Freddie: Always finding ways to improve his writing

Haadi: Great progress in phonics

Gabriel: Excellent participation during phonics

Reuben: Doing excellent experimenting with colours

Yugo T: Amazing independent maths skills and topic work

Beau: Answering questions with confidence

Ginny: Great performance at the winter show rehearsal

Anushka: Always being kind and a wonderful team player

Azikiwe: Readiness to answer all questions in class. Exceptional friendliness and smiles

Tobias: Thoughtful and always ready to offer bright ideas in class. A wonderfully caring nature

Victoria: Always being kind

Siyona: Achieving highly in her report about the gestation cycle

Joshua G: Being positive about friendships and teamwork

Amar M: Making a fabulous model of a Viking long ship

Shayan: Thoughtful questioning in R.E.

Avi B: Thoughtful comments in R.E

Yunqing: Being thoughtful during R.E lessons

Tiam: Achieving highly during French lessons

Joshua J: Achieving highly in French

Ehsan: Offering to help to set up the gymnastic equipment – thank you

Ariana: Overcoming nerves and trying a new challenge on the gymnastic equipment – showing tenacity

This week's **Head Teacher's Awards** has been won by **Olivia W** for achieving highly in her writing and for recommending a book to encourage good mental health practices.

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

Arya Hope Krishnan Husain

<u>Term Dates 2022 – 2023</u>

Autumn Term 2022

Return to School: Wed 7th Sept 2022

Half Term Break: Mon 17th Oct - Fri 28th Oct

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

Community Christmas tree lights

We are pleased to have been invited to participate in the launch of the community Christmas tree and lights on **Mill Hill Broadway on Saturday 3rd December from 5.30pm.** Please do come along to support the school choir with the University of London Choir as they sing Away in a Manger and Silent Night.

Please remember £2.50 for Christmas Craft Day on Thursday!

This Week we welcomed Father Steven into Assembly to talk about Advent; he explained about this being a period of joyous waiting for Christians and talked to the children about the importance of waiting calmly and positively in every-day life. He talked to the children about taking their time to do things and how important kindness is in such a busy world. He explained the 5 candles of advent and how the colours rose and purple are used to represent this time in church.

Lower School enjoyed their visit from the author Mandy Woolf and we were privileged to have her not-yet released book 'Bertie's Christmas' shared with us electronically. She also provided some lovely colouring activities for EYFS with thoughtful questions for Form 1 and 2 to consider after the session. As this book is not yet released, we will be organising a date in January when she will return for a book signing. If you have ordered any of Mrs Woolf's books using the links on the flyers sent in the last two weeks and would like them to be signed, please look out for the date and further information in January.

Mrs Mbah was delighted to share some children's long writes this week, especially Form 4's extended writing in History in which they analysed artefacts in detail.

<u>Next Week</u> is the last week of term with lots of exciting events planned. Children will be participating in their wonder sessions in which they formulate questions surrounding their curriculum areas next half term to help inform teacher's planning.

Tuesday is our winter show at St Michael's and All Angels Church at 2pm. All children will be participating and have been working hard to practise their parts in the show. Please do come along and join in the celebrations.

Thursday is Christmas jumper day in school – please bring £2.50 to be equally split between the school council reading corner project and our chosen charity this year – Feed London www.feedlondon.org. The children will also be enjoying Christmas crafts, Christmas lunch and a pantomime.

Friday is the last day of term and we invite children to wear their party clothes, bring in some party food (no nuts, no chewing gum or fizzy drinks and only vegetarian please) watch a film and the FOSMS disco after school.

Next Half Term Dates

Tuesday 3rd September is a staff training day, children return to school on **Wednesday 4th January**

Tues 10th January at 3.45pm: Form 5 11+ Parent Workshop.

Wed 18th January: Form 2 and 4 trip to the Tower of London.

Wed 18th January at 2.30pm: EYFS Learning Parent Workshop.

Tuesday 24th January: Choir to perform at Young Voices at the O2.

Thursday 26th January: Form 1 trip to the Natural History Museum.

Friday 27th **January:** Form 3 and 4 Portals to the Past workshop about the stone age.

W/b Monday 30th Jan: CAT4 Assessments.

Monday 30th January: Form 2 Class Assembly.

Wednesday 1st February: Chinese New Year.

Wednesday 1st February: Form 5 trip to Museum of Steam and Water

Wednesday 1st February at 2.30pm: Lower School Phonics and Early Reading Parent Workshop.

Tuesday 2nd Feb: Form 6 In School Virtual Visit: Natural History Museum

W/c 6th **February:** Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day.

Monday 13th March: Form 5 trip to British Museum

Wednesday 15th March: EYFS trip to Highgate Woods

Wed 15th – Thurs 16th March: Form 3 Overnight trip to Golden Hinde

Monday 8th (Bank Holiday) – Friday 12th May: Form 6 PGL Residential Trip

Reports

End of term reports are being published at the end of next week. These can be accessed via your child's Engage portal under DMS which can be accessed through the parent area of the website.



Please be reminded that we operate an accelerated learning programme throughout school in which we teach one year of National Curriculum in five half terms from Reception and as such the gap between age expected and school expected (and subsequently the exceeding level) gets wider as children progress through the school. Therefore, children must be making accelerated progress (i.e. more than expected nationally) to maintain their previous levels. If you wish to discuss any aspects of your child's report, please make an appointment to see the class teacher in the new year.