



This Tuesday, our wonderful school choir attended the fabulous Young Voices event at London's O2 arena. The event never ceases to impress and has become a highlight of the St Martin's Choir calendar after proving such a success year after year. 25 Form 3 – 6 pupils were selected from over 50 who auditioned and they were exemplary in their representation of our school in both behaviour and performance. The hard work and effort in rehearsals was evident and the children were in fantastic spirits! We are hoping to have even more places next year for this wonderful event. A huge, huge Thank You to Miss Hurst for her exceptional skills in preparing the choir and ensuring such smooth running of the event. Thanks also to Mrs Wilson, Miss Mukadi and our parent helper, Mrs Morris for their help and support!



This Week's Shooting Stars



Avi	Attentiveness in Gifted and Talented PE and great recall of the circulatory system.
Isioma	Excellent story writing about an ice queen
Form 1	Showing maturity and positive behaviour at the Natural History Museum.
Kabir	Beautiful cursive handwriting
Mila	Excellent teamwork whilst sawing wood.
Tobias	Excellent teamwork whilst sawing wood.
Sophia T	Working hard to round numbers
Stella	Trying new foods and being adventurous.
Hashini	Detailed extended writing about Henry VIII and research on Elizabeth I.
Shayan	A thorough and well presented explanation of the human digestive system.
Jacob	Excellent work improving his writing.
Philip	Approaching his work with maturity and thoughtfulness.

This week **Head Teacher's Awards** have been awarded to - **Beau** for beautiful, thoughtful writing about protecting our Earth and **Freddie** for being an achiever with excellent sentence writing in phonics. A huge congratulations to you both. Well Done.

Golden Tea is an opportunity for children to show 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 Mbah on Monday morning break-time, in Mrs Wilson's absence.

Freddie

Iman

Azikiwe

Ehsan

Today is international Holocaust Memorial Day and this year's theme is ordinary people. For more information, please visit www.hmd.org.uk to reflect on how ordinary people can challenge prejudice today to prevent genocide. In school, we teach the Holocaust to our Form 6 pupils later in the academic year in an age appropriate way delivered by a trained provider from the Holocaust Education Trust. Our school values of multi-culture and respect ensure we are always challenging prejudice and support the British Value: tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. We discuss prejudice in assemblies and lessons; consider the role of the bystander and model ways to appropriately, challenge perspectives.

Term Dates 2022 – 2023**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

Term Dates 2023– 2024**Autumn Term 2023**

Return to School: Wed 6th Sept 2023
 Half Term Break: Mon 16th Oct - Fri 27th Oct
 Term Ends: Friday 8th Dec 2023

Spring Term 2024:

Return to School: Wed 3rd Jan 2024
 Half Term Break: Mon 12th Feb to Fri 16th Feb
 Term Ends: Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024:

Return to School: Tue 23rd April 2024
 Half Term Break: Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May
 Term Ends: Friday 12th July 2024

Autumn Term 2024:

Return to School: Wed 4th September 2024

Diary Dates

Monday 30th January at 9am: Form 2 Class Assembly.
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 and wonder sessions.
Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day.
Wednesday 8th February: EYFS trip to Aldenham Country Park.
Wednesday 8th February: Form 5 trip to Museum of Steam and Water
– PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO PLANNED TRAIN STRIKES
Thursday 9th February 8.10 – 8-45: Topic homework open morning.
Thursday 9th February: Form 4 litter picking.
Friday 10th February: Road Safety Show in school.

HALF TERM

W/b Monday 27th February CAT4 Assessments
Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day.
Thursday 9th March: Form 1 trip to the Tate Modern.
Thursday 9th March: Form 2 litter picking.
Monday 13th March: Form 5 trip to British Museum.
Wed 15th – Thurs 16th March: Form 3 Overnight trip to Golden Hinde.
Wednesday 15th March: EYFS trip to Highgate Woods.
Thursday 16th March: Form 2 Trip to National Gallery.
Thursday 23rd March: World Maths Day.
Monday 27th March: Form 3 Class Assembly.

FULL SCHOOL PRODUCTION – ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES

Tuesday 28th March: Matinee Performance 2pm

Wednesday 29th March: Evening Performance 5.30pm

Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill

Monday 8th (Bank Holiday) – Friday 12th May:

Form 6 PGL Residential Trip

Parent workshops The presentation from last week's parent workshop is now available on the parent portal via the school website for those of you who couldn't make it. Please also join us for the 'Early reading and phonics' parent workshop for Lower School on Wednesday the 1st February at 2.30.

We are in the process of planning three keyworker 'Come learn with me' sessions after the April break in which you are invited to join your child as they learn in their Phonics, Literacy and Maths sessions. Invitations will be sent out to keyworker groups with a date and time to limit numbers. If you are unable to make your session, please feel free to ask to join one of the other days.

This Week

The children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Chinese new year; learning about the great race and hearing all about the rabbit's journey and relationship with the ox. Special thanks to Mr Wu for the beautiful decorations and to our performance prefect Amira for organising a lion dance with Avani.

The Choir enjoyed their Young Voices experience as detailed at the top of this newsletter.

Form 1 had a wonderful trip to the Natural History Museum on Thursday, learning all about dinosaurs and becoming palaeontologists. Mr Lacey said "They were exceptionally well behaved, I was so proud of them all."

Form 3 and 4 enjoyed their 'Portals to the past' Stone age experience today. It was wonderful to see the children enthralled in such an immersive learning experience. It was particularly impressive to hear how much Form 4 remembered and lovely of them to share this with Form 3 so beautifully. Well done everybody.

Form 5 and 6 have completed their intensive swimming course and we are very impressed with the significant progress made by everybody. Please let us know your feedback to help us evaluate this experience.

Next Week

Form 2 have their class assembly at 9am on Monday. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend along with Form 1.

In their French lessons, children will be learning about La Chandeleur – the French pancake day dating back to Roman times in which the round pancakes symbolise the coming of the sun.

On Thursday, Form 6 have an online workshop with the Natural History Museum to support their learning of evolution in their current Topic 'Darwin's delights'.

Sports & Swimming

We are striving to engage in inter-school sport competitions this year and are delighted to have had confirmation that we are entered into the Barnet Swimming Gala on Monday 20th March. This will involve 12 pupils from Forms 3 – 6 (3 from each Form) who will be selected in their swimming lessons next week and week 2 of Form 3 and 4's swimming lessons. Invitations will be sent to chosen pupils before half term.

Many of our events are posted on our Facebook page with pictures and videos of the children learning. We welcome your positive feedback on these and love hearing from you and your wider families – please keep liking and commenting on our feed. <https://www.facebook.com/stmartinsmillhill/>