



This week our performance prefect, Amira, led some of our Iranian and Persian students: Ehsan, Tiam and Sophia in our assembly to celebrate 'Jashen E Sadeh'. We heard about King Hoshang discovering divinity in fire and how Sadeh calls for us to light fire in our hearts, be warmed by divine blessings and welcome the warmth of our community, which is one of the greatest blessings of all. We are always grateful for our school community – children, parents, staff and wider families. We are incredibly thankful for the support and understanding shown by everyone involved in the St Martin's community.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Ella	Amazing phonics
Olivia M	Working hard in phonics
Charlotte	Beginning to produce a beautiful pop-up book about dinosaurs in DT
Kabir	Achieving beautiful cursive handwriting
Shaan	Showing gratitude to his friends
Rania	Perseverance in learning her tables
Yugo T	Writing a beautiful poem
Oliver	Advanced understanding and reading of a historical novel.
Lara	Excellent work on her Topic PowerPoint presentation.
Yugo S	Outstanding independent writing of a report.
Avi B	Achieving highly in his writing.
Avelyn	Achieving highly with her scientific explanation.
Yunqing	Being an independent and creative learner.

This week **Head Teacher's Award** has been awarded to – **Philip** for an open mind-set and excellent writing about adaptation. 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 Wilson on Monday morning break-time, in Mrs Wilson's office.

Nyla

Mila

Zakariya

Jayden

Parent workshops

Thank you to the parents who attended the 'Lower School Early Reading and Phonics' session this week with Mrs Norval, Mr Lacey and Mrs Doherty. It was lovely to enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits with you all. 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.

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

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 20th and 27th Feb: IEP meetings
W/b 27th Feb: Internal school testing week
Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day.
Wednesday 8th March: Form 6 trip to 'Escape rooms' and Bank of England
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

Music Recitals

We are delighted with the amount of pupils undertaking a musical instrument in school. We would like to show-case your children's talent in a series of Music recitals next term. Please save the date:

EYFS – 1.30pm on Friday 19th May

Form 1, 2 and 3 – 8.50am on Tuesday 23rd May

Form 4, 5 and 6 – 2.30pm on Tuesday 23rd May

This Week

We are incredibly proud of the Form 2 children who performed in their class assembly on Monday. The class assemblies provide vital opportunity for children to rehearse their speaking skills to an audience and our appreciation goes out to everyone who attended this lovely event.

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

Form 6 found their online workshop with the Natural History Museum very interesting. It proved to be extremely useful in their learning of evolution in their current Topic 'Darwin's delights'.

Some of our school choir are looking forward to performing 'Amazing Grace' for the Bishop of Edmonton on Sunday. We have been rehearsing today as well as learning about the history of the song.

Next Week

We are observing Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and the school council will be providing some activities to help with positive mental health and wellbeing.

The children will be taking part in wonder sessions in which they get a sneak peek at next half term's learning and ask questions they would like to enquire about to help inform teacher's planning.

We are welcoming the Mill Hill Resident's Association to our assembly to talk about how they support the community and thank the children for their litter picking, which Form 4 will be doing on Thursday.

Tuesday is 'Safer Internet Day' and Mr Lacey has organised activities to help the children understand how to stay safe online.

On Wednesday, EYFS go to 'Aldenham Country Park' and Form 5 visit the 'Museum of Water and Steam'.

On Friday, Mrs Shannon has organised an exciting road safety show.

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 next week.

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/stmartinmillhill/>