

# St Martin's Post

Please return your Easter camp booking forms as soon as possible as places are limited and always sell out. Tickets for the whole school production of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies are also now on sale. Tickets will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis allocated from the front. Thank you

	This Week's Shooting Stars		
Gabriel:	Trying activities outside his comfort zone		
Mia:	Assisting her peers with letter formation		
Kishi:	Self-correcting his numbers when formed incorrectly		
Mark:	Writing his numbers independently		
Zach:	Become more confident when writing his numbers		
Isabel:	Growing in confidence		
Shaan:	Trying really hard to write great stories		
Kiaan:	A wonderful start to your St Martin's journey – we're so happy you joined us!		
Dylan:	Making super progress with place value in Maths		
Abir:	Helping his new classmate settle in so well and being a kind friend		
Aarav:	Settling into our class so well and making friends with everyone		
Tobias:	Thinking about our assembly and finding first signs of spring.		
Eleanor:	For kindly offering to help a younger pupil find her coat in the Lost Property box		
Atlin:	Consistent effort in PE		
Avi M:	Making good choices on the playground.		
Lara:	Sharing her wonderful singing with her class		
Alayna:	Superb creative writing skills using advanced vocabulary		
Shungo:	Great team spirit and effort in PE		
Victoria:	Achieving highly in her scientific write-up		
Jacob:	Achieving highly in his writing about mummification		
Anthony:	Excellent and attentive sportsmanship during his PE lesson		
Olivia W:	A positive attitude towards her learning		

This week **Head Teacher's Award** has been awarded to – **Jacob Dadoun** for nurturing younger pupils in a very responsible way. Well done, we are very proud of the kindness you always show.

**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.

Isioma

Sophia E

Joshua G



<u>Term Dates 2022 – 2023</u>			<u>Term Dates 2023– 2024</u>		
Autumn Term 2022			Autumn Term 2023		
Return to School:	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022		Return to School:	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023	
Half Term Break:	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Half Term Break:	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	
Term Ends:	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022		Term Ends:	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	
Spring Term 2023:			Spring Term 2024:		
Return to School:	Wed 4th Jan 2023		Return to School:	Wed 3rd Jan 2024	
Half Term Break:	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Half Term Break:	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Term Ends:	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023		Term Ends:	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
Summer Term 2023:			Summer Term 2024	4:	
Return to School:	Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2023		Return to School:	Tue 23rd April 2024	
Half Term Break:	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2nd June		Half Term Break:	Mon 27th May - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	
Term Ends:	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023		Term Ends:	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	
Autumn Term 2023:			Autumn Term 2024	:	
Return to School:	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		Return to School:	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	

#### **Diary Dates**

W/b 20 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	IEP meetings		
W/b 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Internal school testing week		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March:	World Book Day.		
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March:	Form 6 trip to 'Escape rooms' and Bank of England		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March:	Form 1 trip to the Tate Modern.		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March:	Form 2 litter picking.		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	Form 5 trip to British Museum.		
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March:	Form 3 Overnight trip to Golden Hinde.		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	EYFS trip to Highgate Woods.		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March:	Form 2 Trip to National Gallery		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March:	Red Nose Day – we will be selling Red Noses from Monday $13^{th}$ March		
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March:	World Maths Day.		
Monday 27th March:	Form 3 Class Assembly		
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March:	Easter Bonnet Parade – all parents welcome 2pm at school		

## FULL SCHOOL PRODUCTION - ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Matinee Performance 2pm

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March:

Evening Performance 5.30pm

Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill

### **\*\* TICKETS NOW ON SALE \*\***

For those studying a musical instrument, please return the Music agreement forms to the office if you have not already done so.

#### **Music Recitals**

We are delighted by the number of pupils undertaking a musical instrument in school. We would like to showcase your children's talent in a series of Music recitals next term. Please save the date:

#### EYFS – 1.30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

#### Form 1, 2 and 3 – 8.50am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

#### Form 4, 5 and 6 – 2.30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**This Week** it was lovely to welcome everyone back after half-term and see the children settle back into their learning with excitement and focus. Father Steven joined us to discuss Shrove Tuesday as 'Sorry Tuesday' when Christians repent and turn around to the right path. On Tuesday, we celebrated pancake day with pancakes for dessert.

EYFS spent their Wow session at the park looking for 'mini-beasts' for their new topic and found all sorts of interesting creatures. They were working scientifically and focused on their observation skills – looking carefully for creatures and looking closely at what they found.

Form 1 were also working scientifically to investigate a range of everyday materials – starting with a range of examples, they elaborated on what different materials we use in our lives; considering their properties and thinking about how we use them whilst explaining which qualities make them fit for purpose.

Form 2 have been building the most incredible siege towers as a finale to their castles topic. This has involved a range of woodwork skills not to mention all the mathematical skills of accurate measuring.

Form 3 are studying the Wind in the Willows and rivers this term. They learned about the school teacher Annie Edson Taylor who was the first person to survive going over Niagara falls in a barrel – imagining how she felt and considering the reasons behind why she may have completed such a dangerous stunt.

Form 4 have been writing plays about the Mad Hatter as part of their study on Alice in Wonderland and were able to share these with our younger pupils today so they had a real audience for their work.

Form 5 also had their Wow session in which Mr Guyster carefully performed an Egyptian mummification on Miss Champion, explaining the process in great detail and placing her various organs in Canopic jars!

Form 6 have been using their critical thinking skills to consider aspects of Maya civilisation and design sculptures. We look forward to seeing the finished results.

The School Council were delighted with the new ceiling paintings that they had organised and have added a video to their page on the website which they shared with their classes.

**Next Week** Throughout the week - Children will be undertaking their CAT4 tests to help us consider attainment and progress in verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning.

Tuesday – Children will be participating in the Hands Up Survey to consider how they travel to and from school. We would love to see the range of healthy ways you travel to school represented in this survey so if you are able to walk, scoot or ride your bike to school on this day, please do. Please be reminded to wear a helmet when riding either a bike or scooter.

Thursday – Is World Book Day. We love to see everyone's character costumes and the associated books coming in – please ensure any book is clearly marked with your child's name. We have lots of exciting activities planned to celebrate the wonderful world of reading including: an assembly, a whole school study of the book 'My Shadow is Pink', competition for the best decorated door, quizzes for lower and upper school and pick and mix reading activities throughout the day.

We are delighted to announce that Mr Lacey is due to have his second child in the very near future. He will be taking his paternity leave over the course of the next two weeks. We wish him and his family all the very best and will keep you updated with any news.

Unfortunately, the gifted and talented computing will not be running for the next two weeks but Mr Lacey would love to see any work these children have created at home – perhaps a new baby card in Publisher, congratulations PowerPoint or letter to Mr Lacey in Word?

**Fourth Plinth School's Award** - get creative and produce a work of art inspired by the contemporary art commissions for Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth. Entries can be in all art forms including drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and digital designs. We will be submitting all entries to the competition in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Please be reminded that Thursday morning is drop in from 8.10 - 8.40 when you are able to come and see your child's work and look in the front of their Maths and English books to see the objectives they have been/will be working towards.