

St Martin's Post

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Following another exciting week in school, we would like to wish all our St Martin's Mums a restful and joyful Mother's Day with your families. We look forward to you all coming to our Easter Bonnet parade on Friday March 31st, held at school at 2pm. We are very excited to see your children's home-made Easter Bonnet creations. Happy St Patrick's Day (Irish patent saint) and Higan (Japanese spring festival); to all those celebrating.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Claudia Being such a good friend to all her peers

Arya Always giving her very best in all she does

Sara N Always being kind and attentive in the class and whilst playing in the playground

Quinn For a super diary entry in Literacy

Joshua S Trying his best in phonics

Max Spectacular behaviour during our trip to the woods

Reuben Being kind and helpful on our trip to the woods

Form 3 Excellent behaviour and inspiring patience on our looooong trip to the Golden

Hinde. Mr Mosedale is so proud of you all!

Amar M Super work attempting very challenging homework questions

Husain Wonderful use of vivid imagery in his writing

Jayden Outstanding use of vocabulary whilst writing poetry

Ehsan Achieving highly in his use of figurative writing

Sarah Showing kindness and selflessness towards her teacher and peers

Eli U Showing strength and tenacity with a smile

THREE **Head Teacher's Awards** have been awarded this week! Congratulations to **Hashini** for excellent writing in her own time, **Yugo S** for his superb critical thinking and reasoning in RE and **Olivia W** for an excellent presentation of 'Marvellous Mexican Meals.' Congratulations and well done to you all.

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.

Shungo Charlotte Quinn Aum

Thank you to you all for buying your tickets for Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. The performance at 5.30pm on Wednesday 29th March are nearly sold out but we still have good availability for the matinee the day before. Please send in your orders for any last minute tickets at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your generous contributions to Red Nose Day by buying red nose day this week. A huge thank you to Avani, our charity prefect, ably assisted by House Captains, Olivia D, Sarah and Adam. We were delighted that they we sold out early this morning and have placed a rush order to ensure the 8 children who have not received theirs today will receive them on Monday. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Thursday 23rd March: World Maths Day.

Monday 27th March: Form 3 Class Assembly

Friday 31st March: Easter Bonnet Parade – all parents welcome 2pm at school

Sunday 30th April: Family Bingo Afternoon 3pm-5pm *Details to Come*

Sunday 2nd July: Summer Fete 11am – 3pm

<u>FULL SCHOOL PRODUCTION – ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES</u>

Tuesday 28th March: Matinee Performance 2pm

Wednesday 29th March: Evening Performance 5.30pm

Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill

** TICKETS NOW ON SALE **

Huge congratulations to the students who received music and drama examination results this week – an absolutely, outstanding set of results. Congratulations to you all – $\,$

Tobias: Grade 1 Drums - Distinction

Amar M: Grade 2 Guitar - Distinction

Kaylan: LAMDA Intro Stage 1 Merit

Iman: LAMDA Intro Stage 1 Distinction

Krishav: LAMDA Intro Stage 3 Distinction

Suleman: LAMDA Intro Stage 3 Distinction

This Week

EYFS went on an adventure to Highgate woods where they had a very busy day. The children enjoyed learning about why every bug is important and that they each have a special super power.

Form 1 children told us that they enjoyed writing a diary entry as though they were traction man, playing a teamwork game with the beanbags in PE and evaluating each other's work in non-verbal reasoning.

Form 2 have enjoyed a virtual session with the National gallery, learning about a range of paintings including Van Gogh's Sunflowers and also making cheese and tomato snails in kid's kitchen.

Form 3 had "the best night ever" on the super exciting Golden Hinde being pirates for the evening. We were very impressed with their excellent behaviour and good humour. Mr Mosedale was very pleased that they all went to sleep so well (although this did also mean they were up early!)

Form 4 children were brilliant this week when they delivered their speeches based on characters from Alice in Wonderland. The children managed to incorporate the surreal nature of the text as cooks of slug and pepper stew, strange duchesses explaining how to look after children by throwing them in the air and piglet babies whose clothes fit both babies and piglets simultaneously. Speeches included a range of literary devices such as rhetorical questions, hyperbole and direct appeals to the audience.

Form 5 went to the British museum to learn more about Pharos, mummification and the afterlife in Egyptian times. They had an excellent time and were impeccably behaved throughout.

Form 6 painted their Maya clay work this week considering the appropriate colour scheme for the time and these are looking wonderful. They have also been working very hard on character development for their role in the play.

On Thursday, the children in Form 5 and 6 were treated to a hilarious show from 'Box Clever' called 'Getting There'. With some raucous laughter, this fun show was a wonderful way to re-inforce some very serious road safety messages for our oldest pupils. A big thank you to Mrs Shannon for organising this excellent event.

Next Week

We look forward to welcoming you in to school for the parent teacher meetings to share all the excellent work your children have been doing.

We have yet another packed week of activities to support our children's learning:

On Monday, we will be celebrating 'world story telling day' in assembly. This is all about the tradition of telling stories over hundreds of years to pass on history, morals and messages through the ages. If you have any family favourite stories, we encourage you to find your best storytelling voices to share with your children. Lower School will be visiting St Michael's and All Angels Church as part of their understanding the world (EYFS) and RE (Form 1 and 2) curriculum. 12 pupils from Upper School will be representing St Martin's School in the Barnet Swimming Gala – we wish you all the very best of luck!

On Tuesday, it is 'world poetry day'. Children - please bring your favourite poem to school to share with your class. We look forward to hearing you read or perform your poems. Please also remember to bring in your show costumes on Tuesday so that we can check they are all ready for the show.

On Wednesday afternoon, we are looking forward to the invasion games house tournament organised by Mrs Low.

On Thursday, it is 'World Maths Day' with lots of exciting activities planned to recognise the importance of Maths.

On Friday, we are excited to see the children's hard work rehearsing for the show come to fruition in the whole school dress rehearsal for 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies'.

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/