

St Martin's Post

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Thank you so much to all our families who came along to the Bingo afternoon last Sunday. It was a full house with every ticket sold. Thank you so much to the FoSMS committee for arranging such a fun event; it was so lovely to see our community come together for such an enjoyable afternoon. £691 was raised for Feed London a Miracles project and they are incredibly grateful for the donation. Enjoy your Bank Holiday weekend. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday.

	This Week's Shooting Stars			
Zach	Great progress in Phonics			
Isabel	For progressing in her reading			
Ella	Good pattern work during Maths			
Nael	Trying his best in all that he does			
Alycia	Showing a wonderful understanding of place value in the Hundreds			
Dylan	Consistently trying hard			
Krishnan	Achieving well with his writing			
Rania	Teaching her class about Ramadan			
Stella	Asking very thoughtful and philosophical questions in RE			
Yunrui	Superb work finding out about how aeronauts went to the upper atmosphere in the 1860's			
Oliver K	Brilliant work researching 1800's aeronauts			
Zakariya	Always being a role model for his peers – always showing kindness and respect to all			
Jacob	Outstanding analysis in his comprehension work			
Shungo	Achieving highly in his independent research			
Olivia D	For her calm yet confident manner. Always working hard and doing her very best			
Amira	Making a fantastic start to the summer term, consistently demonstrating the St Martin's values.			

Three **Head Teacher's Awards** have been awarded this week! Congratulations to **Krishnan** and **Sid** who worked collaboratively showing wonderful teamwork on their Earth poem including self-correcting with confidence. A huge well done also to **Tiam** for fabulous Topic work writing. We are so proud of 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 during Monday morning break-time.

Aarav

Isla





W/b Monday 8 th May:	Form 6 trip to PGL		
W/b Monday 15 th May:	Mental Health Awareness Week		
W/b Monday 15 th May:	Form 6 Bikeability		
Tuesday 16 th May:	Form 1 and Form 2 trip to Barnet Environmental Centre		
Thursday 18 th May:	EYFS Come Learn with me (Session 3)		
Thursday 18 th May:	Form 5 litter picking		
Thursday 18 th May:	Mountfichet Anglo Saxon Castle trip		
Friday 19 th May:	EYFS Music Recital at 1.30pm (Parents welcome)		
Monday 22 nd May:	Form 1 Assembly at 9am (Parents welcome)		
Tuesday 23 rd May:	Form 1, 2 and 3 Music Recital at 8.50am (Parents welcome)		
Tuesday 23 rd May:	Form 4, 5 and 6 Concert at 2.30pm (Parents welcome)		
Wednesday 24 th May:	National Archive Visit in school - Form 1		
Thursday 25 th May:	Topic homework walk about 8.10-8.40am (Parents welcome)		
Thursday 25 th May:	School Photos		
Friday 26 th May:	Science Museum trip - Form 4		
Friday 26 th May:	Wear your own clothes – £2 minimum charity donation please		
Tuesday 6 th June:	Kew Gardens Trip – Form 2 and Form 5		
Wednesday 7 th June:	Mill Hill Synagogue Visit – Form 1 and Form 2		
Wednesday 12 th June:	EYFS Assembly at 9am		
Thursday 15 th June:	EYFS and Form 1 – Bed Time Stories – details tbc		
Tuesday 20 th June:	Mill Hill Library Visit – EYFS		
Tuesday 20 th June:	Form 2 Litter Pick		
Wednesday 21 st June:	Sports day – Mill Hill Park from 1.30pm		
Tuesday 27 th June:	Fanconry Visit – at school – Form 5 and EYFS		
Wednesday 28 th June:	Day Trip to Lille – Form 6		
Sunday 2 nd July:	** SUMMER FETE ** 11am – 3pm		
Wednesday 5 th July:	Transition Day / New Parent's Tea		
Thursday 6 th July:	Sculpture Workshop – Form 3 and Form 4		
Monday 10 th July:	Whipsnade Zoo – Whole School Trip		
Thursday 13 th July:	Prize Giving – St Michael's and All Angels Church at 2pm		
Friday 14 th July:	Form 6 Leaver's Assembly 2pm – Form 6 Parents Welcome		

Recitals

Children who take a peripatetic lesson have been asked to prepare a piece for our upcoming recitals; please help your child to choose and practice their best performance piece for this wonderful experience. Parents of children who play an instrument will be invited to watch the following performances:

EYFS and Form 1 – Friday 19^{th} May at 1.30pm

Form 2 and 3 – Tuesday 23rd May at 8.50am

Forms 4, 5 and 6 – Tuesday 23rd May at 2.30pm

This Week

Thank you to parents who joined us for the Form 6 assembly on Tuesday morning or the EYFS 'Come learn with me' session to share their Phonics and Literacy learning. We hope you enjoyed these insights into your child's learning at St Martin's.

EYFS enjoyed learning about a range of fruit and vegetables as well as seeking and making patterns in Maths.

Form 1 have begun to make their historic London buildings as they learn about the Great Fire of London.

Form 2 begun to think about the themes for Spirited Arts competition and were making very thoughtful reflections.

Form 3 have been thinking about atmosphere in their writing as they consider Shakespeare's scene with the witches in Macbeth and use elements for their own writing.

Form 4 have enjoyed investigating how colour filters can change the mood in photography and creating atmospheric images.

Form 5 are in the midst of studying hard for their 11+ exams with practice Maths and English papers and developing their reasoning skills through thoughtful conversations.

Form 6 enjoyed a practical outdoor session with Mr Guyster as part of their class text 'Stormbreaker' and had great fun as they continued their forest school experience.

Next Week

Form 6 will be enjoying their final residential experience in a 5 day adventure of outdoor activities – we wish them lots of excitement and fun as they leave on Bank Holiday Monday.

On Tuesday, we will be celebrating Japanese Children's Day and understanding the History and traditions of this special occasion.

Over the next two weeks, children will be completing Maths and English assessments to measure progress from the baselines completed in October. The electronic tests in Upper School are adaptive and therefore when children get a question correct, it gets harder and if they get a question wrong, the questions become easier – therefore whether your child finds this test easy or hard, it is not an indicator of their level. Teachers will explain this to the children and remind children to read the questions carefully and have a go even if they aren't sure. Please remind your children to try their very best but not to worry and to welcome challenge as the opportunity to learn. The Lower School tests are sent away for marking; we will let you know when your child's results are available for you to review.

Rescheduled Form 2 Litter Pick

Due to bad weather, the Form 2 litter pick was cancelled. This has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 20th June in the afternoon.

On Thursday 25th May, your children will have their individual, sibling, class and full school photos. Please ensure all children arrive in full school SUMMER uniform, including a blazer – if your child has PE on this day, they can bring it with them and change after photos have been taken. Please be reminded that all hair clips and bands MUST be dark blue. Many thanks

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. <u>https://www.facebook.com/stmartinsmillhill/</u>

Achievements

Congratulations to Amar M for working incredibly hard and achieving his Amber Swim Award.

We are also very proud of Charlotte who last week had her long hair cut to donate to the Little Princess Trust who use the hair to help children who have lost their hair due to illness. Such a kind and selfless act. Well Done!

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