

St Martin's Post

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Our School Council have been running Mental Health Awareness week with calming music, meditation, pay it forward kindness cards and sharing toys at paired reading to encourage calm and gentle play. Mrs Posner and Aman in Form 5 have also introduced a lovely calming playground game which all the children enjoyed. Well done to all the children for speaking so eloquently about the need for healthy and strong mental health and understanding ways we can encourage this.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Haadi: Helping his teacher tidy up without being asked

Gabriel: Showing great knowledge of addition

Olivia M: Showing great understanding in phonics

Mia: Excellent Team Work during PE

Arya: Excellent Team Work during PE

Form 1: Being beautifully well behaved and respectful during our trip to Barnet Environmental

centre

Form 3: For being wonderful ambassadors for their school and exemplifying all our school values

whilst being enthusiastic time travellers at Mountfitchet Castle!

Isla: Superb practical work in DT – making cam-toys.

Ehsan: An excellent presentation about saving Earth from climate change

Zack H: Achieving highly with a persuasive letter to the Prime Minister

Avani: Presenting excellent work in Geography

Head Teacher's Awards have been awarded to **Izzy** and **Lara** this week for outstanding art / DT work Congratulations to you both. Your work was so impressive. Well Done to you both.

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.

Tobias Andrea Alisha Elenor

Uniform As we are approaching summer and (hopefully) warmer weather, please be reminded to apply **sunscreen** before school and provide your child with a **sun hat**. Due to the UK weather being as changeable as it is, please also ensure your child continues to bring a **coat** – this can be the lightweight raincoat or full St Martin's coat. Children will be going to the park for their athletics lessons in most weathers and must have appropriate clothing. Please be reminded that summer uniform is mandatory after half term – with the exception of school photo day <u>next week</u> - Thursday 25th May when summer uniform is compulsory.

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, are invited to watch the following performances:

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

Monday 22nd May: Form 1 Assembly at 9am (Parents welcome)

Tuesday 23rd May: Form 2 and 3 Music Recital at 8.50am (Parents welcome)

Tuesday 23rd May: Form 4 and 5 Music Recital at 2.30pm (Parents welcome)

Wednesday 24th May: National Archive Visit in school - Form 1

Thursday 25th May: Topic homework walk about 8.10-8.40am (Parents welcome)

Thursday 25th May: School Photos

Friday 26th May: Science Museum trip - Form 4

Friday 26th May: Wear your own clothes – £2 minimum charity donation please

Tuesday 6th June: Kew Gardens Trip – Form 2 and Form 5

Wednesday 7th June: Mill Hill Synagogue Visit – Form 1 and Form 2

Wednesday 12th June: EYFS Assembly at 9am

Thursday 15th June: EYFS and Form 1 – Bed Time Stories – details tbc

Tuesday 20th **June:** Mill Hill Library Visit – EYFS

Tuesday 20th June: Form 2 Litter Pick

Wednesday 21st June: Sports day – Mill Hill Park from 1.30pm

Tuesday 27th **June:** Fanconry Visit – at school – Form 5 and EYFS

Wednesday 28th June: Day Trip to Lille – Form 6

Thursday 29th **June:** Own Clothes Day – please bring a bottle for the school fete

tombola stall

Sunday 2nd July: ** SUMMER FETE ** 11am – 3pm

Wednesday 5th July: Transition Day / New Parent's Tea

Thursday 6th July: Sculpture Workshop – Form 3 and Form 4

Monday 10th July: Whipsnade Zoo – Whole School Trip

Thursday 13th July: Prize Giving – St Michael's and All Angels Church at 2pm

Friday 14th **July:** For 6 Leaver's Assembly 2pm – Form 6 Parents Welcome

This Week

Our Healthy School's Council did a wonderful job of their Sun Safety assembly reminding all of the children to cover up, wear sunscreen and wear a hat and our School Council have been running Mental Health Awareness week activities. Form 1 and 2 enjoyed their trip to the Barnet Environmental Centre where they went pond dipping and were able to use their scientific skills to classify the creatures they found. On Wednesday, EYFS expanded their Healthy Eating topic by visiting our local high street to see what healthy and unhealthy foods were available. On Thursday, Form 5 went Litter Picking in our local area to do our part in the fight against litter and to keep our community clean. Form 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Mountfitchet castle where they learned about how the Norman's lived whilst following historical lines of enquiry. Thank you to the parents who came to the EYFS Come Learn with me Session this week and to the EYFS and Form 1 musical recital which took place this afternoon. Our children are so incredibly talented and their confidence, instrumental and musical ability is so impressive. Well done to them all.

Next Week

On Monday and Tuesday next week, Form 6 children will be taking part in Bikeability – we are very grateful to Mrs Shannon for arranging this valuable experience for our children. On Monday, we are hosting professional colleagues from other schools who have an interest in our accelerated programme and the way we deliver a variety of writing genres to engage the children's interests and our cross curricular learning. We are so proud that we are recognised for our exceptional practice and are proud that we can share our knowledge with the wider education community. On Tuesday, we will be hosting music recitals for forms 2 and 3 at 8.50am and Form 4 and 5 at 2.30pm. On Wednesday, Form 1 are looking forward to their session with the National Archive about the Great Fire of London. Form 6 will be continuing their journey with Forest School. On Thursday, parents are invited to the topic homework walkabout from 8.10am until 8.40am and on Friday Form 4 are going to the Science Museum. On Friday, all children are also welcome to come to school in their own clothes to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care, after a close member of our community has recently had their life affected by a diagnosis. Form 4 must still wear their uniform for their school trip, however may still make a donation to the charity should they wish to.

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

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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

On Thursday 25th May, your children will have their individual, sibling, class and full school photos. Please ensure all children arrive in full school <u>SUMMER</u> 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. https://www.facebook.com/stmartinsmillhill/