

# St Martin's Post

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It is hard to believe that after half term, we have just 6 weeks until we break up for the summer. We are delighted to announce that we will be running a 4-week multi-activity summer camp for all children, beginning 17<sup>th</sup> July. This year we will also be holding a specialist Musical Theatre club for Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6 during week commencing 17th July and an 11+ camp (for Form 5 and 6 only) run by Mrs Mbah during week commencing 24th July. Further details and booking forms will be sent home after half term.



# This Week's Shooting Stars



**EYFS**: Looking after our ducklings

Isimona: Excellent work when measuring

**Eden:** Writing his numbers so beautifully

Excellent topic homework Max:

Freddie: Excellent topic homework

**Kaylan:** Showing a good understanding of waterproof materials in his science lesson

Mila: Working hard in all her lessons and always being kind to her friends

Sophia E: Fantastic work on part and whole models with Miss Mitson

**Ariana:** Invaluable IT skills helping others to edit and upload videos

**Shaan:** Being inspired by his Computing lesson to create digital music at home

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Joshua: A great descriptive story about a witch fire dance

Yoahan: Fantastic courage shown when showing his fantastic drum skills

Alayna: Excellent performance skills by continuing to sing when her accompaniment stopped.

Excellent performance skills by continuing to sing when her accompaniment stopped! Lara:

Avi: Achieving highly when writing an outstanding poem about droughts

Mia: Making significant progress in her Maths work. Well done!

**Christina:** Achieving highly in her English and science work

Olivia D Excellent artwork using recyclable materials

Rohan: Excellent topic work on climate change

Yunqing: Beautiful artwork for her topic project

Molly: Excellent artwork using recyclable materials

Sarah: Excellent artwork using recyclable materials

Amira: Excellent topic work about climate change

**Head Teacher's Awards** have been awarded to **Iman** for always smiling, being kind and always being positive and engaging in mature and interesting conversation with her friends and teachers and congratulations also go to **Stella** for always exemplifying the St Martin's School values. We are very proud of 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 after half term.

Arva Avi M Krishnan Olivia W

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Kew Gardens Trip – Form 2 and Form 5

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Mill Hill Synagogue Visit – Form 1 and Form 2

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June:** EYFS Assembly at 9am

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** EYFS and Form 1 – Bed Time Stories – details tbc

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Mill Hill Library Visit – EYFS

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**: Form 2 Litter Pick

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Sports day – Mill Hill Park from 1.30pm

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Fanconry Visit – at school – Form 5 and EYFS

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Day Trip to Lille – Form 6

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

tombola stall

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: \*\* SUMMER FETE \*\* 11am – 3pm

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition Day / New Parent's Tea

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** Sculpture Workshop – Form 3 and Form 4

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Whipsnade Zoo – Whole School Trip

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Prize Giving – St Michael's and All Angels Church at 2pm

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

**This Week** in EYFS, the children made careful observational paintings, based on Van Gogh's Sunflowers. They have also made ice cream! During Maths lessons, they have learned about weight, height and capacity.

Children in Form 1 have been learning about the Great Fire of London with a special visitor from the archive museum who explained how it started. They have also finished their model houses. In science they have been testing the waterproof qualities of different materials and in Maths they have been problem solving by placing 3 numbers in the spaces of an addition or subtraction calculation and checking it is correct.

Form 2 have been thinking about human and physical geographical features and creating their own information texts based on their chosen location. In Maths, children have been thinking about formal methods for 2 digit by 1 digit calculations.

Form 3 have been writing a variety of articles for 'Narnia news' including news reports, sports reports, interviews and even a puzzles page. During Maths lessons, they have been focusing on fractions using practical resources, picture representations and abstract methods.

Form 4 have completed their moving cam toys and evaluated their design process and skills. They have been using elements of next term's text to inform their own writing and in Maths they have thought about different measures of time, understanding conversions and timelines.

Form 5 have been writing entertaining texts including narratives and poetry about the ocean. In Maths they have been thinking about 2D shapes and calculating their area and perimeter including rectangles, triangles and parallelograms. Form 6 have been writing informative texts about their MI6 obstacle course and designing an island with sustainable energy sources. They have also been learning about electricity in science and using their understanding of coordinates in Maths.

### **Week after Half Term**

The children will all begin their new core texts and start their Topic with a 'wow day' to launch their learning.

On Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Jacobs is celebrating her son's wedding and the office will be closed to nonurgent matters. E-mails will be accessed and answered on Wednesday only so please phone the school for reporting illness and other urgent matters.

On Monday, we will welcome our external provider of Healthy Minds to Form 6 to discuss ways we can stay mentally healthy.

On Tuesday, Form 2 and 5 will be enjoying their trip to Kew Gardens.

On Wednesday, Form 6 continue their learning about risk awareness in their ongoing forest school sessions.

On Thursday at 5.30pm, we invite parents of Form 4, 5 and 6 to our parent workshop on RSHE and how we teach the growing up topic including puberty changes and conception.

EYFS will be busy rehearsing their assembly next week and we look forward to welcoming parents on Monday 12th June at 9am for this.

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

Return to School: Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

Half Term Break: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

Term Ends: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

Spring Term 2023:

Return to School: Wed 4th Jan 2023

Half Term Break: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

Term Ends: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Summer Term 2023:** 

Return to School: Tue 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Half Term Break: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2nd June

Term Ends: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Autumn Term 2023:

Return to School: Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### **Autumn Term 2023**

Return to School: Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023

Half Term Break: Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct

Term Ends: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

Spring Term 2024:

Return to School: Wed 3rd Jan 2024

Half Term Break: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Term Ends: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Summer Term 2024:** 

Return to School: Tue 23rd April 2024

Half Term Break: Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May

Term Ends: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Autumn Term 2024:

Return to School: Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

A huge congratulations to Mendelssohn who won this term's House football competition. This term we decided to award an extra prize to the child in the class who represented our school values the most impressively during the competition. A huge 'well done' to our winners —

Form 1: Kaylan Form 3: Yugo T Form 5: Jacob

Form 2: Kush and Tobias Form 4: Yoahan Form 6: Philip

We are incredibly proud of our inclusion provision which enables the vast majority (over 97% of pupils) to reach age expected levels or higher. Having progressed this area of our school and embedded successful systems and processes to ensure all children are supported, Mrs Mbah is relinquishing this aspect of her role to focus on other areas of school development. We would, therefore, like to formally announce that Mrs Davies has been appointed as our new inclusion leader to become responsible for supporting pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), pupils with English as an additional language (EAL) and all individual education plans (IEPs). As a very experienced teacher and SEND practitioner, we are delighted that Mrs Davies is able to take on this important position of leadership. Mrs Davies has begun completing IEP reviews where applicable for our pupils and is looking forward to supporting teachers and 1:1 staff in resourcing and delivery of interventions and strategies that help our pupils to reach their full potential. Mrs Mbah will continue to oversee this important area of teaching and learning and meets with Mrs Davies regularly to ensure continued progression of inclusion at St Martin's.

## **Spirited Arts**

The children are busy preparing for our spirited arts competition as advertised in last week's flyer. We are very pleased to say that we have been in touch with local artists to expand this exhibition and include work from our wider community too. Some children have also expressed an interest to perform either a performance piece linked to the competition or solo musical piece. We will be selecting and scheduling these throughout the evening on the 13th June. Please save the date - 21st June 5pm - 7pm to visit our art exhibition in school. Note - this is the same day as sports day because we will be using the opportunity of children being offside to set-up.

We are delighted to announce that we have been 'Highly Commended' in the Active Travel Heroes category of TFL's safer travel competition. We are also thrilled to be the only school from the London Borough of Barnet to be recognized for our efforts! Well done and thank you to our fantastic JTA's for their hard work in winning this fantastic award.

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. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmartinsmillhill/">https://www.facebook.com/stmartinsmillhill/</a>