

St Martin's Post

26th May 2023

Please find attached details of our summer clubs running immediately after we break up in July. We are delighted that in addition to our usual Multi Activity Camp, we are running a Musical Theatre and 11+ Prep camp. Please ensure you book your child's place quickly as places are limited and they will be booked on a 'first come first served basis.

	This Week's Shooting Stars		
Olivia M:	Helping a new friend settle into school		
Kishi:	Good letter formation in phonics		
Max:	Excellent communication skills with his peers		
Chloe:	Good letter formation in phonics		
Nael:	Improvement in his letter formation		
Joshua:	Great progress in his letter formation		
Quinn:	Showing a good understanding of column addition, without regrouping		
Abir:	Showing his teacher his wonderful guitar skills		
Azikiwe:	His mature behaviour in a tricky situation		
Shayan:	Working and supporting other children when studying equivalence of measure		
Dylan:	Being mature and nurturing towards his peers		
Mia:	An excellent Q and A session as a character from our class text		
Jayden:	Outstanding contributions during our trip to Kew Gardens		

A **Head Teacher's Awards** has, this week, been awarded to **Anushka** for always exemplifying the St Martin's values – thank you and huge congratulations.

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.

Iman Abir Krishav Alayna

Spirited Arts

The children are busy preparing for our spirited arts competition. 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. 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.

School Photographs

Your children's school photos – individuals, siblings, class photos and the full school picture are now available to order. Please ensure orders are placed in good time so they can be delivered to school free of charge, rather than paying a fee to have them sent to your home later. If you have mislaid the order form with your child's code, please email Mrs Jacobs who can provide you with this information.

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		
Thursday 29 th June:	Own Clothes Day – please bring a bottle for the school fete tombola stall		
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:	For 6 Leaver's Assembly 2pm – Form 6 Parents Welcome		

This Week It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and to see their excitement about their new topics.

Form 6 have begun to read Pig Heart Boy and consider the moral implications of animal transplants. They have also begun to think about World War II and in Maths they have started their enterprise projects which always cause a buzz in school.

Form 5 have begun to read Skellig and are researching human and physical geography of Iceland, the Amazon and England following the geographical enquiry questions they devised in their wonder session. They also enjoyed their visit to Kew Gardens and have been considering geometry in Maths.

Form 4 have been continuing their longer text 'Journey to the River Sea' which they began before half term. They have started to consider their prior learning about seas and oceans for their geography topic and in Maths they have been deepening their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Form 3 have started reading Iron Man and investigating robots for their DT metalwork project. They have also been thinking about maps in Geography, magnets in Science and problem solving in Maths.

Form 2 have started reading 'Patan's pumpkin' and we're using VIPERS questions to evaluate the text. They had a wonderful time at Kew Gardens investigating different plants as part of their Science learning.

Form 1 enjoyed starting their text 'Halibut Jackson' and have been thinking about seasonal changes in Science. In Maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of addition and subtraction calculations.

EYFS have been making gingerbread men in line with their new core text 'The gingerbread man' for their Topic 'Fairytales'. They have also been practising hard for their assembly on Monday. The reception age children have also been preparing for their transition to Form 1 – and Mrs Wilson, when visiting their first Form 1 taster session was blown away by the levels of academia already shown – many writing full sentences, displaying beautiful cursive handwriting, adding, subtraction and even some multiplication! We are incredibly proud of the outstanding progress shown by our youngest children.

Polite Reminder – Please remember to apply sun cream to your children before school each day and to provide your children with the bottle, clearly labelled. Please ensure they have a school cap to wear during time outside too. Your children will be regularly reminded to, or helped to refill their water bottles. Please ensure they are the school water bottles, which can be bought reasonably from the uniform shop. Thank you

Next Week

We look forward to welcoming EYFS parents to school at 9am on Monday for their assembly when they will be sharing their learning. Parents (and grandparents or wider family) all welcome.

Also taking place on Monday, Form 6's Healthy Minds programme continues during the afternoon. We have received wonderful feedback from these external trainers about our children's maturity and behaviour whilst they discuss such topics as, Transition to Senior School, Peer Pressure, Online Safety, Self Confidence and Positive Self Talk to name just a few – I'm sure you will agree this is a hugely important and relevant part of the Form 6 post exam curriculum.

On Thursday 15th June, Reception and Form 1 children are invited to start their Residential journey by returning to school in the evening for bedtime stories – if you have not signed and returned the permission slip yet, please do so on Monday.

Autumn Term 2022		Autumn Term 2023		
Return to School:	Wed 7 th 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	

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>

If you have not yet written a Facebook or Google review we would really encourage and appreciate it if you could do so. In order to keep our fees competitive, we do not advertise externally so rely on 'word of mouth' recommendations. If you recommend a new family to our school, please do let Mrs Jacobs know so we can thank you. Many thanks to the families who have already recommended our school to their friends, it is the highest form of flattery and is really appreciated.

We would also love to update the Testimonials area of our website – if you would like to write a review that too would be welcomed. Kindly email your contribution to <u>Joanna.wilson@stmartinsmillhill.co.uk</u>

Thank you so much for supporting your children and their school.