



It's hard to believe there are only four weeks remaining of this academic year – and what a busy month it is! Sport's Day, Prize Day, Art Exhibition and Form 6's Leaver's Assembly to name just a few. We look forward to welcoming you to these events. If you have not booked your child's space on the summer camps yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. Spaces are filling fast and they are available on a 'first come, first served' basis only.



This Week's Shooting Stars



- Haadi:** Excellent phonics
- Reuben:** Good focus and attention to his work
- Ari:** Sharing his story with us that he wrote independently
- Mia:** Sharing her good writing with us
- Claudia:** Having a kind heart and always helping her friends
- Ali:** Showing a fantastic understanding of column addition with regrouping
- Israel:** Paying attention and working hard to achieve a high standard in all his work
- Amba:** Excellent persuasive posters and science work
- Sophia E:** Great progress in her spelling and reading this term.
- Zakariya:** A superb description of an escape from a fire during Creative Writing
- Samarth:** Achieving highly in his geographical research
- Victoria:** An outstanding report on the lifecycle of a horse
- Amar L:** Demonstrating independent skills in his learning

A **Head Teacher's Award** has been awarded to **Zoe** and **Mia L** for thoughtful and articulate comments to visitors on tour. Our children always make us incredibly proud when visitors come to look around the school but Zoe and Mia were especially impressive! Well done!

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 next week.

Suleman

Anushka

Amar M

Jacob

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 by this coming Monday at midnight 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.

Tuesday 20th June:	Mill Hill Library / Fire Station 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
Thursday 29th June:	Form 5 11+ Mock exams – Hartley Hall
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 We were so proud of our EYFS children singing and speaking in their class assembly on Monday morning which forms part of our speaking and listening opportunities at St Martin's. It is wonderful to see how much they have progressed and matured in their time with us. We are so pleased that the children had such confidence to speak in front of such a large audience and grateful to all the parents who were able to make this special event. Thank you for joining us.

EYFS have had a busy week this week - also learning about the gingerbread man story, enjoying the start of their residential experiences at St Martin's at 'Bedtime Stories' and making gingerbread men in Kid's Kitchen - our food technology programme. Form 1 also enjoyed the 'Bedtime Stories' evening, bringing their favourite teddy and book to share with their friends. This year it was so hot so it took place outside under the shade of the gazebo instead on in the library and the children had a lovely time – please do look at and comment on the photos on Facebook. Form 2 have been enjoying reading their core text Pattan's Pumpkin this week (a traditional, tribal flood story from southern India) and writing persuasive texts to their friends as well as learning about fractions in Maths. Form 3 have been enjoying their core text Iron Man and writing information texts based on this. They have also been understanding magnetism through investigations in their science lessons and developing their scientific skills by making predictions and planning the method of research. Form 4 have been continuing their 'Journey to the River Sea' core text and thinking about the physical and emotional journey represented in the text. They have been having deep discussions as part of their speaking and listening and developing their explanations by reasoning their opinions. Form 5 are comparing their local environment with other places and habitats around the world. They are asking pertinent questions and suggesting reasons for similarities and differences whilst considering how this can affect the differing wildlife, particularly birds. Form 6 have been considering the arguments for and against animal organ transplant in humans in the context of their core text 'Pig Heart boy' and enjoying the continuation of their 'Healthy Minds' work delivered by visiting professionals.

The whole school were also taking part in the Spirited Arts competition this week, creating some wonderful pieces and explaining how they relate to the RE themes in preparation for our exhibition after sports day next week.

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

Forms 4 – 6 will be starting the first of 3 sessions on growing up this Monday beginning with changes in puberty. Please support your child with discussion and any questions they may have. We encourage open conversation about the topic in which any questions are answered in age/stage appropriate way as fully and factually as possible. For further support, there are websites such as kid's health <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/talk-about-puberty.html> amaze <https://amaze.org/> and tooled up <https://www.tooledupeducation.com/parenting-question-of-the-week/whats-the-best-way-to-talk-to-my-son-about-puberty-and-growing-up/> that can help with this.

On Tuesday, EYFS are visiting the library and hopefully, the fire station (if they are not out on a call) and Form 2 are litter picking with the Mill Hill Residents' Association. We are delighted to be experiencing and supporting our local community.

On Wednesday, it is our annual sports day. Please join us at the park for a 1.30 start. We are monitoring the temperatures which are due to be around 22°C and will provide shade and water. Activities, except the sprint races, will take place under the trees as far as possible. The art exhibition will also take place on this day – please see above for details.

On Thursday, Form 6 will be attending the Barnet Junior Citizenship event throughout the day and EYFS will also be litter picking in the local area with Mill Hill Resident's Association.

Next week is also National School Sports Week, so, in addition to sports day, learning will incorporate maths in sport, profiles of famous sporting people and events and opportunities to learn about the history of different types of sport as well as trying some of these.

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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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

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/stmartinmillhill/>

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 Joanna.wilson@stmartinmillhill.co.uk

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

