

St Martin's Post

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The final week of the academic year is nearly upon us and is filled, as ever, with lots of exciting and meaningful events – details of which are all detailed below. Please be reminded that Gifted and Talented sessions, school clubs and Tea Time club are not running next week.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Mila (EYFS) A positive attitude to her learning

Kishi Always giving his best

Joshua S Expressing his feelings and thoughts

Iman Showing a good understanding of similes and writing some wonderful ones about herself!

Krishav Being an excellent reading monitor this year

Ariana Amazing progress in Maths this year

Zahi For his hard work and achievements in phonics

Kabir Fantastic and creative contributions to our while class song!

Mila (F2) Great Teamwork

Krishnan Writing an amazing story for his homework!

Alayna Excellent skills when answering higher order comprehension questions

Amar M For drawing and painting a beautifully detailed eagle

Yoahan For tremendous skills in solving 'percentages of' mathematical problems

Adam H Drawing and painting a superbly detailed marine iguana

Aum Writing a lovely legend. What a fantastic achievement

Avelyn Achieving highly with her creative writing

Samarth Outstanding writing in Topic and English

Adam K Demonstrating excellent teamwork skills all week and supporting his peers

A **Head Teacher's Award** has been awarded to **Tobias** for excellent descriptive writing. **Amar L** has also received an award for his thoughtful classroom design and **Anushka** and **Yugo T** for their news report video. Congratulations and well done to 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 next week.

Husain Rania Siyona Yugo S

<u>Leaver's Service – Friday 14th July</u>
Form 6 parents are invited to join us at school from 2pm for a special leaving service prepared by the children to share their memories and say their goodbyes. Leaver's Hoodies welcomed. Tissues recommended....

<u>Sculpture Visitor</u> Unfortunately, the visitor for Form 3 and 4 to deliver their wire sculpture Art session was unable to make the session today due to a last moment family medical emergency. We will re-schedule this visit for the new academic year.

This week EYFS have been concentrating on letter formation, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their writing of comic fairy tales. In Maths they have been making box shapes and learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have also been thinking about a range of animals in preparation for the upcoming whole school trip to Whipsnade Zoo.

Form 1 have been working on a range of personalised targets from their AAO gaps, prefixes and similes in English. In Maths, they have been looking at data and statistics including tally charts, bar graphs and answering questions based on this. They have also enjoyed finishing their camouflage hats to reflect the environment around them.

Form 2 were writing narratives about flooding in English, learning about venn and carroll diagrams in Maths and making umbrellas in DT using their knowledge of materials garnered in Science. They also enjoyed using craft materials to make models of plants and insects to demonstrate and explain pollination. Most of all they are looking forward to tonight's sleepover at school.

Form 3 have been making and editing video news reports in English and moved onto poetry about Iron Man. In Maths the children have been estimating and rounding in the context of money and in Geography, the children have been learning about grid references using their own maps of the classroom and playground.

Form 4 redrafted and edited their English work and wrote extended explanation texts about the evolution of humpback whales in Topic. They have looked in detail at the human uses of rivers and built bridges and in art they have made detailed sketches of animals and applied watercolour to these.

Form 5 were also working on redrafting, editing and improving their narratives in English this week as well as writing extended pieces in Topic to report their findings of human and physical patterns in 3 countries. In science the children have designed experiments to investigate bird beak adaptation and in RE they were considering things they are committed to.

Form 6 have been continuing their extended projects of novels, designing an ideal learning space, circulation and enterprise; this week the focus has been on sales pitches, promotional material and stall graphics. They finished their forest school experience this week with a fire pit and have also finished their Holocaust learning and impressed Mrs Boxer with their thoughtful reflections and mature attitude.

The whole school have been to meet their new teachers for next year and completed their wonder sessions to generate questions for the teacher to include in their planning for next term's learning. We also celebrated the Japanese festival Tanabata with a wonderful explanation and story read in Assembly by Shungo and Yugo S from Form 5.

Next Week On Monday, every child we will be going to Whipsnade Zoo for our whole school trip. Please ensure all children wear PE kit and bring a nut free packed lunch in either their school bag or blue trip bag. Please ensure all children wear a hat and have sun cream applied.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Form 6 pupils will be selling their enterprise products (see below)

On Wednesday, all Topic homework projects are due in.

On Thursday, we will have the final Topic homework walkabout of the year. Please join us between 8.10 and 8.30 to view these if you wish. Our annual Prize Giving event will also take place at St Michael's and All Angels' Church (see details below.)

On Friday, in additional to the Form 6 Leaver's assembly, children are invited to bring a small party snack to accompany the picnic sandwich lunch provided by school. Please ensure these are nut free and vegetarian. Anything that remains unopened, is donated to the Food Bank and they are always grateful for our donations.

Prize Giving We are looking forward to our annual Prize Giving event on Thursday. We will open the doors at 1.40 and children will play entry music from 1.45pm onwards; please be seated in time for a 2pm start. We have a packed afternoon of performance and prizes but are aiming to finish by 4pm. Please ensure your children come to school with full, smart school uniform. No bags to be bought to school. This is the culmination of a wonderful year at school and we warmly invite you to be part of what is always a really special celebration of your children. If you are unable to attend, please collect your children from the church by 4pm.

<u>Meet the Teacher</u> Thank you to all the parents who attended the New Parents' Tea and Meet the Teacher sessions on Wednesday evening. It was wonderful to see everyone and we hope you enjoyed meeting your child's new teacher. If you were unable to join or would like a reminder of any of the information shared, the PowerPoints from this session are now available on the website portal.

We are proud to have expanded our offer of levelled readers to ensure variety throughout every level, particularly in Upper School. We are keen to ensure these books are well cared for and kept for our future pupils to read. Please ensure you have returned all library books and reading scheme books by next Friday. Any outstanding books will be charged to your invoice at a cost of £6.95 per book.

Form 6 Enterprise As you will know our Form 6 children have worked really hard on their Enterprise projects: planning, preparing, pitching and budgeting. This will culminate next week with sales of their products on Tuesday and Wednesday. We have attached their flyers to this e-mail and ask that you provide your child with change to purchase the item(s) they prefer. Good luck Form 6! We wish your businesses huge success, making lots of money for charity!

<u>Chess tournament</u> We are delighted to announce the winners of this year's St Martin's School Chess Club Tournament. Congratulations –

1st Place: Anthony

2nd Place: Noah

3rd Place: Mia

A huge congratulations and well done to you all!

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