



This weekend our Jewish families will be celebrating Rosh Hashana – the Jewish New Year. Shana Tova to all, may everyone be blessed with a year of sweetness and happiness. Best wishes to you all for a restful weekend.



## This Week's Shooting Stars



<b>Saniya</b>	For showing a wonderful understanding of rhyming
<b>Mila</b>	Great number recognition and showing more self confidence
<b>Kishi</b>	Displaying fantastic independent work in his phonics
<b>Gabriel</b>	Beautiful letter formation and pincer grip
<b>Olivia</b>	Showing great balance and coordination in gymnastics
<b>Alisha</b>	Delivering an excellent dance routine during PE
<b>Alycia</b>	Excellent dance during her PE lesson
<b>James</b>	Settling into St Martin's School and Form 2 so well
<b>Israel</b>	Working so hard and behaving respectfully in class
<b>Zahi</b>	Working really hard and having a great start to the new year
<b>Alayna</b>	Achieving highly in her scientific report writing
<b>Shayan</b>	An excellent attitude to his learning
<b>Shungo</b>	Working tirelessly in all subjects
<b>Avi</b>	Showing a determination to succeed in all his learning

A **Head Teacher's Award** has been awarded to **Noah G** for excellent presentation and high level challenge in Maths and to **Victoria** for superb visualisation and artistic representation of orchestral music. What a great start to the new school year. Well done to you both.

**Golden Tea** is an opportunity for children to show the work they have completed this 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.

**Nael**

**Charlotte K**

**Ari**

**Quinn**

**This week** our children thought about the British Value of 'democracy' in Assembly and how it can bring peace. They then experienced democracy in action as they delivered their speeches on Wednesday and voted for their favourite candidate on Thursday.

This week has been assessment week. Children in EYFS have been completing baseline activities to create their trackers in Maths and English as well as phonics assessments. The rest of the school have completed Maths and English assessments and PASS tests to establish learning attitudes.

EYFS have been drawing space pictures, creating a huge joint rocket and telling stories of rocket launches stimulated by their reading of the book 'Whatever Next?' as well as counting objects up to 5, 10 and 20.

Form 1 have been consolidating number bonds and counting. They have also been doing practical Maths - using their measuring skills in kid's kitchen to make gingerbread men. This supports the learning based on Hansel and Gretel.

Form 2 have started their core text 'Oliver and the Seawigs' and enjoyed a range of pirate activities including sea shanties with coordinated clapping in Music. In Maths, they have been counting forwards and backwards to 20.

Form 3 were writing similes to describe the monster Odysseus and create strong visual images for their reader. In Music they learnt a song about the story of Troy from an online session by David Grant which they hope to rehearse, record and send to him.

Form 4 have been learning about the place value of each digit up to a million. They have continued their text Ice Palace and investigated climbing equipment. In speaking and listening, the children formed questions for their visit from a climber. In Science the children have applied their knowledge of changing matter from last week to the water cycle.

Form 5 have been learning about the formula for speed, time and distance and answering word problems in full sentences. They have been understanding how to form a plan in bullet points and consider VCOP in their plan for an informative text. In Topic they have been learning all about the space race.

In addition to their online assessments, Form 6 have been doing some past papers related to their chosen pathway for secondary. In Music they were analysing an orchestral piece to consider the instruments used and the effect of different instruments, pitch, pace and volume on the emotions they feel.

**Next Week** Please can all new School council representatives meet Mrs Mbah at 8.20 on Monday morning in EYFS.

Some of our Form 6 pupils, alongside Mrs Wilson and Mrs Vietro, will be representing our school community at the Dutch War memorial service at Mill Hill Cemetery to honour our allied soldiers by laying flowers.

Form 5 will begin their residential to Adventure Ways. We hope you enjoy every moment and make memories to last a lifetime. We will miss you!

Wednesday sees the start of the Japanese festival, Higan, which runs until Tuesday 26th September.

Thursday is International day of peace and children will be reflecting on different symbols of peace and what it means to them.

### **Reading Volunteers**

We are always grateful to our reading volunteers for listening to our children read and asking them questions about what they've read. If you or someone you know can spare an hour or two a week to help our children be heard regularly, please let us know. Grandparents often love to do this and would be welcome in school. We will complete a DBS check and provide necessary training.

Thank you to everyone who supported their child to write a speech - we had more than ever before this year. The class representatives for each council are listed below. Congratulations to you all. We know you will represent your classes and your school admirably.

	<b>School Council</b>	<b>Eco Council</b>	<b>Healthy Schools Council</b>
<b>EYFS</b>	Isabel	Saniya	Kyeisha
<b>F1</b>	Freddie	Max	Mia
<b>F2</b>	Zoe	Andrea	Alycia
<b>F3</b>	Israel	Sid and Shaan	Elenor
<b>F4</b>	Bhim	Yugo	Amba
<b>F5</b>	Joshua	Isla	Shayan
<b>F6</b>	Shungo	Jayden	Avi

In addition to these roles we have chosen the Form 5 junior travel ambassadors. Alayna, Hashini and Zakariya will be joining Samarth, Zack and Jayden in this role.

In Form 4, Ethan, Hussein and Sophia T have kindly volunteered to be our lost property monitors. Please ensure every item coming to school is labelled to make their job as easy as possible.

**Flu Vaccine** The annual flu vaccine for children in Reception to Form 6 will be available at St Martin's on Monday 6th November. Please read the attached letter from the NHS for details. You will need to copy the school code and click the link to complete the online consent form in plenty of time if you wish your child to have this vaccine.

**Agreements** Please find attached a selection of agreements to be completed and returned to school as follows:

Home/school agreement - to be completed for every child and returned. Please read and discuss this with your child and sign as directed.

EYFS or School Digital User agreement - please select the correct level for your child i.e. Reception and Nursery are EYFS only. Please discuss this agreement with your child, ensuring they fully understand the expectations before signing and returning to school.

For children who study a Music lesson only:

Please complete either the EYFS music lesson or peripatetic agreement 1-6 with your child as well as the parental peripatetic agreement.

All forms must be in school by Thursday 21st at the latest. We kindly ask that these are given to the class teacher who will pass the class set to the office.

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

Half Term Break: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May

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

#### **Autumn Term 2024:**

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

**The Big Ambition** The children's commissioner has released a questionnaire for all children to complete about how the Government can improve the lives of children. Please can parents of children under 5 complete this and children over 6 be supported to do so themselves. This is a wonderful opportunity for children's views to be heard!

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

## Dates for your Diary

<b>18th September:</b>	Dutch War Memorial (Some Form 6)
<b>19th - 22nd September:</b>	Adventure Ways (Form 5)
<b>21st September:</b>	International day of peace
<b>25th September:</b>	Yom Kippur (Please complete a request for leave if applicable)
<b>W/b 25th September:</b>	Parent & Teacher meetings
<b>27th September:</b>	Watersplash Farm (Form 1)
<b>28th September:</b>	Cutty Sark (Form 2)
<b>28th September:</b>	British Museum (Form 3)
<b>28<sup>th</sup> September:</b>	Form 4 and Form 5 rescheduled sculpture workshop
<b>29th September:</b>	Sukkot / Mid Autumn / Mooncake / Harvest Festival
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October:</b>	Black History Month
<b>2nd October:</b>	Form 5 class assembly at 9am (Parents welcome)
<b>3rd October:</b>	Science Museum (EYFS, Form 5 & 6)
<b>5th October:</b>	National Poetry Day
<b>9th October:</b>	National Gallery (Form 4)
<b>11th October:</b>	British Values Day
<b>11th October:</b>	Topic homework due in
<b>12th October:</b>	Topic homework walk about
<b>12th October:</b>	Longtown information evening for parents and children at 3.45pm (Form 4)
<b>W/b 30th October:</b>	IEP Meetings
<b>1st November:</b>	British Library (Form 4 & 5)
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November:</b>	Flu Vaccines (opt in only – Reception – Form 6)
<b>8th - 10th Nov:</b>	Longtown residential (Form 4)
<b>8th or 9th November by invitation:</b>	Come learn phonics with me (EYFS)
<b>10th November:</b>	Remembrance assembly at 10.45 – parents welcome
<b>W/b 13th November:</b>	Anti-bullying and interfaith week
<b>13th November:</b>	Diwali celebrations in school
<b>14th November:</b>	RAF Museum (EYFS)

<b>20th November:</b>	Form 4 class assembly at 9am – parents welcome
<b>21st November:</b>	Verulamium trip (Form 6)
<b>30th November:</b>	Natural History Museum (Form 3)
<b>W/b 4th December:</b>	No clubs this week
<b>7th December:</b>	Topic homework walk about – 8.10am – 8.35am Parents welcome
<b>7th December:</b>	Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, Chanukah doughnuts and crafts.
<b>8th December:</b>	Christmas Party Day