



Next week we will be selling poppies on behalf of the Poppy Appeal to benefit the Royal British Legion. Thank you to Avi (charity prefect) Jayden (values prefect) and Siyona, Yugo and Jacob (House Captains) for coordinating this important appeal. Please see further details below.

We will be holding a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale next Thursday at both drop off and pick up. All proceeds will be donated to Grief Encounter. Further details below.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Joshua	Using his addition skills during maths sessions
Dahlia	Being so responsible on our Welly Wednesday trip
Kyeisha	Great addition skills during maths sessions
Andrea	For making an excellent effort with her reading
Haadi	Showing rapid recall with his bonds to 20
Hussein H	Excellent work about circuits and electricity
Abir	A superb 'toasting' speech for our Viking topic
Mia P	Showing an improvement in her confidence and speed when reading high frequency words
Sophia E	Fantastic descriptive writing about an earthquake
Kush	Using his inference skills!
Hashini	Achieving highly in her entertaining writing
Izzy	Achieving highly with her French writing
Avelyn	For being an enthusiastic Team Player in science
Zack H	Demonstrating maturity during his independent learning

A **Head Teacher's Award** has been awarded to **Lara** for excellent narrative writing linked to her Space unit and to **Zoe** for being a kind and helpful both at home and at school. 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.

Tutu

Jessica

Noah G

Victoria

Music Teachers

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Hurst's baby boy into our world and would like to wish the family many happy times ahead. Congratulations! Mrs Cobbson has been appointed to cover Miss Hurst's Maternity leave. She started this week and will be in school on Mondays and Tuesdays. Many Thanks to Miss Hurst for such a detailed handover of information that has allowed the transition to be extremely smooth. Miss Cobbson has been able to begin her lessons immediately and continue curriculum provision in a similar style as both teachers are trained in the Kodaly approach. Thank you to you both.

This week

EYFS's week started with an exciting WOW session for their new topic, 'Transport.' The children brought their bikes and scooters to school and we set up a car wash and garage and they children got the opportunity to fix their bikes and then give them a good clean. They made Halloween decorations to make the front of our school look a bit spooky and they also had their first 'Welly Wednesday' – this involved a trip to the park where they played, investigated their surroundings and made beautiful nature portraits of themselves.

This week **Form 1** spent some time looking at their core text, Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. The children used the pictures and information on the bank of the book to write a prediction of what they thought might happen in the story. During maths, the children continued their bonds to 10, 20 and 50. Form 1 have also started to learn their 10x times tables, which they are achieving well. As part of their topic 'Memory Box' Form 1 are beginning to learn the terms past, present and future and wrote short sentences to describe what they might have been doing in the past, present and the future. During their Wonder Session, the children made some pasta moths for the Owl Babies to eat.

Form 2 have been learning about 2D shapes, recognising sides and vertices in Maths. In English, the children have been improving their extended writing by using adjectives to form expanded noun phrases. In science, they have been looking at animals and their young and which categories of young animals look like their parents. They have also been drawing plans of the school and classroom. In Art, the children are beginning their collage unit with observational drawings of school.

Form 3 have started their text 'Escape from Pompeii' by imagining they have experienced an earthquake in the classroom and then writing a descriptive piece including their feelings and senses. In Maths they have been learning about measuring length and converting between mm, cm and m. In science the children investigated solid building materials around the school and classifying them into natural or man-made. In Topic they considered volcanic pressures using coke and Mentos to replicate volcanic eruptions and considered the structure of the earth. During their art lesson, the children are looking at examples of models with moving parts to investigate how they work and consider techniques they may be able to apply to their own work. They have begun to make a flipbook animation using post-it notes to consider the process of animation. In RE they have begun to consider being 'Khalifah' - the concept of caring and respecting the world in the Muslim religion.

Form 4 and 5 have enjoyed their visit to the British Library to view some of the oldest sacred texts in the world and considered the importance of these as part of their RE learning. Form 4 were particularly interested in the Koran of Baybars and the bible of Henry VIII linked to their units of work. They have wielded a Viking sword whilst performing a warrior 'boast' speech in Topic and explored how to make a torch by creating electric circuits for science. They have used their descriptive writing skills to write a story filled with suspense and fear and used video editing to film themselves. In Maths, they have studied shape and co-ordinates. Art has including learning about Viking patterns and PE has included gymnastic floor routines.

Form 5 have been learning about long multiplication and square and cubed numbers in Maths. In English, they have been finishing their narrative writing linked to Space. Form 5 have been writing their sci-fi stories in English lessons this week as part of our final week of our Stargazers topic. They have been using their newly-learnt English skills engaging the reader through vivid imagery and stimulating senses. In science, they have been planning their own experiments linked to light and shadow and engaging in different types of enquiries. In French, they have been using adjectives to describe body parts, understanding how to make them agree in gender and number

Form 6 have been learning about rounding decimals to integers and up to 3 decimal places. In English they have started their new text, 'Tiger, Tiger.' In science lessons, the children have been thinking about the refraction of light and completing their group experiments. In Topic, Form 6 have begun to consider the reasons the Romans invaded Britain and discuss reasons for and against Celtic tribal people fighting against them. They have begun their use of apparatus at the gymnasium using the beam and trampoline. They have completed their e-safety learning by looking at signs of fraudulent websites and phishing. In Latin, the children have re-capped nouns and verbs.

The Eco-council are delighted to have received a donation of different size litter-pickers and protective gloves from the Mill Hill Residents Association to enable us to continue our litter picking initiative this year. More details about when each class will be out and about keeping our area tidy to follow soon.

Next Week

On Monday, the Flu vaccines are taking place for everyone who has completed the online form.

On Wednesday, Form 4 are going on their residential trip to Longtown to see the features of mountains that they learnt about last term and enjoy a variety of outdoor adventurous activities.

Also on Wednesday and Thursday, EYFS are running 'Come Learn with me' Phonics sessions, please check your e-mails to see which session you have been invited to attend.

On Thursday morning and after school, we will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale. We are hoping that this will be in the front garden area if the weather is kind to us, otherwise, it will be held in EYFS. It would be really helpful if you brought change as we cannot accept payment by bank transfer as the money will be donated to Grief Encounter. Items will cost between 50p (ties) up to £10 (blazers and winter coats)

On Friday, we will be holding a remembrance silence and short service which parents are welcome to attend at 10.45am should you wish.

4+ Assessments

We would like to thank the EYFS team who have been undertaking 4+ Assessments for Reception September 2024 or Nursery staggered starts this year, we have met some wonderful prospective children and families who we are keen to welcome to the St Martin's community. Thank you everyone who has recommended us to their friends and families, please do let us know if you know anyone who may be interested so that we can help guide them through the admissions process. We are now able to accept the 15 and 30 hours childcare allowance.

Inter-Faith and Anti-bullying Week

These two events always coincide and help us to remember that religion should be about coming together for strong moral purposes to support one another in a community and prevent negative events and experiences, including bullying. We are keen to represent all the worldviews that our St Martin's pupils hold as well as the 6 major religions in the UK and would like to invite people to talk about these beliefs in our extended assembly on Monday 13th November. We have secured speakers for the Christian, Jewish and Jain faiths and would like to welcome religious leaders or speakers for Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and Buddhist faiths. We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to include a different worldview as part of this event. If you or anyone you know may be able to help, please get in touch.

Remembrance

In addition to the Remembrance service mentioned above, which parents are invited to at 10.45am on Friday 10th November, we are also supporting the Royal British Legion (RBL). The RBL are the UK's largest Armed Forces charity who provide lifelong support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families. The RBL is one of the charities we support every year through the sale of poppies and other merchandise. Please send your child to school with a minimum donation of £1 for these items. Please note: we are only able to have a limited amount of products and we always sell out of the items such as wrist bands, rulers, rubbers etc which are sold on a first come first served basis. Many other beautiful products are available online at www.poppymap.org.uk where you can support this worthy cause.

6th November:	Flu Vaccines (opt in only – Reception – Form 6)
8th - 10th Nov:	Longtown residential (Form 4)
8th or 9th November by invitation:	Come learn phonics with me (EYFS)
10th November:	Remembrance assembly at 10.45 – parents welcome
W/b 13th November:	Anti-bullying and interfaith week
13th November:	Diwali celebrations in school
13th November:	JLE Exhibition – morning only (Form 5)

14th November:	RAF Museum (EYFS)
17th November:	Children in Need Bake Sale (more details to come)
20th November:	Form 4 class assembly at 9am – parents welcome
21st November:	Verulamium trip (Form 6)
30th November:	Natural History Museum (Form 3)
W/b 4th December:	No clubs this week
7th December:	Topic homework walk about – 8.10am – 8.35am Parents welcome
7th December:	Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, Chanukah doughnuts and crafts.
8th December:	FoSMS Charity Silent Disco – after school until 5.30pm – More details to come!

Autumn Term 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 Sept 2024

