



Thank you to all our parents who came to our winter concert on Wednesday – it was, as ever, a joy to see all your children performing with such confidence and skill. Wishing all our families and friends a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and relaxing new year. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 when, as always, after school clubs and all Gifted and Talented sessions will begin immediately.



## This Week's Shooting Stars



<b>Ilias</b>	For using his words beautifully
<b>Leela</b>	Listening thoughtfully and asking appropriate questions
<b>James</b>	Writing a fantastic story about Claude
<b>Charlotte L</b>	Fabulous mental maths
<b>Joshua G</b>	Achieving highly in his informative writing about Mill Hill
<b>Tobias</b>	His amazing volcano model for Topic homework
<b>Zahi</b>	Working so hard for Mrs Abdi this term and making great progress
<b>Kabir</b>	Excellent work in all areas of the curriculum
<b>Max O</b>	Making fantastic progress with his Times Tables
<b>Arya</b>	Creating a wonderful piece of art to show perspective
<b>Ethan L</b>	Superb use of 'Point, Evidence, Explain' in formal comprehension
<b>Form 6</b>	Being absolutely amazing and making this term phenomenal. Thank you Form 6, from Ms Marsh – Henry

What a week! Three fantastic **Head Teacher's Awards** this week. A huge congratulations to - **Kabir** for a superb persuasive text based on Pompeii; **Mia L** for writing the Winter Show Script and for performing such a beautiful song so confidently and **Charlotte** for beautiful cursive handwriting. Well done and congratulations to you all.

**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 morning break-time of the first day back after the new year – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

**Jayden R**

**Sara**

**Sophia E**

**Izzy**

**Form 5 11+ Parent Workshop** We would like to invite all Form 5 parents to our annual 11+ Parent workshop, in which we discuss the different options for secondary schooling after St Martin's and explain the process of school applications. We will explain the support we offer you and your child and provide you with a list of dates of open days and applications as well as examination and results timeframes. Please join us on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan at 2.30pm.

**Topic Homework** Thank you, as always, for your support with the Topic Homework your children complete. It was lovely to see parents in school on Thursday morning to view these and the children enjoyed moving round the classrooms to see each other's work – it is immensely satisfying and rewarding for them to return to their pieces of work to see it covered in post-it notes containing positive messages and feedback from children from all other classes.

**This week** All classes have now completed their 'Wonder sessions' to consider questions about what they will be learning next half term. Form 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed visiting Mathilda Marks Kennedy School to share an afternoon of sports activities and we are very grateful to them for hosting us. The children have also enjoyed rehearsing the songs and performance pieces for our Winter Show. Congratulations to all the speakers and performers, it was a huge success and created a wonderfully festive atmosphere to start the holiday season. The children and staff would all like to say a very special 'Thank you' to Mrs Jacobs, our school cook who undertook the incredible task of cooking Christmas Dinner for everyone in school. Also on Thursday, the children were treated to a pantomime of 'Robin Hood' and taught how to make a Christmas craft by their 'School Council' representative and this morning, we were all very surprised by a visit from Santa Clause in our morning assembly, followed by lovely parties and films!

In amongst this busy week, we still found time to do lots of learning and in EYFS, they have been writing their own sentences using 'and' 'but' and including finger spaces then reading them back to one another as well as thinking about different types of measure from weight and length to capacity. The children particularly enjoyed their 'Wonder session' all about their body and healthy eating in which they built a skeleton together, made apple and cream doughnuts and thought of healthy alternatives.

In Form 1, the children wrote letters to Santa and Christmas cards. In Maths they were measuring strips of paper to make the different lengths of his beard and in their 'Wonder session' the children designed their own dinosaur ready for next half term's topic about palaeontology.

In Form 2, the children were working on Christmas word activities linked to their phonics, including split di-graphs and compound words and in their Maths they were attempting different mysteries such as naughty elves, missing reindeer and solving how to fix Rudolph's nose when it stopped glowing!

In Form 3, they have been thinking about Kennings poems and narrative poems including 'The night before Christmas' and completing Maths Christmas word problems. They have also been finishing their presentations on natural disasters.

In Form 4, the children wrote play scripts about the death dragon from Beowulf whilst thinking about speech marks and other internal punctuation. They have been thinking about cube, square and square root numbers and completed their Sutton Hoo display.

In Form 5, they have finished their time travel projects - narratives, double page spreads or poems – and their explanation texts, in which they have written up their findings of the Mill Hill projects. In Art, they have studied Georgia O'Keefe and Yayoi Kusama, drawing comparisons and using the opposing styles to create similar images.

In Form 6, the children have been learning about mean, median, mode and range in their Maths and using descriptive elements in their Christmas creative writing. They also really enjoyed doing their Disney musical theatre workshop on Aladdin run by the Victoria and Albert Museum.

**Carol Concert** The Choir are looking forward to gathering at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Flower Lane, Mill Hill on Saturday for the Noah's Ark Charity carol concert. If you are hoping to join us, please try to purchase your tickets in advance, wherever possible. Tickets can be bought from the choir Box Office. Please phone Shirley Durling –020 8420 7238.

Please be reminded that if your child is eligible for the EYFS 30 hours funding, please email the office with the authorisation code.

Well done Alisha for passing your Grade 2 gymnastics! What a wonderful achievement. Well Done 😊

**School Council** The school council would like to thank everyone who bought a Winter Show Programme, mince pie or tangerine on Wednesday to help raise money for this year's project. We raised £59 towards this year's funds. The School Council have 2 projects in mind depending on the amount raised and look forward to sharing their ideas in the new year.

Additionally, the Christmas craft sessions were a huge success and we raised £146.17 on this day, which has been split between the School Council's project and this year's chosen charity, 'Grief Encounter'. Thank you to everyone who donated.

<b>8<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	NSPCC Virtual Assemblies: Speak out, stay safe.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Form 6 Verulamium visit EYFS Welly Wednesday Form 5 11+ Parent Workshop (2.30pm)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Form 3 and 4 Swimming every day.
<b>15<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Form 6 trip to Natural History Museum.
<b>16<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	London Borough of Barnet visit to see the Junior Travel Ambassadors.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Form 6 trip to Houses of Parliament. Form 2 trip to Tower of London.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Form 1 trip to Natural History Museum.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January:</b>	Resident Poet, Neal Zetter, visit.
<b>24<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	EYFS Welly Wednesday.
<b>26<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Form 5 trip to ragged school. Pre-loved uniform sale
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Jan – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>	Form 5 and 6 Swimming every day.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	EYFS yoga studio trip.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February:</b>	Form 3 trip to Hampstead Heath.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February:</b>	La Chandeleur day
<b>W/b 5<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>6<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	EYFS Welly Wednesday / Form 3 and 4 to MMK for an Art session
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Topic Homework Walkabout: Parents welcome from 8.10 – 8.40
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	Parent workshop on E-Safety at 5pm

Primary Maths Challenge is, as the name suggests, a national maths competition open to all primary schools in the country. This year 57,000 children applied and we are delighted to announce that 4 St Martin's School pupils have been invited to compete in the next stage of this national competition.

A **HUGE** well done to

**Yugo S**

**Avi B**

**Aman M**

**Shungo**

We are exceptionally proud of you and look forward to hearing how you progress with the next stage in February.

During weekly house meetings this term, children participated in a competition in which they used their artistic skills to create a comic book linked to the theme of friendship.

The winners were chosen by the House Captains: Jacob, Yugo and Siyona as well as Mr Mosedale and Mr Guyster.

The winners were:

**F1 - Haadi**

**F2 - Sara**

**F3 - Kabir**

**F4 - Amba**

**F5 - Isla**

**F6 - Beau & Siyona**

These children will now have their work entered into an ISA competition to be judged soon. Congratulations!

**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 3rd 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 23rd April 2024

Half Term Break: Mon 27th 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> Sept 2024

**Autumn Term 2024**

Return to School: Wed 4th Sept 2024

Half Term Break: Mon 21st Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

Term Ends: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

**Spring Term 2024:**

Return to School: Wed 8th Jan 2025

Half Term Break: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 21st Feb

Term Ends: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Summer Term 2024:**

Return to School: Tue 22nd April 2025

Half Term Break: Mon 26th May - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May

Term Ends: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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Return to School Wed 3rd Sept 2025

