

St Martin's Post

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We are delighted to announce that we will be running **Easter Camp** every day during our Easter holiday. Please find the booking link on the covering letter, to reserve your child's space — **Musical Theatre Camp** in the summer was so incredibly popular and I'm thrilled that the same fantastic Broadway team are back! For one week only, by special request, our July 2023 alumnae are welcome to return to join this camp too!



This Week's Shooting Stars



Haadi Excellent recall of vowel and consonant letters and sounds

Olivia Fantastic independent reading comprehension

Nael Great understanding of length, weight and capacity

Gabriel Brilliant independent writing

Mila M (Rec) Wonderful letter formation

Reyansh Good number recognition

Reuben Showing a great understanding when learning about coins in Maths

Iman Working hard to make her handwriting really neat

Zoe Always trying her best

Quinn Making great progress with her English skills

Jessica Her resilience and humour during our Stone Age survival adventure

Aum Excellent Stone Age shelter building

Oliver K Achieving highly in his descriptive writing

Hashini Outstanding scientific explanation

Suleman Taking care when writing and redrafting information about digestion in science

Sophia T Careful, accurate work on area and perimeter

Zack H Excelling in his handwriting and his learning behaviours

Three Head Teacher's Awards have been awarded this week. Congratulations to - **Tiam** for superb reflective and persuasive writing. **Zack** for beautiful handwriting and presentation and **Dylan** for persevering and never giving up! A fantastic positive mindset. Well done 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 on Monday –

Bhim Jayden Anushka Ehsan

Primary Maths Challenge Good luck to **Shungo**, **Aman M**, **Avi B** and **Yugo S** who have all progressed in the Primary Maths Challenge to compete in the National Championships and will participate in the next round on Tuesday!

Poetry Competition We are delighted to announce the house competition winners who will be entered into the ISA Poetry competition, 'I Hope'. Quinn, Zoe and Kabir have been entered into the Year 2 - 3 category and Yunrui, Aman and Avi B have been chosen to represent us in the Year 4 – 6 category. We wish them all the best of luck.

This week Ehsan and Husain were brilliant assembly leaders on Monday; sharing the story of King Hoshang as we thought about the Iranian and Persian mid-winter festival Jashn e Sadeh and enjoyed a cartoon about Setsubun. Our school choir, parents and staff also had an unforgettable time performing at the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena on Tuesday.

EYFS have been applying their phonics sounds in a variety of media to rehearse the written pattern in sensory ways and within words and sentences for their Literacy. In Communication and Language, the children expanded a noun with sentence builders to create interesting sentences around their own interests which this week have featured the family home. During Maths sessions, EYFS have really enjoyed thinking about capacity, weight and length in a range of activities. They have also been planting beans and growing vegetable tops for Understanding the World and colouring, drawing or painting Handa's fruit basket for Expressive Arts and Design. In PSHE, the children have been thinking about what they can do themselves and this week, they have been unpacking and packing their own lunch box and water bottle and zipping up their bags. In PE the children have been practicing ball control and rolling the ball with suitable force and direction. For Setsubun, the children have made their own masks and they have all enjoyed helping to bake the bread, unlike the characters in the little red hen book!

During English this week, Form 1 have finished planning their story and have now begun to write it in the style of Where The Wild Things Are. For Maths, the children have continued with division work, along with placing groups into rows and columns. Form 1 have also started to learn about money, where they have looked at different coins and made different amounts. During their science lesson, Form 1 have looked at how dinosaurs use their different features to defend themselves from other dinosaurs. They also used this knowledge to see if there are any animals today which defend themselves in a similar way. For Art and Topic, the children have continued making their dinosaur pop-up books. In French, the children made crepes to celebrate La Chandleur, which marks the Christian celebration of Candlemas and is considered the last cycle of Christmas celebrations.

In Maths this week, Form 2 have been learning about fractions. They can find half, quarters and thirds of shapes, lengths or quantities. They have learnt to use apostrophes for possession in their English lessons and used these within their own fabulous stories. They have made telephones as part of their science lesson to understand how sound works. In PE they have started to learn tag rugby skills. They enjoyed making crepes in French and playing the glockenspiels in Music. During Topic sessions, Form 2 pupils have been thinking about where would be the best place to build a castle as well as continuing work on their siege towers. Form 2 would like to say a big 'Thank you' to everybody who came to their assembly yesterday. They were a little anxious about standing up and presenting but were all very proud of themselves afterwards.

Form 3 have finished reading their class text 'Stone age boy' this week and been using some of the concepts to write persuasive texts that advertise a stone age invention. In Maths, they have been working on the year 4 unit of work on column addition up to thousands. In science, the children thought about the sun and how to stay safe from UV rays as part of their unit on light. In French they also made crepes and in RE the children have been thinking about the qualities of a religious leader. They have continued to assemble their fabulous wheeled-vehicles for DT and enjoyed learning tag rugby in PE. Form 3 have begun to make fact-files on the stone age in their Topic lesson which incorporated lots of information from their adventure to Hampstead Heath this week where they had a great time as they made fire and excellent shelters.

Form 4 have been learning about area, perimeter and volume in Maths. In English, they created persuasive writing texts around the subject of dental health and hygiene. In science the children used their learning to write an extended piece of writing about the digestive journey. During computing, they have combined their learning to create repeated shape patterns. Form 4 have also considered different viewpoints about Elizabeth I in their Topic lesson. In DT, Form 4 have been constructing circuit boards, templates and casings for their dentistry equipment and in RSHE, they have been thinking about how they can make dreams work for them. They have also been thinking about the SMART rules in advance of internet safety week.

In addition to their daily swimming lessons, Form 5 have been deepening their understanding of division of fractions by integers. In English, they have been doing creative Penny Dreadful writing with a focus on character and setting descriptions including personification of the weather. They used the front outside learning area on

Thursday for their science lesson in which they considered the effect of different variables on oscillation. In Topic, they write information texts about child labour during the industrial revolution. In their computing lesson this week, Form 5 have been using a button to affect a circuit with a micro-controller, thinking about cause and effects such as if, then commands. In RE the children wrote letters to stop trees being cut down or to plant more trees with detailed reasoning in recognition of Tu Bishvat.

Form 6 have been planning persuasive texts to encourage you all to come and see our whole school show! In Maths they have been calculating to solve problems and complete a mathematical cross-number puzzle. During science the children classified plants, minerals and animals by thinking about domain, kingdom, species and genus. The children have studied Leonid Afremov during art, to inspire their own landscape interpretations in the close, closer, closest unit. They have been considering the carbon footprint of transported goods in Topic and designing their own computer games in computing. They have also enjoyed making and eating crepes this week which, after all their swimming, were well deserved!

Next Week Form 5 and 6 continue their swimming lessons each morning.

The children will be completing their wonder sessions in advance of their new topic after the half term.

It is Children's Mental Health Week and the School Council will be running the assembly as well as some playtime activities to encourage positive mental health.

On Monday, Form 4 will be litter picking in the local area.

On Tuesday, we will be thinking about 'Safer Internet Day'; children who reached the second round will be competing in the Primary Maths Challenge and Form 4 are on their trip to Fulham Palace.

On Wednesday, all Topic Homework is due in; EYFS have their Welly Wednesday session and Form 3 and 4 will be going to Mathilda Marks Kennedy School for a joint Art session.

On Thursday, we welcome parents to school to see the Topic Homework between 8.10 and 8.40 and the JTAs will be conducting the 'Hands up' travel survey to see how our children make their way to and from school.

On Friday, we will be marking the Chinese New Year which this year is the year of the dragon and falls on Saturday 10th February.

Sponsored Walk - Wednesday 28th February

A huge thank you to the school council who have chosen to organise a sponsored walk to fundraise for their current project. They are hoping to raise enough money for an outside classroom space which they will design themselves. The children will be walking as far as they can in 1 hour completing laps around a 1km circuit in Mill Hill Park! Please support your child and your school by helping them to gather sponsorship from family and friends. There will be many opportunities for your children to earn prizes, such as 'most sponsorship money raised', 'most thoughtful walker' etc. Many thanks

Parental Questionnaire Thank you to all the parents who have already completed this survey, if you have not yet completed this, please try to find 5 minutes to complete it as your feedback is valued and will help inform school development areas.

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Internet Safety

Next Tuesday is 'Safer Internet Day'. This is a day dedicated to reminding everyone about how to stay safe online. Whilst online tools can be useful and fun, children can be vulnerable online and it is vital that we keep our children safe whilst they are using the internet. Please select and read the attached information leaflet relevant to your child's age. Further to this information, at 5pm on Monday 18th March we will also be welcoming Michelle Davies from the Metropolitan Police to school to school to talk to parents about e-safety. Please save the date to attend this important parent workshop

As you may be aware there has been an increase in the number of Measles cases nationally and this is something we are unfortunately seeing in Barnet. Please see the attached letter from the immunisation team.

Autumn Term 2023

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:

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Half Term Break: Mon 21st Oct – Fri 1st Nov

Term Ends: Friday 13th Dec 2024

Spring Term 2024:

Return to School: Wed 8th Jan 2025

Half Term Break: Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb

Term Ends: Friday 28th March 2025

Summer Term 2024:

Return to School: Tue 22nd April 2025

Half Term Break: Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May

Term Ends: Friday 11th July 2025

Autumn Term 2024:

Return to School Wed 3rd Sept 2025

W/b 5th February: Children's Mental Health Week

5th February: Form 4 Litter Picking session

6th February: Safer Internet Day / Form 4 visit to Fulham Palace / Round 2 Primary Maths Challenge

7th February: EYFS Welly Wednesday / Form 3 and 4 to MMK for an Art session

8th February: Topic Homework Walkabout: Parents welcome from 8.10am – 8.40am

w/b 19th February: IEP Meetings

21st **February:** EYFS Welly Wednesday

28th February: EYFS Maths Come Learn with me – Session one / Sponsored Walk

29th February: Form 4 Royal Observatory trip / EYFS Maths Come Learn with Me – Session Two

W/b 4th March: Bikeability Form 6

4th March: Form 1 Tate Modern trip

6th March: EYFS Welly Wednesday

7th March: World Book Day

8th March: Form 3 Golden Hinde trip

11th March: Form 5 British Museum trip / Barnet Swimming Gala

12th March: Form 6 Bank of England trip

14th March: International Maths Day

18th March: Parent workshop on E-Safety at 5pm delivered by Police Officer, Michelle Davies

19th **March:** Show costumes to be in school for full technical rehearsal

20th March: World Story-Telling Day

21st **March:** World Poetry Day

21st March: Dress rehearsal

25th March: Form 2 Southend on Sea trip / Form 3 class assembly / EYFS Church visit

26th March: Whole School Show Matinee at Hartley Hall (details to come)

27th March: Upper School Matilda Trip

28th **March:** Easter bonnet parade and Easter Egg hunt - Whole School Show – evening

performance (details to come)

23rd April: Earth Day

24th April: Form 2 Litter Picking

26th April: Open Day

w/c 29th April: Form 6 PGL Trip

14th May: Form 1 Litter Picking

16th May: Form 1 Class assembly

21st May: Form 6 Class assembly