

St Martin's Post

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Your children have been rehearsing beautifully for our full school show 'Cinderella and Rockerfella' and are looking forward to performing for you next week. If you have already ordered your tickets they were sent home with your children today. If you haven't yet, please do so as they will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis! Wishing our Jewish families, celebrating Purim a 'Purim Sameach' – happy Purim!



This Week's Shooting Stars



Beautiful letter formation Gabriel

Jayden R Always articulating himself wonderfully

Joshua S Brilliant teamwork

Nael Always being a kind and supportive friend

Isabel Great number recognition

Leela An amazing 'Whale's Song' poem

Anushka Great progress in creative writing

Mia P Showing a good understanding when finding quarters of shapes and amounts

Mila M (F3) Excellent reasoning skills in our recent assessments

Sid Improving his comprehension skills and vocabulary knowledge this term

Andrea Enthusiastically performing during our play rehearsals

Yoahan Outstanding independent writing!

Zakariya Achieving highly with his imagery in his writing

Husain Being a team player during the whole school rehearsals

This week, **Avi M, Charlotte L** and **Sara** received a Head Teacher's Award for their outstanding French learning – really impressive work. Well done!

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 –

> **Tobias** Hussein H **Krishav** Kush

E-Safety Thank you to the parents who attended the e-safety talk from the Met Police on Monday. Pupil safety is always the priority and we feel understanding parental controls and age-restrictions for media is crucial to keeping our children safe. Please see attached information regarding this, from the session. Please remind your children that they should not be playing games that are unsuitable for their age. This includes Fortnite which is rated 13+ due to in-game violence and chat facilities.

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/fortnite Please ensure that children under the age of 13 are using a Cabined Account https://safety.epicgames.com/en-US/cabined-accounts and parental controls are activated on the console as well as within any particular games.

This Week We have all been rehearsing the whole school show ready for Tuesday and Thursday this week and the children are very excited to perform for you. We have also had World Storytelling Day and World Poetry Day which some classes have been thinking about with stories about the theme 'building bridges' and poems about 'How do I love thee?'.

EYFS have enjoyed learning about Norwuz to celebrate Iranian and Persian New Year and created a wonderful 'traditional table' for display on Wednesday. They have also been learning about ladybirds to link to their text this week 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle. The children have been thinking about doubling numbers and subitising in Maths. They have enjoyed balancing and creating trails in the playground to develop their gross motor skills and had good fun in their PE lessons throwing and catching with accuracy. They also enjoyed learning about Purim and making crowns to act out the story of Purim.

Form 1 have been learning how to write diary entries and enjoyed writing Traction Man's diary by pretending they were the main character. They discussed what adventures he might have had. In Maths the children were continuing with fractions by finding quarters of shapes. In Science, they are continuing to think about everyday materials by considering their properties and attaching adjectives to different materials. For Topic, Form 1 looked at atlases to find the capital cities and seas around the UK as well as colouring the flags for each country. In their RE lesson, the children learned about Easter and in French they consolidated conversation skills about feelings.

Form 2 have been reflecting on their book in English and writing extended sentences about their favourite part with quotations and reasons. In Maths the children have been thinking about measurements and in PE they have been continuing with invasion games and focusing on working together as a team. Some children have been thinking about how their words can affect others and ways to be extra kind to each other and how manage disputes. They have been using the phrases "I'm not happy with you because..." and "That made me feel...because" to communicate their feelings. In RE the children were thinking about the Easter story and what happened on each day of the week.

Form 3 have enjoyed World Poetry Day - reading examples of fun and interesting poems then wrote their own poetry. Some children have begun writing an anthology as they were so inspired! They are also excited for their class assembly on Monday which they have been editing and rehearsing this week. In French, they learned about Easter Sunday and made posters about it. In PE they learned tag rugby skills at Mill Hill Park and badminton techniques, considering available space on the court, in their lesson at school. Today in the food technology aspect of DT 'Kids Kitchen', the children created a Wind in the Willows themed picnic, using skills for cutting and assembling sandwiches, hard boiling eggs and making scones and jam and lemonade!

Form 4 looked at poetry by Lewis Carroll - reciting poetry and writing their own poetry based on Lewis Carroll in English and they have also written unaided narrative stories. They've completed their Maths topic on angles with investigative work using problem-solving skills. In Topic, Form 4 are studying countries located in the tropics, between the Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn. They have also been learning about Data logging in IT using data loggers to conduct their own investigations. Form 4 have been involved with creating props and backgrounds for the show in their Art lessons and enjoyed their PE lesson on invasion games at Mill Hill Park.

In English, Form 5 have started to plan their adventure stories with a choice of text type, audience and setting. They have included a wide range of literary features including figurative language, punctuation for emphasis and powerful imagery. During Verbal Reasoning they looked at answering logical deductions from the information given. The children then used these skills to answer a wide range of 11+ style questions. In Languages, Form 5 wanted to learn how to decipher hieroglyphs and write using the hieroglyphic alphabet. They have decoded some ancient writing as well as creating their very own cartouche with their name written in hieroglyphs. In maths they enjoyed adding and subtracting decimals.

Form 6 are thoroughly enjoying learning about the Maya Civilisation and created their own deities with their own individual attributes and even included artwork. Their maths work was individualised as the children worked on their own AAO's. Their PHSE topic is 'Healthy Me' – with their guided reading linked to mental health and wellbeing. They have been reading and extract from the book 'Goldfish Boy' and explored the impact of mental health on children and young people. This opened up some lovely class discussions. In recognition of World Poetry Day form 6 created poems based on the book The Goldfish Boy.

Next Week

** Please be reminded that clubs will not be running next week **

Monday: F3 Class assembly 9am, F2 Southend trip, EYFS Church visit, Music catch up lessons

Tuesday: Show Matinee 2pm

Wednesday: 8.30am - F6 parent information session for PGL, EYFS and F1 Picnic at the park, Upper School

Matilda musical trip.

Thursday: Topic Homework Walkabout (Parents welcome 8.10 – 8.40), Easter celebrations including the

Easter bonnet parade and egg hunt, Evening show 5.30pm.

Friday: Bank Holiday for Good Friday, school is closed.

<u>Please read the end of term arrangements letter sent earlier this week for details of timings and arrangements</u> for the show.

DIARY DATES

24th and 25th March: Science Days

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

26th March: Whole School Show Matinee at Hartley Hall 2pm Start.

27th March: Matilda trip / EYFS & Form 1 Park Picnic / Form 6 parents PGL info session at 8.30am

28th March: Easter bonnet parade and Easter Egg hunt - Whole School Show – 5.30pm start

23rd April: Earth Day

24th April: Form 2 Litter Picking / At 3pm Form 3 and 4 parents - secondary school scholarship

meeting

26th April: Open Day – Please help us spread the word! Thank you

w/c 29th April: Form 6 PGL Trip

29th April: F4 Science Museum trip

1st May: EYFS Welly Wednesday, Talya reading to Form 1

7th May: Form 1 Great Fire of London trip

9th May: EYFS Aquarium trip

W/c 13th May: Mental Health Awareness Week

14th May: Form 1 Litter Picking

15th May: EYFS Welly Wednesday, Talya reading to Form 1

16th May: Form 1 Class assembly

20th May: Form 3 trip to Horniman Museum

21st May: Form 6 Class assembly

23rd **May**: Form 2&5 trip to Kew Gardens, Topic Homework Walkabout (Parents welcome at 8.10)

W/c3rd June: Spirited Arts Week

5th June: F1 Synagogue trip, EYFS Welly Wednesday, F6 Forest School, F4 Islington Boat Club Trip

6th June: 5.30pm F4&5 Parent Workshop – RSHE + growing up

10th June: F6 + EYFS Litter Picking

11th June: F2 Multi-skills competition

12th June: F6 Forest School

13th June: F6 Canada Villa Trip, Reception and Form 1 – Bedtime stories, F2 parent info session for

sleepover 3.45pm

14th June: F6 London Eye trip

W/c 17th June: National School Sports Week

17th June: F4+5 Growing up talk – changes

19th June: 1.30 – 3.30 Sports Day and 5pm – 7pm Art Exhibition

20th June: EYFS and F5 Falconry visit, F6 Forest School and Kayaking

21st June: F3 + F6 Metalwork artist experience

W/c 24th June: School Diversity and International Week

24th June: F4+5 Growing up talk – puberty

25th June: Musical auditions for prize day performers

26th June: F6 trip to Lille and EYFS class assembly

Sunday 30th June: School Summer Fete

1st July: F4+5 Growing up talks – conception

2nd July: F5 Litter picking

3rd July: EYFS Welly Wednesday, F6 Forest School/Kayaking, Transition afternoon, Meet the

teacher, New parents' tea. Children will stay with their new teacher until 4.45pm.

5th July: F6 Forest School, F2 Sleepover

W/c 8th July: Clubs will not be running during the final week of term

11th July: Topic Homework Walkabout (Parents welcome 8.10 – 8.40) and 2pm Prizegiving

12th July: 2pm Form 6 parents invited to leavers service.

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 2025:

Return to School: Tue 22nd April 2025

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

Term Ends: Friday 11th July 2025

Autumn Term 2025:

Return to School Wed 3rd Sept 2025

Congratulations

To **Victoria** who has won a prize for her artwork 'Ice-cream' which we entered into the Fourth Plinth competition. She has been invited to attend the exhibition and 4th Plinth Schools Awards ceremony 2024 at City Hall!

To **Amar M** for his attaining his grade 3 (83%) with a high Merit in electric guitar with rock school exam.

Christina for a Bronze, 3 silver and a gold in her recent swimming competition –

Gold - 200m Medley

Silver – 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 200m backstroke

Bronze – 200m Freestyle (front crawl)

A phenomenal achievement Christina, well done.

To **Elenor** who continues to impress with her outstanding footballing skills! Elenor received Player of the Match as her team, Ruislip Rangers, beat Ickenham Youth 7:0!