



Today your children really enjoyed decorating and eating Children in Need biscuits and cupcakes. Thank you all for your generous donations to our appeal. So far we have raised £82.21 which we have doubled making our total £164.42. Thank you to our Charity Prefects, Arjun and Ishan for helping to coordinate the event. Well done to all our children!



This Week's Shooting Stars



Max N	Excellence in Numeracy	Safwan	Recognising all his letters
Kera	Good waiting and sharing	Jackson	Really good understanding of 2D shapes
Amira A	Excellent counting	Koutaro	Consistent in all areas of Numeracy
Ishan	Being polite and helpful	Max S	Fantastic Literacy test results
Serena	Writing a wonderful story	Emma	Understanding simplifying fractions

Golden Tea

This week, the following children were chosen at random to enjoy Golden Tea with Mrs Wilson –

Rohan J	Max W
Aurelia	Arjun

5 Lesson Time Table Feedback As we approach the end of our trial of the 5 lesson timetable it became clear fairly early on that whilst on the whole it was without doubt a great success there were a few details which we needed to address. Pre School, Reception and Form One will be served lunch 10 minutes before the other classes to allow them more time to eat before play time. It became obvious that we needed to re-introduce the use of the bell between lessons 3 and 4 as there is not a break time separating them and it became easy to run over time. We have had to move assembly back 10 minutes – to begin at 8.50am instead of 9am. We respectfully ask you to ensure children are in school by 8.40am. Your children's PHSE class this week was fantastic. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, most teachers used this lesson to discuss this topic. The introduction of House Meetings has had a wonderful response. Your children are proudly displaying their House badges. They no longer line up in Form; they do so in Houses. The older children continue to be wonderful role models for the younger children and they too, in turn are enjoying the attention of their older Housemates. Our first accelerated learning classes were a huge success too. The children loved being in a class with friends from other Forms. Every child approached this new system in a really positive way. We hope that Form 5 and Form 6 are enjoying having their Latin and Spanish lesson within the framework of the main day.

Festive Lunch You will have received a letter about our Festive Lunch on Thursday, December 1st. Please complete and return it if your child normally has packed lunch but would like to enjoy Festive Lunch instead!

Upper School have been studying 'A Christmas Carol'. It is playing at the Noel Coward Theatre starring Jim Broadbent from 30 Nov – 30 Dec. Are you looking for an enjoyable day to fill a day of the holidays? The theatre recommend it is suitable for children over 10.

Science Inter School Quiz Championship A huge congratulations to Natasha, Adam, Tito and Eden who made up the St Martin's School team for the Inter School National Science Quiz. Well done team for your great result and exemplary behaviour and attitude. You made us all very proud.

Go Team St Martin's!

Christmas Concert Wednesday 30th November at 4pm.

St Michael and All Angel's Church, 9 Flower Lane NW7 2JA

Please pick up your children at 1.20pm and take them to the Church for a final rehearsal at 3pm (Pre School 3.30pm). Parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome. Your children are working hard to learn their lines and song words.

Please note the following dates –

There will not be after school clubs on the following occasions:

Week beginning 21st November due to Parent's Consultations.

On 30th November due to the Christmas Concert

Week beginning 5th December – last week of term

Autumn Term 2016

Half Term Break: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2016

Term Ends: Friday 9th December 2016

Spring Term 2017

Return to School: Monday 9th January 2017

Half Term Break: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2017

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2017

Summer Term 2017

Return to School: Monday 24th April 2017

Half Term Break: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017

Term Ends: Friday 14th July 2017

Autumn Term 2017

Return to School Tuesday 12th September 2017

Lights, Camera, Action!!

In keeping with our desire to prepare your children for their digital futures we are delighted to inform you of our recently forged relationship with the University of the Arts, London. UAL is ranked in the top 5 of universities in the world for Art and Design. London College of Communication (UAL) offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Journalism, Advertising, PR and Publishing, Photography, Film, Television and Sound, Communications and Media, Graphic Communication, Spatial Communication, Design Cultures and Interactive and Visual Communication

Next Thursday (24th) and Friday (25th) undergraduates from their 2 year of BA (Hons) course will be coming into school to work with your children to make a very short film which will be put onto our fabulous new website. Film practice will be under the supervision of Joint Course Leader, Polly Nash. Your children can be as involved, or not, as they wish to be. We will endeavour to film mainly during break and lunch time.

Next month, Master students along with their director (who directed Coronation Street amongst other things) will be coming to run a drama workshop with your children.

We have also been invited by the University to visit the BFI (British Film Institute) in the spring, to look at a professional production studio. We are also excited by the prospect of bringing Chroma Keying or 'Green Screens' into school for the children to learn about post-productions techniques and special effects. These trips and experiences are all linked to our three new Media clubs which will be introduced over the next few terms - Coding, Stop Animation and Film Making.