



Welcome to the last edition of the St Martin's Post of the autumn term. It truly has been a term of exciting renewal and change. Whiteboards, coding, film making, drama workshops, a new House System, a new behaviour system, updated Policies, a new timetable, Classical Greek and Street Dance to name but a few. We thank you for coming on this journey with us. We thank you for providing your feedback when requested and for always supporting your children and your school so wholeheartedly. We truly appreciate it

It is with a touch of sadness too that this is the last St Martin's Post with Mrs Wilson as Head Teacher. She will of course be continuing her teaching responsibilities but as from January we are delighted to be welcoming Dr Walak as our Head Teacher. We are sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Wilson for all her hard work and dedication as Head Teacher over the past twenty years.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Silver Shooting Star Awards are a very special award for extra special effort, kindness or success. This week two star has been awarded -

Ademo **Superb effort, achievement and progress**

Hannah W **For being so kind, helpful and caring**

Well done to all other recipients of shooting stars too

Form 5 & 6 Working so hard in Maths – you are all amazing!

Form 1 An amazing autumn term

Form 6 Working so incredibly hard this term

Reception A fantastic first term's work!

Form 5 Pride, Growth mindset and growing maturity

Max W Great long division

Zain Continuing to work so beautifully

Pre School Working really hard this term

Serena Writing an excellent Christmas poem

Bartholomew Excellent services to film making

A huge congratulations to the winners of our end of term cups. We recognise that every child has worked exceedingly hard this term. They have all embraced the many changes we have put in place and we are extremely proud of them all. This term, special mention must go to our cup winners –

Lower School – Cameron S Middle School – Rohan M Upper School – Koutaro N

for their exceptional effort and progress. Well done to you all.

The last day of the autumn term is always one of the most exciting and favourite days of the year for our children. Today was no different. This morning we held a very special full school assembly where the children were recognised for their achievements throughout the term. Shooting Stars were awarded and we were visited by a very special surprise guest who travelled to visit all your children from his home in the North Pole! We were so excited to show your children the new St Martin's School video which they all worked so hard to make. We are so incredibly happy with it. It will be on the Home Page of our website which will go live shortly. We can't wait for you to see it!

'I would like to thank Mrs Wilson for her faith and confidence in me as I take the school forward into a new future. Whilst we will continue the warm, family, academically focused school that we have always been, we will also be preparing the children for their digital futures in innovative and creative ways. I do hope you have enjoyed your children's enthusiasm as they adjusted to the recent changes including the House and Triple Marking Systems.

St Martin's School would not be here if it was not for the hard work, commitment, dedication and vision of Angela Wilson and I am proud to be mentored by her as we go forward.

My email address is Jason.walak@stmartinmillhill.co.uk. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to.

Wishing you all Season's Greetings and a happy, healthy and successful new year.'

11+ Exam Preparation Days

Please let Mrs Boxer or Dr Walak know if you would like your child to come to the next block of 11+ preparation days on 28th, 29th and 30th December. Numeracy, Literacy, Verbal and Non Verbal Paper skills will be further examined. We will be doing mock interviews with your children and discussing relaxation techniques and exam organisation skills.

These sessions will be from 10am – 2pm. No uniform necessary. Please bring a nut-free packed lunch. There is no charge for these sessions. Come to 1, 2 or all 3.

On Monday, we welcomed Ray Kilby to our school. He is a well-respected member of BAFTA who has both written and directed for film and television as well as theatre and radio. He ran a fantastic drama workshop with some of our Form 5's and 6's and Form 2. We look forward to future visits in the new year from other interesting visitors.

Return to School:	Monday 9 th January 2017
Half Term Break:	Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February 2017
Term Ends:	Friday 31 st March 2017
Summer Term 2017	
Return to School:	Monday 24 th April 2017
Half Term Break:	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2017
Term Ends:	Friday 14 th July 2017
Autumn Term 2017	
Return to School	Tuesday 12 th September 2017

FoSMS Christmas Party

Thank you so much to FoSMS for organising another wonderful event for our children. Please see Facebook for photos and news. At time of going to print the party had not yet begun!

The hard work and dedication of our FoSMS team is always hugely appreciated.

**Season's Greetings and a very
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