



We realise that children in a modern and interconnecting world have Rights and responsibilities. We wish to promote their sense of citizenship and British Values including charity and equality. Whilst we promote these in many ways we believe that becoming an active UN Right's Respecting School brings a huge amount of value to the children and to the School. We have spoken to the children about what it means to have Rights and responsibilities and we will be continuing with further assembly and classroom work – including Class Charters.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Tito	Amazing percentage work
Koutaro	Working hard in Geography
Eli	Active engagement in all his lessons
Brooklyn	Cheerful hard work
Kim-Mia	A fantastic poem about the Queen
Musa	A brilliant drawing of Leonardo da Vinci
Dylan	Superb contribution to class discussions
Katherine	Finishing all her homework – and it was great!
Vidya	Leading class discussion about the Hindu Harvest Festival
Siyona	Working very hard in every lesson

Next Friday we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year. We will have a special assembly and Mrs Rees will be preparing a special Chinese inspired meal. If any child who normally has a packed lunch would like to eat this special meal, please speak to Mrs Jacobs.

This term all charity collected will be donated to Cancer Research UK in memory of Mrs Jill Hill. Charitable donations can be bought into school any time and is collected and counted by our charity prefect, Arjun every Friday.

Golden Tea

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

Summer	Brooklyn
Diya	Koutaro

Swimming Gala – Form 3, 4, 5 and 6

This year's swimming gala will be held at Copthall Swimming Pool at 2.30pm on Friday, February 10th. Parents' are welcome to come along to watch too. Should you wish for your child's sibling to come to support their brother or sister they may be collected from school at 2.20pm. Parents who attend will be able to take their child/ren home directly from Copthall Swimming Pool. Please return your letter as soon as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements for returning those children to school whose parents will not be attending. If you did not receive a letter with all the details or require an additional one please speak to Mrs Jacobs. Thank you

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

This morning we had a visitor from the Mayor's office who spoke to all your children in assembly. She asked about ways in which improvements could be made to our local environment. Your children suggested improvements in traffic and congestion, pollution, litter and homelessness. As always, your children behaved impeccably and our visitors commented on their maturity, warmth and enthusiasm.

Special Mention to Form 3

Mrs Doherty and Form 3 spent this week examining shadows and moving images in a cross-curricular project – Science, Literacy, Art and History. The children wrote and directed their own puppet shows and made jointed shadow puppets with coloured aspects so as to make coloured shadows. Their week's project culminated in the children performing their own puppet shows watched and enjoyed by Form 2. Form 3 needed to understand the dynamic of light, shadow and positioning of the screen to perform a successful puppet show – and they certainly did! Well done Form 3.

Our new website launches imminently. We would like to take this opportunity to talk to you about internet safety.

Part of our core mission is to prepare the children for a digital future which is in many ways unknowable. We are going to begin some exciting work with the University of Middlesex on both coding and robotics. Whilst all the children will benefit from this we are very aware that we also need to teach them safely. The risks to the children online are manifold and increasing with the growth in technology.

This being the case, we will be inviting experts from within the school community and beyond to talk with the children about our amazing digital futures and how to keep safe. We hope you feel able to support the children in this journey. On our new website you will find many links under the 'e-safety and safety tab' to allow you to do just that. We would encourage you to investigate them at your leisure and discuss them with your children. Most of all, we would invite you to become part of a dynamic partnership with us as we expand the digital possibilities within the school.

Dr J Walak

***COMPETITION TIME ***

Deadline extended for late entries

Your children have all learned about the importance of E-Safety. Would they like to design a poster highlighting the importance of keeping safe online? Perhaps write a poem or a short personal statement? Draw a picture? Please bring your entries to school next week or scan and email them to competitions@stmartinmillhill.co.uk

Prizes will be given out to the winners in our celebration assembly next Friday and announced in next week's edition of the St Martin's Post. Good luck!!