



A warm welcome to the second edition of the St Martin's Post. We do hope you enjoyed reading the first edition last week. We hope you find this week's edition equally helpful. We would love to hear your suggestions for content. Please do not hesitate to contact Joanna.wilson@stmartinmillhill.co.uk with any suggestions!

School Council Prefect's Message

If you don't know me I am Hannah the new school council prefect. I am delighted to have been given this role and I hope I make a good job of it. There will be an idea's box in school and feel free to put your ideas and comments in it. Last year's school council prefect did a brilliant job and I hope you feel I can carry out the job well. By Hannah

Fri 14th Oct: Chickenshed Theatre Visit
Pre School, Reception, Year 1 – Details to come

Wed Oct 19th: R.E Outing – Details to come
Years 1 & 2 & 3

****Thurs Oct 20th at 2.15pm****

**Our Harvest Celebration – all Parents
Welcome –**

More Details to come

School Council

School Council was set up several years ago to give your children a voice – a platform for them to suggest ways they think school life can be improved.

School Council meets fortnightly. They discuss the ideas their classmates have suggested with the School Council Prefect, Hannah, who then meets with Mrs Wilson to pass on all suggestions. They are not all put into practise; a tuck shop at break time and doughnuts for dessert every day were a couple which were not passed! Skipping ropes and elastics in the playground, certain after school clubs and a more varied choice of fruit for dessert were a few of the suggestions implemented last year.

Student council Rep's change each term. They are nominated by their classmates and then voted into office or they are chosen randomly from names being drawn from a hat by their teacher.

This term reps are as follows:

Year 1: Faith and Michael

Year 4: Daniel and Aurelia

Year 2: Serena and Max

Year 5: Zachary and Tahira

Year 3: Brooklvn and Zain

Year 6: Hannah - Council Prefect

FoSMS (Friends of St Martin's) is a group of mums, dads, grandparents and friends who meet approximately once every half term to arrange wonderful events for our children and their parents. The emphasis is on having fun whilst making some money to buy little extras which benefit our children. In the past we have arranged, Christmas and Halloween Parties, Quizzes, Indulgence evenings and Medical Information Question and Answer sessions. Everybody is welcome and we love to have new members join us.

Every class has a Rep who will keep you updated with all the events planned. Please do let your Rep know if you'd like to become involved. Our first meeting of the year will be on **Thursday 22nd September at 8pm at School**. If you would like to join us or would like more information, please email our Committee Chair, Sarah Smith – friendsofstmartinsschool@gmail.com.

Pre School : Vimmi Patel

Year 3: Simone Miller (also Vice Chair)

Reception: Nicola Kosmin

Year 4: TBC

Year 1: Aina Disu

Year 5: Sarah Chesler

Year 2: Maryam Pairovan

Year 6: Issy Rock

Snacks

Just a little reminder! Please ensure the snacks given to your children are NUT FREE. Morning snack can be fruit, vegetables, a few crackers or some cheese. If you choose to give your child a snack before club at 3.30, our healthy eating policy is relaxed – feel free to provide crisps or biscuits if this is preferred!

Who's Who? Who should I speak to for What?

Should you have any queries or concerns about your child's school life please ensure your first point of call is your child's form teacher. They can be reached via Mrs Jacobs; info@stmartinmillhill.co.uk.

Mrs A. Wilson angela.wilson@stmartinmillhill.co.uk

As Head Teacher, Mrs Wilson is in overall charge of the school. She is always happy to meet with parents concerning any aspect of school life and can be contacted on the above email or via the school office.

Mrs J Wilson Joanna.wilson@stmartinmillhill.co.uk

Mrs Wilson is the School Bursar. Please address any financial matters to her. All matters will remain highly confidential. Any matters of communication, after school clubs or content of the St Martin's Post should also be addressed to her.

Dr J Walak Jason.walak@stmartinmillhill.co.uk

Dr Walak is the Deputy Head. He is responsible for all aspects of your child's teaching and learning.

Mrs M Jacobs info@stmartinmillhill.co.uk

Mrs Jacobs is the school secretary and administrator. She is available from 8.15am – 4.30pm daily. Please contact her by email or phone for all general enquiries or messages.

Miss P Palmer c/o info@stmartinmillhill.co.uk

If you need to discuss anything of a personal or safeguarding nature please contact Miss Palmer.

Mr Gunning c/o info@stmartinmillhill.co.uk

Mr Gunning is Head of Music. Any matters concerning individual music lessons, concerts or any part of the musical curriculum please contact Mr Gunning.

Jewish Holidays

We are aware that in October many of the year's Jewish festivals take place:

The most widely celebrated are as follows:

Rosh Hashanah (New Year)

Monday 3rd October and Tuesday 4th October

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

Wednesday 12th October

If your child will not be at school on any of these days or for any of the other festivals not noted above, kindly email Mrs Jacobs on info@stmartinmillhill.co.uk at your convenience.

This will allow the teachers' time to plan accordingly.

Dr Walak is hoping to find some parents to help him produce reading maps for upper school children.

This will involve curling up with a book, often a classic and formulating questions for the end of each chapter. Would you like to find out more? Email Dr Walak Jason.walak@stmartinmillhill.co.uk Thank you!

Golden Tea Time We are excited to announce a new and exciting concept. During assembly on a Friday, four children's names will be drawn from a hat. These children will have a special tea with Mrs Wilson during break time on the following Monday. They will bring all their books and show her their favourite pieces of work; work they are most proud of. These pieces of work will be displayed in the Gold Display case by Mrs Wilson's office. We believe this will encourage the children to take pride in their work, raise confidence and allow them to have some valuable time with their Head Teacher. This will be open to every child in the school; Pre School to Year 6 and children will be picked entirely randomly. This week the children chosen were Tyler, Max S, Serena and Dylan.

Open Days – Suggested Visits for year 5 and 6

Haberdashers' Boys School	8 th October 1pm – 4pm	no appointment necessary
St Christopher's School (Day and Boarding)	24 th September	Call 01462 650947 to register
Tring Park (Day and Boarding)	7 th , 13 th and 14 th October	www.tringpark.com
The Royal Masonic School for Girl's	9 th October 10.30-12.00	01923 773 168 to register
University College School (Boys)	13 th , 19 th and 22 nd Sept	no appointment necessary
Merchant Taylor's School	24 th September	10.00-12.30
John Lyon Boys	October 1 st 10am – 1pm	no appointment necessary
Highgate School	8 th October (morning)	register online www.highgateschool.co.uk

We will let you know more when dates are announced.