



At St Martin's we like to celebrate the achievements of all our children; successes and progress both in school and out. Before Christmas we entered some short stories to a national writing competition. Huge congratulations to Rohan, Ritsu, Zain and Brooklyn whose work were chosen to be published. What a phenomenal achievement. We can't wait to buy a few copies for our school library!

Vaajas is a great sportsman and particularly loves Karate. Huge congratulations to Vaajas for receiving a silver medal at his karate competition. We are very proud of you!

Excellent news for Eden and Tre` too. Both received a Merit for their music exams – Eden, Grade 5 singing and Tre Grade 1 drumming! Well done to you all.



This Week's Shooting Stars



- Amar L:** Wonderful concentration and effort
- Musa:** Consistently working hard, doing his best and thinking of others
- Ilora:** Always giving 100% to all she does
- Abbie:** Wonderful phonic knowledge
- Elijah:** Returning to school full of determination
- Hashini:** Amazing recall of letter names and sounds
- Kenza:** Putting great effort into her Numeracy
- Ian:** Beautiful behaviour
- Phoebe:** Settling in so well to form 4
- Jin:** Reading almost every day of the holidays!
- Jacob:** Showing wonderful enthusiasm about blending words together
- Josh M:** Setting an example to the rest of the school as Head Boy

A few welcomes and congratulations... Welcome to Mrs Mann who has joined us whilst Mr Guyster is on study leave. Welcome to Mrs Malin, our new Head of Music and to Phoebe who has joined Form 4. Welcome back to Mrs Ciccone who will be providing some assistance in Form 1. We hope you are all really happy at St Martin's School.

Congratulations to Mr Guyster who became engaged to his girlfriend, Maria over Christmas and to Ms Blakey, our violin teacher, who gave birth to a beautiful little boy, Christopher during the break too.

Golden Tea

This week, the following children will share Golden Tea with Dr Walak.

Adam H

Milan S

Olivia

Ian

Assemblies

We love to welcome parents and grandparents to our 'celebration assemblies.' You are invited to join us from 9am to watch your child's class assembly. Assembly should be finished by 9.20am approx.

Dates are as follows:

Friday, 2 nd February:	Form 4
Friday, 9 th February:	Form 2
Friday, 23 rd February:	Form 1
Friday, 2 nd March:	Reception
Friday, 9 th March:	Form 3
Monday, 12 th March:	Form 6
Friday, 16 th March:	Pre School

Some of the topics covered in our assemblies which take place on a Monday morning include –

- Working as a team
- Random acts of kindness
- Self-sacrifice
- Working hard
- Why read?
- Pride

We are extremely proud of our Form 6 children. They have worked incredibly hard preparing for their 11+ examinations which have taken place over recent weeks. Their commitment to study, working hard (even when finding something challenging) and being accountable for their study, presentation and interview technique is truly inspiring. Whilst we attempt to keep the pressure to a minimum the stress is unavoidable. We are now looking forward to seeing how all your hard work has paid off. Some of the schools our children have sat for include:

Belmont	St Alban's
Queen's College	Highgate
Channing	North London Collegiate
Haberdashers' Aske's	– Boys and Girls
Immanuel College	St Margaret's
City of London	St Paul's Girls School
South Hampstead High School	
St Helen's	Mount House

Spring Term 2018

Half Term: February 12th – February 16th 2018
End of Term: Friday March 23rd 2018

Summer Term 2018

Return to School: Tuesday 17th April 2018
Half Term: May 28th – June 1st 2018
End of Term: Friday July 13th 2018

Autumn Term 2018

Return to School: Tuesday 11th September 2018
Half Term: October 22nd – October 26th 2018
End of Term: 15th December 2018

We understand that in this digital age some of your children may own a mobile phone or tablet. Please be reminded that they are not allowed in school. This is due to huge safeguarding issues which can arise. Any mobile phones or tablets found in school will be confiscated and a yellow letter sent home. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

PE Bags

We have updated and modernised the PE bag available to your children. It is slightly larger, more comfortable to hold and more sturdy. The cost is £13.99 and only available from the uniform shop on Mill Hill Broadway. This is NOT compulsory.

Head Lice checks

This year's head lice checks will be on –

Wednesday 31st January

Thursday 22nd March

Thursday 3rd May

Tuesday 26th June

The nurse has requested that, wherever possible, hair is in a natural state, without creams on these days.

Please do 'like' our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter. There are regular posts showing what your children have been learning and also provides important reminders. If you are not on social media, you can still stay up to date by checking our website which includes a live feed.