

Welcome to SMART KIDS the termly newspaper for children who come to St Martin's School. Hence; **S(t) Mart(ins)**. The next issue will be entirely written by a group of you but this one has been bought to you by Dr Walak. In SMART KIDS we are going to share with you some of the information we share with parents and teachers. We will ask for your views and we will have lots of opinions as well as puzzles, competitions and games.



## Creative Curriculum

From this term, you are going to see a new creative curriculum. This means that we will be theming your lessons around different topics every half term.

Why do you think we have introduced this?

The answer is that we believe the more fun and investigative your lessons are the more you will learn. So, in the future your lessons will be investigation led. That means they will start with a puzzle and you will have lots of exciting projects always on a theme. School is about you! It's always about you not the teachers. You should be learning and having fun!



## Behaviour

All the adults who visit St Martin's, especially teachers from other schools, always tell us how well you behave and how polite you are. We agree you are amazing! At times though we think you could be even better, especially in the playground.

Last term, I asked you all in your houses to discuss what a good behaviour system looks like. Next week, I am going to ask that the school council meets with me so that we can decide whether we need to make changes to our current behaviour policy of house points, marbles and shooting stars!



## Punctuality & Attendance

It is really important that everyone comes to school on time. So, from the end of this term we are going to award certificates and prizes for pupils with 100% attendance and to those who are never late.



## Head for the day

In a few weeks, one of you will have the chance to be Head Teacher for the day. You will need to campaign on a theme of change. Something you will bring to the school to make it your own. After a short campaign the school will vote. I am asking each house to select one person from upper school and one from lower school to represent them in the final run off.



## General Election

On the 8<sup>th</sup> June there will be a General Election in the United Kingdom. This is really important as all the adults will choose the direction of the country and decide on important issues. One day you will have the chance to vote too! In school, we will be looking at elections and having a campaign. We will be asking children from upper school to form their own political parties and everyone will get a vote. The campaign promises are meant to be fun and creative – don't get too serious.



## Mindfulness

We have introduced mindfulness in school.

How do you think this might help you?

Why are we introducing this?

Mindfulness has shown to help us be calmer, concentrate more and can help us when we are worried or stressed.



## UN Rights of the Child – What do these mean for you?

### Article 28

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

### Article 29

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

**British Institutions - What makes Britain special?**

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ALLOTMENTS, ANTANDDEC, BLACKCABS,  
 BOATRACE, BULLDOGS, CASTLES,  
 CORONATION STREET, CRICKET,  
 FISH AND CHIPS, FOOTBALL, GLASTONBURY ,  
 GRAND NATIONAL HARRODS, JAMES BOND,  
 KING ARTHUR, LONDON BRIDGE,  
 STRAWBERRIES, TEA, WEATHER,  
 WIMBLEDON, MARKS AND SPENCER, NHS  
 ROASTBEEF, ROYALFAMILY, SCONES,  
 SEASIDE PIERS, SHAKESPEARE



**Art Competition**

We are running an art competition across the school. The title is:

**What does it mean to you to be a Londoner?**

You can paint, you can sculpt, you can use photography. In fact, you can create in any way you wish!

There is going to be a prize for every year group. The closing date is the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017



**Healthy Eating**

We all know how important it is to eat well and take lots of exercise but, Dr Walak has not been following the rules. He is now very over weight. So is starting a sponsored diet for charity from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Year 6 will be weighing in, tracking his progress and reporting back. He is hoping to lose 30kg by Christmas.



**Trashing the oceans: the great Pacific garbage patch**

“Imagine you're sailing across the Pacific Ocean, way out of sight of land, right? So you don't expect your boat to be pushing through great rafts of floating plastic for mile after mile, do you? Welcome to the great Pacific garbage patch... and to a modern myth because there aren't "great rafts of floating plastic". The "garbage patch" certainly exists — and there are several others — but the plastic is mostly small bits the size of confetti or smaller. It floats in the surface layers of the ocean forming a sort of thin 'soup' (yuk!). This plastic garbage is caught in the best known of 5 giant rotating ocean currents called gyres. These floating patches of plastic debris have become worrying new ecosystems which scientists call the "Plastisphere".

What harm do floating plastics do?

A wandering albatross in distress. Her foot is caught in an old fishing net. If she can't get free, she will starve to death

Unfortunately, many marine animals mistake some types of plastic for food and eat them. Turtles often die because the plastic they eat blocks their digestive system so they starve. Marine mammals (like dolphins) often get trapped by plastic nets or ropes and either drown or starve to death: "ghost fishing". Great and rare sea birds like albatrosses also get tangled up in old fishing gear and die. Around 400,000 marine mammals die every year due to plastic pollution in oceans. The list of horrible facts about plastics goes on and on.” – What can we do at St Martin’s School?

