



St Martin's Post

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It is hard to believe that we have reached the final day of the 2019/20 academic year. This year we have welcomed so many new children who have added to the rich and warm community, all of whom have settled in beautifully thanks to the warmth and kindness of your children. In September, we welcome many more – all of whom will be made to feel very welcome by your wonderful children. Our commitment that we will have no more than 18 children in a class, is still in place.

At St Martin's our children are proud of their academic, creative and sports achievements – and equally proud of the successes of their friends, as was so clearly evident at our Prize Day yesterday. I am sure you join me in thanking them for their kindness, exemplary manners and respectful behaviour. Such well-rounded personalities are only achieved with constant re-enforcement of high expectations so thank you to all the staff at school for continually maintaining these. We are humbled by the warmth, dedication, professionalism and hard work of your children's teachers. They know your children individually. They celebrate their strengths and help and nurture them through any weaknesses. They set your children high personal goals and then do all they can to ensure they achieve them.

'Thanks' must also go to you, the parents, for re-enforcing these expectations at home. The most successful education is always a three-way partnership between child, school and home and it is with your support the children have achieved the successes we were able to celebrate at Prize day yesterday. We are never short of volunteers, parents and friends of the school who come in on a regular basis and help with accompanying us on outing and back stage with concerts, and helping at the summer fete, accompanying our children to sporting activities and to our parents who read with your children. Thank you to Sarah Smith, Simone Miller and the FOSMS team for their invaluable help and in particular for organising the wonderful Bingo afternoon this year.

This year your children have enjoyed the new playground equipment and climbing frame, we have forged links with Barnet Borough to become more aware of our environment as part of their Young Travel Advisor Programme. We have joined 'bikeability' and extended the residential trip offer. We have established our Values Tree. We will continue to invest in your school; this summer we are refurbishing the IT suite and overhauling all the computers - 20 new laptops and tablets will be awaiting your children upon their return from their summer break. The library will be automated with new responsive library software. We have arranged an online safety event for your children along with a parent's workshop. The members of choir club will be performing at the O2 this year and we are proud to have established Chinese School from September too. It is most certainly an exciting and full year ahead.

As usual the wonderful Music Department, has continued to flourish with many children acquiring distinction grades in the Royal Associated Board examinations. We have all enjoyed being entertained, most recently by Peter Pan. We continue to enjoy our sports day – another opportunity for your children to compete for themselves and their Houses, of which they are proud to be members. Congratulations to Elgar who are this term's winners. Your children have competed in competitions, some have had their work published. We continue to support a number of worthwhile charities including 'Miracles' and have donated to some of the disasters that we have sadly seen over the course of the year.

We could not be prouder of your children. We are delighted by the successes they have individual celebrated this academic year.

We still have spaces for some days of summer camp, running in school from July 29th until 23rd August. Mrs Jacobs, Miss Jacobs, Miss Adesino, Mr King and Miss Hev are planning a really exciting mix of games, arts and crafts, sports, baking, crazy science and so much more. Our Musical Theatre camp will take place during the week beginning 12th August, run by our amazing Musical Theatre teacher, Miss White. Do email the office should you wish to make a last minute booking.

We wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe summer break,

Best wishes

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Mbah



This Week's Shooting Stars



Amar L	Unfailing cheerfulness
Daisy	Achieving highly with her report on birds
Freddy	Beautiful expressive vocabulary
Kenza	Making outstanding progress in Literacy
Jin	Showing a thoughtful and dedicated attitude towards all areas of learning
Yuzhu	Being very kind and thoughtful
Katherine	Respectful behaviour at all times
Rohan J (F5)	Creating an excellent audio book

Return to School	Tuesday 10 th September 2019
Half Term	Monday 21 st October to Friday 25 th October 2019
Term Ends	Friday 13 th December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Return to School	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Half Term	Monday 17 th February 2020 to Friday 21 st February 2020
Term Ends	Friday 3 rd April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Return to School	Tuesday 21 st April 2020
Half Term	Monday 25 th May 2020 to Friday 29 th May 2020
Term Ends	Friday 10 th July 2020

Autumn Term 2020	Wednesday 9 th September 2020
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During this morning's assembly, more certificates and awards were given out than ever before!

Congratulations to the following children –

Platinum Spelling – Claire, Molly, Seth, Ritsu, Ali, Rohan J (F5), Zain,

Gold Spelling – Amira, Adam K, Aman, Zack H, Yuzhu, Jayden, Jacob,

Silver Spelling – Dardan, Emma, Siyona, Milan S, Yara, Yara, Beau

Bronze Spelling – Rohan J (F2),

Gold Maths – Aman, Siyona, Milan S, Yuzhu, Dinesh, Jayden

Silver Maths – Dardan, Emma, Zack H, Jacob,

Bronze Maths – Yara, Beau, Arida

Gold Reading – Dardan, Aman, Siyona, Milan S, Yuzhu, Dinesh, Jayden,

Silver Reading – Emma, Zack H, Jacob, Beau,

Kassandra – Passing her Goju Ryu karate grading. She is now green belt with two tags!

Siyona – Achieved 8 GN 2 Kyu in the Japanese Martial Art of Goju – Ryu Karate – Do

Yuzhu – Achieved 8GN 1 Kyu in the Japanese Martial Art of Goju – Ryu Karate – Do

Siyona – Swimming certificate – 25 metres

