



We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting London-based comedy performance poet, [author](#) and entertainer - Neal Zetter - on Monday afternoon. Throughout the afternoon, Neal will be performing to our pupils and they will have the opportunity to ask him questions about his work. Many of you will have heard of and read some of his books such as 'It's not fine to sit on a porcupine'. From 3.15 onwards he will be selling his books in person at school and distributing pre-ordered signed or dedicated copies. Should you wish to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity and have not done so already, please find attached an order form for your completion. You may also notice that the most recent of Neal's books 'Gorrilla ballerina' was illustrated by our very own teacher, Mr Mosedale, who very kindly organised this event.



This Week's Shooting Stars



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| Bunmi | Achieving highly during Literacy lessons |
| Jacob | Great independent work in English |
| Jessica L | Always applying herself to all she does |
| Ali | Showing improved confidence in street dancing |
| Ian | Excellent independent writing |
| Seth | Writing incredible poems about equivalent fractions |
| Owen | A heartfelt and well written diary entry |
| Emmy O | Being selfless and helping her peers |
| Katie | Being a lovely team player |
| Sophia E | Showing resilience and trying hard |
| Atlin | Sharing with his peers |
| Kush | Excellent pencil control |

Golden Tea is an opportunity for children, to show Mrs Wilson the work they have completed that week of which they are most proud, whilst enjoying juice and biscuits together. Chosen at random this week were;

Dardan

Ethan

Alexander S

Aaran

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

Spring Term 2020
 Return to School Tuesday 7th January 2020
 Half Term Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
 Term Ends Friday 27th March 2020

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

Autumn Term 2020 Wednesday 9th September 2020

Online safety day will take place on Thursday 6th November. Your children will be taking part in an age appropriate workshop during the day and we invite you, our parents, to join us at 8pm at school for a parent's presentation. You will also be given the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Please email the school office should you wish to attend, for catering purposes.

In light of our growing numbers, upper and lower school now have separate assemblies so the children have more space to sit comfortably – Mrs Wilson continues to lead Friday assemblies and Mrs Mbah, Monday's. We will ensure that all siblings are able to watch their brother or sister's assembly. Please do come along; grandparents and family welcome.

Friday 8th November:	Form 6	Friday 22nd November:	Form 3
Friday 15th November:	Form 4	Friday 6th December:	Form 1

What's Happening at St Martin's School this Term?

October

Thursday 10 th	<u>Parent's Workshop:</u> Reading*	2.30pm
Tuesday 15 th	Visit and discussion by a local magistrate	Form 5 and 6
Thursday 30 th	<u>Parent's Workshop:</u> EYFS Phonics and Reading*	2.45pm

November

Thursday 6 th	<u>Parent's Workshop:</u> Online Safety *	8pm
Monday 11 th	St Martin's Feast Day (details to come)	
Tuesday 19 th	<u>Parent's Workshop:</u> Maths Calculation Workshop*	4pm
Tuesday 19 th	Living Lice Free Hair Checks	
Tuesday 26 th	<u>Parent's Workshop:</u> Come learn with me*	9am-10.15am

December

Monday 2 nd	<u>Parent's Workshop:</u> Helping with Homework*	5pm
Wednesday 4 th	Winter Show at St Michaels and All Angels Church	2pm
Thursday 5 th	Nasal Spray Vaccinations (details sent home today)	
Wednesday 11 th	Pantomime, Festive Lunch and Fun Day (details to come)	
Friday 13 th	FoSMS Kid's winter disco at Hartley Hall	3.45-5.45pm

Parent's Workshops *

10th October at 2.30pm – Reading

Lead by Miss McCarthy and Mrs Mbah

Please come and join us to hear about how we teach your children reading and the ways you can support this at home. We will cover our use of the reading scheme; comprehension lessons using VIPERS; making the link between reading and writing; reading expectations; resources for supporting reading at home - particularly once they can decode.

30th October at 2.45pm - EYFS Phonics and Reading

Lead by Mrs Yaacov-Hai and Mrs Doherty

We will explain the teaching of phonics in EYFS and offer advice and strategies for supporting this at home. We will also discuss the teaching of reading with tricky words and the reading scheme books including the importance of picture books and how best to use these at home.

6th November at 8pm - Online Safety

Lead by Streetwise

We have arranged for this external company to deliver a parent workshop about internet safety. This will develop your awareness of potential dangers online and give you strategies to keep your children safe at an age appropriate level.

19th November at 4pm - Maths Calculation

Lead by Mrs Doherty

We will explain the St Martin's progression in strategies for all four operations and how we teach both mental and written methods to your children as well as the importance of discussion, reasoning and explanation in mathematical thinking.

26th November at 9am – Come Learn with Me

Open to Nursery and Reception Parents

Please join us in EYFS (Nursery and Reception) to accompany your children in their lessons and listen to them as they explain their learning.

2nd December at 5pm - Helping with homework

Lead by Mrs Mbah and Mr Guyster

We will outline homework expectations and offer a range of support strategies and questions so that you can support your children in becoming independent when completing their homework and approach the task using the what they already know.

This week we have been thinking about our school value 'Multi-cultural' by considering all the different countries that influence our children's lives. We have, rather excitingly, set up an international school link with ADHINC School in Nigeria and the children have sent an e-mail to their equivalent year group to tell them all about their learning. Reflecting on our multi-cultural value, leads us nicely into Black History Month throughout October which will continue to be celebrated in next week's assembly, when we will be thinking about our value of 'Achievers' and hearing about a range of black historic figures who have achieved highly in their professions. If you would like to discuss this further with your children, please feel free to investigate some of the following people: Mary McLeod Bethune, Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, Dorothy Vaughan, Ruane Jeter, Maya Angelou and Gordon Parks.

Last year we supported the wonderful charity, 'Miracles'. With the help of FoSMS- Friends of St Martin's, we managed to raise nearly £1000. This is in addition to money raised for Comic Relief and The Royal British Legion. This year, we would like to support a charity helping children with mental health difficulties or raising awareness of these issues. We would really like your money to make a real difference and would therefore prefer a small and / or local charity. Can any parents suggest a charity which meets this criteria? We would love to hear your suggestions.

On Wednesday, the office will be closed due to Yom Kippur; the Jewish Day of Atonement. Please note that emails will not be read until the following day. Should you need to make urgent contact, please telephone. Thank you.

Congratulations to Alan who has achieved the STANley 4 award for the STA International Learn to Swim programme and to Dylan who reached Level 7! Well done!

Well done to Akshay who has achieved Level 4 of the British Gymnastics proficiency award!
Congratulations!!

Last weekend, Atlin, Emika, Aeson and Emmy S took part in a memory walk for Alzheimer's. They walked 6km whilst raising money for this wonderful charity. We are so proud of you all.

In addition to our children's successes in school, we also love to celebrate those achieved outside of school in assembly and in this weekly newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wilson Joanna.wilson@stmartinmillhill.co.uk should you like your child's achievements to be shared. Thank you