

NEWSLETTER

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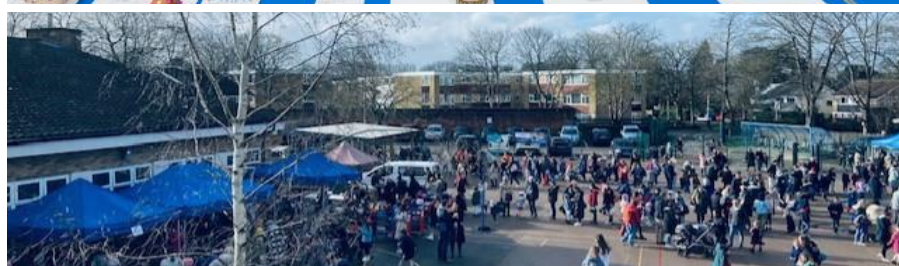
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This week

Preparations have been in full swing for the PTFA Spring Fair taking place after school today. We have loved seeing the Easter hats and decorated eggs brought into school this morning, really colourful, cheerful and inspiring designs. See some of the competition entries below and on page 3 of this week's newsletter.



Alice in Wonderland The children were treated to an adaption of Alice in wonderland from M&M Theatrical productions on Thursday, plus a 'behind the scenes' workshop for Year 6. The PTFA kindly paid for half of the production. Thanks to all parents who have paid a £2.50 contribution towards the production. It is not too late to make a payment, this can be done using your child's Scopay account.



Next Manner of the Week

We look at the person who is speaking to us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 18th-Fri 22nd March—Neurodiversity Celebration Week in school

Mon 18th March— PTFA meeting, evening, Barley Mow pub in Epsom, to discuss Summer Celebration evening

Tues 19th March—Epsom and Ewell Schools netball tournament, Rosebery School, 4pm

Wed 20th-Fri 22nd March—Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft

Wed 20th March—'Pop-up and Perform', Years 1 and 2, large hall, 3pm

Friday 22nd March— Spotlight on Learning Assembly, Hawthorn Class, 9am

Friday 22nd March— Year 3 Epsom and Ewell Tag Rugby Tournament, Priest Hill, 1-3pm

Tues 26th March—Family Support Worker drop-in session, 1.30-3pm

Tues 26th March—Easter Service at St Martin's Church, whole school, 9-11am

Tues 26th and Wed 27th March—Epsom and Ewell School's Music Festival, 5-7pm

Thurs 28th March— Last day of Spring Term

EYFS, Year 1 & 2: 1.15pm finish
Years 3-6: 1.20pm finish

Mon 15th April— Start of Summer term



Easter service On **Tuesday 26th March** the whole school will be going to church to celebrate Easter and partake in a special service. The children will be leaving school shortly after 9am and returning by approximately 11am. Due to space being limited in the church, **we will only be offering spaces for parents / carers to attend the service if they accompany the children walking to and from the church.** We politely request that non-school age children do not attend the church service due to limited space. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



If you are able to help walk the children to and from the church, please complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/q7FjpbqU39>

If you wish that your child does not attend the church service, please inform your child's class teacher and arrangements will be made for them in school.

Pop-up and Perform Reminder

Years 1 & 2 plus Songbirds 'Pop Up And Perform' on Wednesday 20th March: LARGE HALL KS2 SIDE at 3pm

Parents of Year 1 and 2 children plus Songbirds are invited to 'Pop-Up' and watch!

'Pop Up And Perform' looks like this and will last for 15 minutes max:

The children will be released from their classrooms early, they will come down to the hall, and pop in and perform, using the screen where necessary (no word learning stress!) to a friendly audience.

Parents, please enter the hall via the back door and line the sides of the hall (rather than at the back) in order to see the children, no seating, standing room only - it's a Pop-Up!

They will then exit the hall back to their classrooms and come out as normal. Parents and carers will exit the hall, walk round and meet their child in the usual place.

THANK YOU FOR ENTERING THE WOW BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION 2024

Thank you again to every child who entered the WOW Walk to School Competition! After a long process of decision making, it was so hard

to cut the entries down to just 2... so we have 3 winners!

A huge congratulations to **Annie C (8yrs)**, **Maika J (9yrs)** and **Benjamin H (10yrs)** for entering the WOW competition - your entries have been sent off and we hope to hear back with some positive news!

Everyone's artwork was so incredible that we have decided to showcase the entries in the large hall today (Friday 15th) so that everyone could admire the designs. Please feel free to unpeg your work if you wish to take it home during the Spring Fair. Thanks once again and a very well done to each one of you - we absolutely loved going through the designs.



School Attendance

Each week in the newsletter we will tell you the school attendance for the previous week and list the classes who had the highest attendance. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's attendance, please email the school office.

A reminder that if you are requesting leave of absence from school for your child, a form must be completed at least 2 weeks before the requested absence, as per our Attendance Policy.

Last week's attendance :
4th–8th March 2024

Infants— 94.9%
Juniors— 95.7%

Highest class attendance last week:

Vole: 100% Fantastic!
Hawthorn: 99% Well done!



Family Support Worker drop-in clinic

The next clinic will be on **Tuesday 26th March, 1.30-3pm**. If you have any worries you would like to chat through, advice needed or support around your children's behaviour, emotional wellbeing, housing, finances, your own emotional health or anything else that is impacting family life please get in touch.

To book an appointment in advance, please email me directly on howens@schoolsoutreachservice.org with your name and preference of appointment. You will be allocated a slot time from there.

Heather Owens-Leather
Family Support Worker

This week's house points

Durdans	114
Hylands	116
Maidstone	134
Woodcote	180

Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador is **Zeetah** in Year 4 for working so hard during their swimming lessons, making great progress and demonstrating a positive attitude throughout. Well done Zeetah!

Also, a special mention to the whole of Year 4 for doing so well with their intensive swimming course over the past few weeks. They have all made great progress and have represented the school **brilliantly**.



Easter art, eggs and bonnets!



The Book Corner

Huge thanks to Imogen from Willow and Olivia from Hazel for their wonderful donation of Rainbow Magic Fairy books and Dr Seuss titles plus many more.

Also massive thanks to Evie from Maple and Ted from Otter class for a large donation of books including favourites such as Supertato and Stuck by Oliver Jeffers that Fox class enjoyed in their library session this week.

I hope everyone had a wonderful World Book Day and that you enjoy choosing your World Book Day book soon. The vouchers are valid until the 31st March but for the best selection I would recommend going sooner rather than later. All the World Book Day books are available in the library if you would like to come and have a look during your library session.

Thank you to the wonderful library assistants in KS2 particularly some of the children in year 4 and 5 that were of significant help on World Book Day when the infant school also came to the library at lunchtime.

Should you have any queries about library books please do not hesitate to contact librarian@stmartinsepsom.school



18th-22nd March is Neurodiversity Celebration Week!

St. Martin's Schools are very proud to be thinking about and celebrating neurodiversity across the school and in our classes this week and beyond.

Values Tie and Stars of the Week



Badger- Values Tie: Milo and Kayla. Superstar: Angie

Star of the week: Evie for being a Thinking Thedrick, working so hard learning and exploring 3D shapes. Great mathematical thinking Evie!

Dormouse- Values Tie: Amelie and Adi. Superstar: Florence

Star of the week: Maddie has been a real Thinking Thedrick this week. She has thought about our new learning on 3D shapes to help her answer questions in our lessons with accuracy. Well done Maddie, keep up the super work!

Fox - Values Tie: Kayla and Thea. Superstar: Zac

Star of the week: Zerya has been a real Resourceful Reggie - working hard, especially in her maths where she is recognising 2D/ 3D shapes. She has been experimenting with rolling and printing.

Hedgehog- Values Tie: Delilah and Vincent. Superstar: Mila

Star of the week: Yusuf has been making amazing progress with his Numbots. Not a week goes by without Yusuf earning another certificate and I can see how his increasing numerical fluency is helping him solve problems in our maths lessons. Well done, Yusuf!

Mole- Values Tie: Alex and Kamil. Superstar: Ethan D

Star of the week: Evie has had an amazing in week Mole class! I have been so impressed with Evie's determination when reading. She did so well in her reading quiz and I have really been able to see her hard work paying off. She is becoming a brilliant reader and she has been applying all of her phonics when reading tricky words Well done, Evie! Keep it up!

Otter- Values Tie: Bailey and Ray. Superstar: Michael

Star of the week: Grace has been working extremely hard this week. She has demonstrated how to effectively communicate her ideas through a written story. Her innovations of Ravi's Roar were clear and concise, not to mention the consistency of capital letters, letter formation, full stops and even some adjectives. Such wonderful progress. Well done Grace!

Rabbit- Values Tie: Jacob T and Anna. Superstar: Jacob B

Star of the week: Emily for her resilience when editing and improving her English hot write this week. You're trying so hard to use everything from our 'All the time toolkit', keep up the hard work!!

Squirrel- Values Tie: David and Henry. Superstar: Elsie

Star of the week: Olivia has worked incredibly hard in her Maths and English this week. She has taken on board all the feedback I have given her and tried her absolute best to make sure her work is the best it can be! Well done Olivia!

Vole - Values Tie: Emily and Albie. Superstar: Erin

Star of the week: Calvin has made a tremendous effort with his writing this week. He has used full stops, capital letters and finger spaces in his English tasks. Most important, he was able to read his own work because of his neat handwriting. I am very proud of your accomplishment Calvin, well done!

Holly- Values Tie: Daniel and Max. Superstar: Joanna

Star of the week: Ismael has worked hard in our English lessons this week. His handwriting has improved and he is including more adverbs in his sentence writing, well done Ismael!

Juniper- Values Tie: Cooper and Ava. Superstar: Lea

Star of the week: Jess you have shown such dedication to your science this week especially in our new topic of Light and Shadow! Keep it up!

Willow- Values Tie: Mustafa and Jason. Superstar: Noah

Star of the week: Well done to Aya for her incredible hard work and dedication. She is a real role model for her peers and gives 100% in everything she does. I was particularly proud of her amazing and well thought out sentences during our writing task, where she 'uplevelled' her sentences brilliantly. Keep it up, Aya!

Maple- Values Tie: Chloe and Dale. Superstar: Destiny

Star of the week: Bethany for being a consistent ambassador of our school values and working hard to develop her learning; particularly her writing and maths work. Well done, Bethany, keep it up!

Poplar- Values Tie: Lily. Superstar: Lettie

Star of the week: Skylar - for being more confident and sharing your thoughts and ideas in class. Keep it up!

Plum- Values Tie: Siena and Danny. Superstar: Isabella

Star of the week: Mya for her fantastic swimming this week. Well done Mya!

Hawthorn- Values Tie: Ethan and Felix. Superstar: Darcey

Star of the week: Megan for a fantastic effort in all lessons, and for showing an increased confidence when asking and answering questions. Well done, keep it up!

Hazel- Values Tie: Damon and Charlotte. Superstar: Lexi

Star of the week: Margot for consistently demonstrating exemplary learning behaviours.

Beech- Values Tie: Flynn and Erin. Superstar: Willow

Star of the week: Lyra for writing a fantastic suspense story. It built tension successfully and was genuinely spooky. An author in the making!

Pine- Values Tie: Felix and Lucy. Superstar: Danny L

Star of the week: Chloe V for always having a determined attitude towards her learning and being a conscientious member of the class (and a great helper when painting our Ancient Greek pots!)

Oak- Values Tie: Poppy and Laila. Superstar: Josh

Star of the week: Ronnie for always offering to help in any way he can - it is much appreciated!

Chestnut- Values Tie: Jaden and Leo. Superstar: Ruby

Star of the week: Chloe for always putting 100% effort into every lesson, taking responsibility for her learning and setting an excellent example to others.





PTFA news

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We are on Facebook and Instagram



The next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 16th April 2024, 8pm, in the Barley Mow pub. We will be discussing the Summer Fair, as well as other agenda items so if you have any queries, please come along.

Dates and Information

Spring Family Hike

The PTFA are excited to announce that on Sunday 21st April 2024 at 10:30am we will be hiking from Horton Country Park to The Barn K9 and back to help raise money for The Royal Marsden Charity and the PTFA. At the halfway point, we will be stopping at The Barn for a picnic. If you and your family would like to partake in this event and help raise money for a worthwhile course, please complete the registration the [online registration form](#) before Friday 12th April.

Summer Celebration Committee

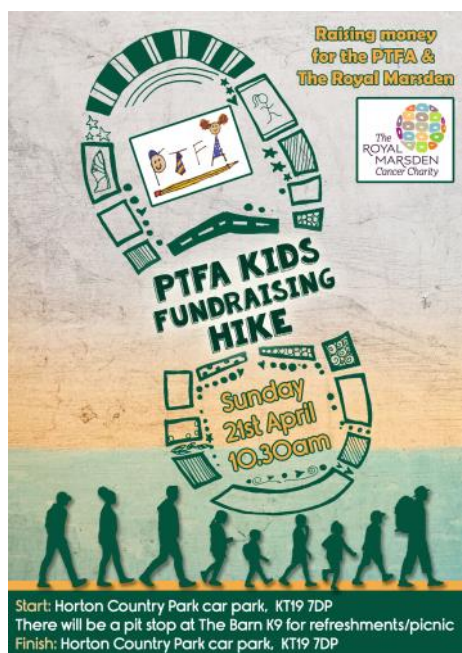
Our Summer Celebration will be held on the evening of **Friday 5th July**. We need a team to organise this from across the school. If you would be willing to help, please can you contact the PTFA. We will be holding a meeting about this on Monday 18th March at The Barley Mow pub in Epsom. Please can you let the PTFA know if you plan to attend, as if numbers are low, we will postpone.

100 Club We have a good number of sign ups for the 100 Club but are always looking for more to join the St Martin's Lottery. **How it works** - £2 per month buys you one ticket, which enters you into the monthly draw. The prize pool is 45% of the money raised each month, with the rest donated to the PTFA. A draw takes place on or around the last Friday of each month and if you win, a bank transfer will be made to your account. **NEW** - You can now buy tickets online, just click [this link](#) or scan the QR code.



If you have any questions, please contact: Alan Becken at stmartins100club@gmail.com

Funding this term We are hoping to raise money this term to pay for a playframe for the field. The amount we need to put towards this is £6,000. We hope that we can raise that money from the events and activities we carry out this term. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity to help us reach this goal.



FANCY-DRESS COSTUMES

Please donate all your unwanted dress up/fancy dress costumes to the PTFA.

Why? To create a low-cost hire service for future school dress up days.

This can include:
World Book Day dress-up
Costumes for themed days, including:
Egyptian
Stone Age
Pirate
Roman

How? All donations directly to the school office, please.

Thank you so much for your support.
St Martin's PTFA



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