



Martin News

The newsletter for the Martin School community

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Language of the Month

July's language of the month is **Afrikaans**



Thought for the month

Would the world be better if children were in charge?



What a fantastic Summer Fair it was last week! The sun shone, the choirs sang beautifully and everyone had a lovely time. Thank you so much to the MHSA for organising such a fun-filled community event.

Last week, the children in Reception to 6 took part in a cricket day organised by Highgate Cricket Club. Every class had the opportunity to learn about the sport and practise their skills and it has been great to see many of them playing matches at lunchtime. In other sporting news, I am delighted to let you know that the school has been awarded the **PLATINUM GAMES AWARD!!** Huge congratulations to the sports team for this fantastic achievement.

Please note that the governors have recently reviewed and ratified the school's PSHE Policy which can be found on the school website at: martinprimary.org.uk.

It has been lovely to see so many parents and carers enjoying the children's singing at our end of year celebrations. Our final performances for the children in Years 4 and 5 will take place next week on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively.

Finally, this week, our Year 6 children performed their version of Peter Pan and we were absolutely blown away by their acting, singing, dancing! They all performed with such confidence and it really demonstrated the fantastic progress they have made throughout their time at the school. Thank you to our Resources team who made the amazing props, to the staff who arranged, directed and supported the children and a huge well done to all the performers—what a fantastic finale for our wonderful Year 6!

I hope you have a lovely weekend. **Ziz Chater**

Barnet Youth Theatre Festival Winners!

On Thursday 2nd July the Year 4 Drama club went to the Clarion School for the Barnet Youth Theatre Festival. The day before we had gone for our tech rehearsal so we were ready to perform.

When we arrived, we were told the running order and found out that we were performing second. But, there was one last thing that we didn't know....it was a competition!! Once we knew that, we were nervous and excited at the same time. After we had eaten our dinner, it was time to perform. We went backstage and got ready. Our play, which had been based on our own idea, went really well and so did the others.

After the interval, we found out the results and were told that **WE WON!** Overjoyed and excited, we took the trophy and held it up high. Our performers were: Ruby, Phoebe, Matilda, Kimora, Yusra, Madinah, Bella, Maisie, Aisha, Lyanna, Kayla and Eva.

The next day we performed it in the year 3 and 4 assembly and they loved it!

written by Phoebe and Ruby Y4



Year 5 Football Tournament Success

On Friday 3rd July, our Year 5 boys' and girls' football teams represented Martin Primary brilliantly at the football tournament held at Bishop Douglass School.

The boys had an outstanding day, remaining unbeaten throughout the entire tournament. After a thrilling final that went all the way to a sudden-death penalty shootout, they held their nerve to become tournament champions – an incredible achievement!

The girls also performed superbly, finishing the group stage with two wins, two draws and two losses. They showed fantastic determination, teamwork and resilience in every match, making us incredibly proud.

Beyond the results, the behaviour, sportsmanship and attitude shown by every child were exceptional. They encouraged one another, respected their opponents and represented Martin Primary with pride throughout the day.

It was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the school year and we couldn't be prouder of every player.

Well done, Team Martin!

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Bikeability

For the last two weeks Year 5 have been doing a course called Bikeability.

Every class was divided into two groups. There were six groups, three went in one week and the others this week. Our instructors were called James and Richard. They were really fun and kind.

On the first two days we practised riding, swerving, signalling and gear work, it was really fun.

On the next days we rode down Creighton Avenue and did a loop back to school. We practised cycling past junctions and roundabouts.

In our opinion, Bikeability was really fun. We want to do it again!

Written by Sophia and Sophie Yr 5

We have been incredibly lucky this year to have four Bikeability courses at school for the children in Year 4 and Year 5: 102 children have taken part across the 6 classes.

The funding and instructors are organised through Cycle London to support the children with their cycling confidence and safety.

Miss Adams



Water Safety Talks

This week the children from Year 4 ,5 and 6 have had Water Safety talks in their classes.

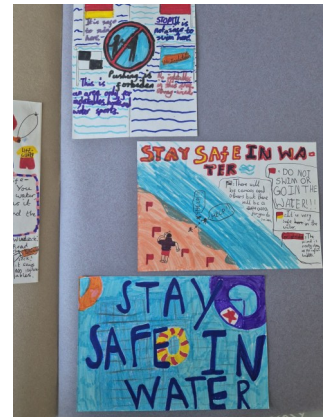
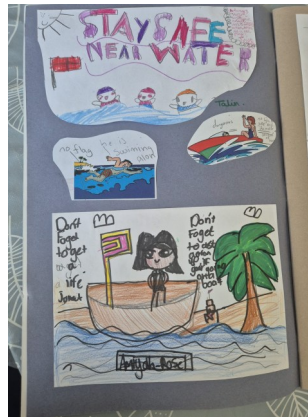
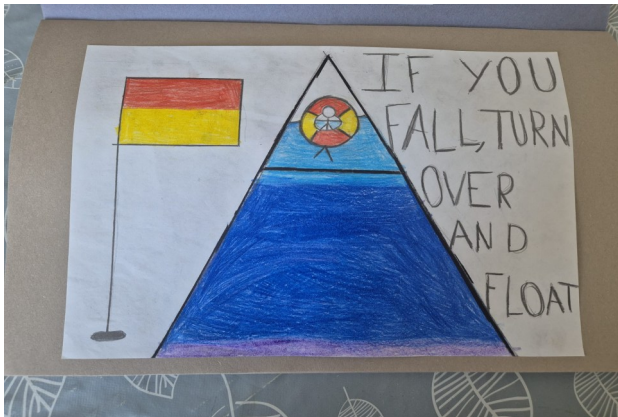
Adam Paine, the Swim Lead from Finchley Lido, visited the school to deliver a talk to reinforce the importance of being safe near water: at home and on holiday in the UK and abroad.

Martin is a Water Safe School and the children in Year 4 learn personal survival skills in their swimming lessons. They also learn about emergency action near water and how to put people in the recovery position.

Please see the information below and the attachments for reminders about how to stay safe near water.

Have a Water Safe Summer.

Miss Adams



Community News—Water Safety

Splash into summer safely!

Water activities can be fun, but staying safe is essential. As we head into the summer holidays, it's a good time to learn about staying safe in and around water. Visit our [water safety pages](#) for tips and advice for families and young people to stay safe.

Water safety for babies and young children

Always watch babies and young children when they are in or around water, including baths, paddling pools, and garden ponds. Drowning can happen silently and quickly, even in just a few centimetres of water. Follow the advice in our [water safety flyer](#) for parents of babies and young children.

Water safety for young people and adults

Please see our [swimming safety flyer](#), which is primarily intended for young people but also relevant to adults.

Learn to swim

Barnet's BETTER leisure centres offer swimming lessons and swim-safety awareness for people of all ages and abilities. For more information, please visit: www.better.org.uk/swimming

Keeping cool

For information and advice about staying well in hot weather, go to: [Heat can harm - Keeping cool in summer | Barnet Council](#)



Year 5 Lego Workshop

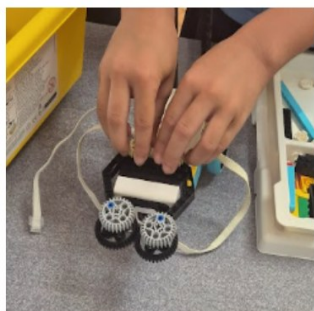
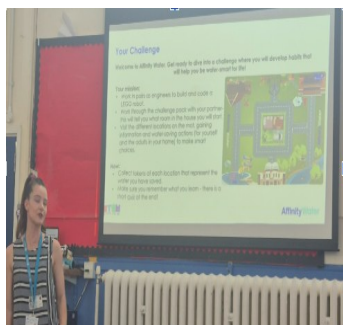
This week, Year 5 took part in a Lego workshop run by Affinity Water.

We built robots and programmed them to complete different actions so they could travel to certain locations. Each robot had sensors that could detect colours and distance. We used different maps that showed the locations and destinations we needed to program our robots to reach.

This helped Year 5 understand how to save water in a fun way. On each map, there were tokens to collect, and each token represented a different amount of water. As a class, we added up how many litres of water we saved altogether.

Our favourite part of the workshop was building the Lego robots and learning how to save water in a fun and exciting way. We have been inspired to save water for future generations and help people on Earth live in a happy, hydrated way!

By Shrihan, Arik, Manel, Lewis and Sai, Yr 5

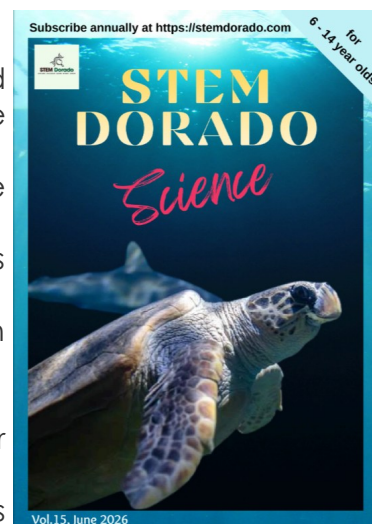


Science News: STEM Dorado Science Magazine

The Science Team are delighted to share Issue 15 of STEM Dorado Science, a free science magazine for children aged 6–14. This ocean-inspired edition is packed with fascinating stories, colourful illustrations, practical activities and ideas for protecting our planet.

Highlights include:

- The remarkable story of rescued loggerhead turtles Senza and Mabouche, and a behind-the-scenes journey through The Deep in Hull
- Inspiring young Ocean Heroes working to protect marine wildlife
- An exploration of the wonderful creatures living along Britain's rocky shores
- Life aboard research ships and the vital role of ocean phytoplankton
- A young contributor's thoughtful guide to global warming
- The science behind glowing fireflies, plant evolution, our protective gut microbiome and the hidden world of cells
- Creative STEM projects using Makey Makey, recycled materials and the BBC micro:bit
- Times-table adventures, puzzles, activities and our colourful "Save the Ocean" poster gallery



We hope this issue encourages children to explore, ask questions and discover how even small actions can create powerful waves of change.

Read and download Issue 15 here: https://online.fliphtml5.com/dqwze/SD_Science-Vol-15/
Or access all previous issues here: <https://www.stemdorado.com/resources> **The Science Team**

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 to
Monday 20th July 2026

Half term

Monday 25th May to
Friday 29th May 2026

school closed Monday 1st June, Monday 20th
July (staff training) & Monday 4th May
(bank holiday)

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026 to
Friday 18th December 2026

Half term

Monday 26th October to
Friday 30th October 2026

school closed Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd
September
(staff training)

SPRING TERM 2027

Tuesday 5th January 2027 to
Thursday 25th March 2027

Half term

Monday 15th February to
Friday 19 February 2026

school closed Monday 4th January
(staff training)

Martin Nursery



We are now inviting applications for children who will be three years old by January 2027 to join our school nursery. Rated '**Outstanding**' by Ofsted, our nursery offers a fun and engaging curriculum, including weekly sessions in our wonderful Forest School. We focus on ensuring that every child enjoys a smooth and happy transition into Reception with the skills and confidence they need to thrive throughout their primary school journey.

We offer morning, afternoon and full-day places with additional wraparound care from **7.30am to 6pm** through LBL, our excellent on-site childcare provider. LBL also runs an on-site holiday club, providing families with access to up to **49 weeks of childcare each year**.

We will be running school tours throughout the term for parents and carers who would like to learn more about the nursery and the rest of the school. If you have friends or family who may be interested, please encourage them to book a visit by **calling 0208 883 1455**.

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 14th July

Year 4 celebrations @ 9.10am

4TH Brass & Woodwind Assembly @ 9.30am approx.
in the School Hall

Wednesday 15th July

Year 5 celebrations @ 9.10am

Friday 17th July

Last day of Summer Term @ 2pm

Year 6 end of year party @ 2pm on the school field

Tuesday 1st September

Inset Day—school closed for staff training

Wednesday 2nd September

Inset Day—school closed for staff training

Thursday 3rd September

Children return to school: Y1 to Y6 inclusive and current Nursery

Monday 7th September

New Reception Stay & Play (see your welcome pack for times)

Additional dates can be found on our website at: <https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/diary/>

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