Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

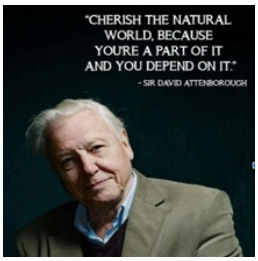
Attendance Awards

Winners of this week's class awards:

Year 1 & Year 2:	**2JL & 2LR with 100%**
Year 3 & Year 4:	**4ZC with 100%**
Year 5 & Year 6:	**5GB with 100%**

Thought for the month

How could the world change for the better?



It was so wonderful to see all the children and staff dressed up in green to support One Tree Day. Thank you to everyone who donated money to this cause, every pound donated means one tree can be planted, helping to remove CO2 from the atmosphere through global reforestation.

This week, we have also witnessed two superb class assemblies by Year 1, who spoke, sang and acted out the tale of *The Little Red Hen* with such enthusiasm. They really brought us all such joy and we are excited for the final class next week.

Finally, next Friday, 23rd October, we are once again collecting donations for the Harvest Festival, which supports our local Finchley Foodbank. We are collecting non-perishable items including oil, rice, tins of soup and pasta. If you are able to donate, our local residents who rely on this resource will be extremely grateful.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Chantal Lindenberg

Olive Dining Feedback

Olive Dining our lunchtime caterers are seeking regular feedback from our parents and carers

Please see the attached leaflet sent with this newsletter to share your thoughts and help Olive Dining to continue to improve the meals and service they provide for the children.

This week's winners

Gold Stars

1RT - Remy	4ZC – Arian
1CM– Jeva	4SR – Geo
1LK – Ada	4TH – Rana
2JL - Abdur	5AE – Jaiden
2LR - Emin	5GB – Eliza
2OD - Kento	5CF – Ailsa
3SK – Lyra	6BG – Hector
3EB - Dottie	6KB – Arik
3RT – Shabab	6WS – Emma

Rights Respecting

1RT - Sudar	4ZC - Lucille
1CM - Ayah	4SR - Lia
1LK - Daphne	4TH - Tomer
2JL - Leila	5AE - Lucas
2LR – Polina	5GB - Millay
2OD - Mika'il	5CF - Amir
3SK - Joel	6BG - Sai
3EB - Nora	6KB - Sophia
3RT - Lara	6WS - Thuwayba

Secret Superstar

Year 1	Henry 1RT
Year 2	Jack 2OD
Year 3	Liliana 3SK
Year 4	Adonis 4TH
Year 5	Lyanna 5CF
Year 6	Amelie 6BG

Finchley Foodbank Collection—Friday 23rd October

We are delighted to be supporting our local Finchley Foodbank next week with our Harvest Festival food collection, please see the poster below for the list of items they need most. We will be collecting from the Top playground at Drop off or please feel free to your donation to the office. Thank you for your support.



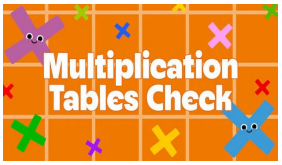
More About Martin Meetings

Join us from 9am in the portakabin

More About Martin Meetings for parents and carers; cover a wide range of topics such as school information, strategies to support your children at home, children sharing their experiences and curriculum information. They take place at 9am on the given dates and are held in the portakabin on the field (unless stated otherwise).

Friday 23rd October
Year 4 Times Tables

Information from one of our Assistant Heads and a member of our Year 4 teaching team about the Year 4 Multiple Tables Check in June and how you can support your child at home.



SEN Information

We are pleased to share details of our Sensory Workshops which start after half-term led by Sarah Brown Please do let Cathy in the Office know if you are coming so we can plan resources. All Welcome

NHS Whittington Health NHS Trust

Understanding your child's sensory needs: Three practical sessions for parents & carers

Discover simple ways to support your child's sensory needs at home. Learn practical strategies, try them between sessions and share how things have gone. **First Session led by Sarah Brown**

Session 1 – Understanding Sensory Needs - Friday 6th November

Training with Sarah Brown. Explore the eight senses, recognise signs your child may feel overwhelmed and learn ways to help at home.

Session 2 Sensory Circuits and resource pack - Friday 27th November

Explore sensory circuits: a short sequence of movement activities. Take away a resource pack with practical ideas to try at home..

Session 3 – Bringing it all together - Friday 18th December

Share what you have tried, discuss what worked and explore any challenges. Bring the ideas together to support your child at home.



Come along to all three sessions to build your understanding and try ideas between sessions.

All sessions: 9.15–10.15am

Please let Cathy in the office know you plan to come.



Street Tag—Boost your score!

A huge well done to everyone who is taking part in Street Tag. It's lovely to see our staff and families getting out and about and exploring the local area. We are still top of the leaderboard and are often Leader of the Day as well.

Here are some Street Tag codes for October to boost your score by 1,000 points for each code used:

Tag_XNDE	**Tag_TFEF**	**Tag_CWSX**	**Tag_JRWS**	**Tag_LFSI**
Tag_YZGN	**Tag_TCBY**	**Tag_OTTB**	**Tag_TLBF**	**Tag_TLBF**

Happy walking and cycling!

MHSA
Martin Home School Association

Welcome to this year's Cauliflower Cards! Your child's design can be made into a card with a holiday or birthday greeting, or any other kind of card. Designs can also be put onto mugs, notebooks, wrapping paper and gift label stickers. All purchases will increase the funds raised for the school!

Before half term, your child will bring home a large sheet of paper with an order form on one side and a blank space on the other. On the blank side please glue (not staple) on your child's design. This will hopefully be a fun project to enjoy.

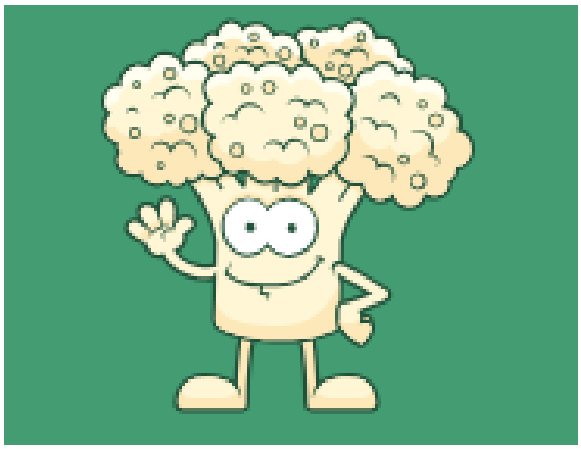
Your child can use any materials for their design… the bolder the design, the better! The Cauliflower cards website (www.cauliflowercards.co.uk) has a gallery where you can view useful examples. Please read the guidelines on the sheet carefully, important points include:

Step one: DESIGN! Make sure you choose a portrait or landscape card (look for the little trees!)

Step two: PAY - You must pay for your order online **using the unique code** on your child's form at https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/parents-shop

Step three: Please RETURN your child's card design and form to your child's teacher before the deadline of WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER – **don't forget to add their name!**

The MHSA will send all artwork off to be printed. Please remember to pay for your order online first, before you return the artwork, as the MHSA will not be able to meet the cost of your order in advance.





Community Information

Parent & Carer Q&A Session

We are delighted to share with you details of the forthcoming half-termly, online Q&A sessions we are running alongside Barnet Education and Learning Service (BELS). The flyer attached sets out the programme for the sessions but please note this is subject to change. We may also add to these sessions based on parent carer feedback and further guidance from the Department of Education on the SEND reforms.

You will have the opportunity to submit questions in advance and take part in discussion during each session. Please note that sessions will focus on general processes and updates rather than individual circumstances.

The first session will be an update on the proposed SEND reforms and the details and link are as follows:

Session 1: Introduction to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) Reforms

Wednesday 21st October at 12.00 – 1.00pm, repeated at 5.30 – 6.30pm. No sign-up required.

Joining link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3817359646329794?p=JjL46aCUZTTyCwfkIA
Meeting ID: 381 735 964 632 979 4
Passcode: W27eY2nB

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more details and booking links.

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BELS Barnet Education & Learning Service

Barnet Parent Carer Forum

Secondary Transfer—September 2027

Applications for secondary schools for all Year 6 children can now be made online via www.eadmissions.org.uk. **The closing date is 31st October 2026.**

Visit our website for full details: https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/secondary-transfer. For any help and advice please visit or call the school office.

Starting Primary School—September 2027

Children born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023** are due to start in a reception class in September 2027. Applications can now be made online via **www.eadmissions.org.uk. The closing date is 15th January 2027.**

Visit our website for full details: **https://www.martinprimary.org.uk/admissions/.**

AUTUMN TERM 2026	SPRING TERM 2027	SUMMER TERM 2027
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)	**Tuesday 5th January 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027** **Half term** Monday 15th February to Friday 19 February 2027 school closed Tuesday 5th January (staff training)	**Monday 12th April 2027 to Thursday 22nd July 2027** **Half term** Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027 school closed Monday 12th April, Monday 7th June (staff training) & Monday 3rd May (bank holiday)

Dates for your diary



w/c Monday 19th October	ILP meetings with relevant parents & carers
Monday 19th October	**5AE** trip to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 20th October	**5CF** trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 21st October	9.05am **1RT** Harvest Festival class assembly for parents & carers
	5GB trip to Kew Gardens
Friday 23rd October	9am More about Martin meeting—Year 4 times table tests

Half Term: 26th October to 30th October inclusive

Monday 2nd November	**4TH** trip to the Guildhall
Tuesday 3rd November	**4ZC** trip to the Guildhall
Thursday 5th November	Individual school photos
Friday 6th November	9am More about Martin meeting—RE Curriculum
	4SR trip to the Guildhall
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day assemblies
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
w/b 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th November	Parent/carer meetings with teachers for **Nursery to Y6**
Friday 20th November	9am More about Martin meeting—Year 1 phonics screening
Wednesday 2nd December	9.05am **2OD** Christmas celebration for parents/carers
Friday 4th December	9am **Year 5 & 6** Parent/Carer Forum in the school hall
Tuesday 8th December	9.05am **2JL** Christmas celebration for parents/carers
Thursday 10th December	9.05am **2LR** Christmas celebration for parents/carers
Friday 11th December	9.05am **Reception** Christmas singalong for parents/carers
Tuesday 15th December	9am & 1pm **Nursery** Christmas singalongs for parents/carers
	6.30pm Christmas concert
Thursday 17th December	Christmas lunch and class parties
Friday 18th December	**Last day of term: school closes at 2pm**
Tuesday 5th January	**School closed for staff training**
Wednesday 6th January	**Children return to school for the spring term**

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

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