



MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8th December 2023



HIGHLIGHTS

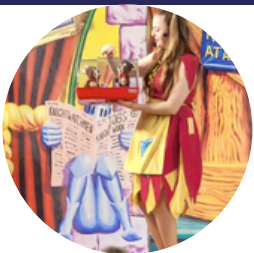
Learning – In the classroom

Exciting events around the school

Art Gallery

This week has seen some exciting events around the school to start the festive season. From Panto to Christmas jumper day, the children have been enjoying these whilst still involved in some fantastic learning that you can read about this below.

Cinderella Visits Early Years and Key stage 1



The younger children in school were treated to the pantomime story of Cinderella on Monday of this week. They booed, cheered and sang along to the songs, whilst enjoying a wonderful show.

Nursery – The First Christmas



Nursery have been looking at the Nativity story this week. They have been acting out their own versions of the story in the small world area of the classroom and have been understanding some of the symbolism that we use around this time.

They have also been practicing their Sign language skills for their performance during the upcoming stay and play.



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Year 3 – Portal to the Past Stone Age

As part of their stone age topic, the year three children have been immersed in a full portals to the past day. They have been learning about life in the stone age and handling fossils that are all between 20000 to 50000 years old. They include a woolly mammoth's tooth, rib and tusk, a bear paw, a sabre tooth tiger's tooth, an Elk antler, a bison jaw bone and and auroch's thigh bone.

Year 5 – Rocket Scientist Visit

The year 5 children have been studying 'space' and enjoyed a visit from a rocket scientist working at Airbus who told them all about the work that is going on in their own town. He then held a workshop where the children made and launched rockets.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

This Thursday was both Christmas Jumper Day and the school Christmas lunch. The Staff and children enjoyed their turkey (or quorn) lunch with all the regular trimmings whilst enjoying Christmas songs. It was made even more festive by the wearing of many spectacular Christmas jumpers. There was even a fleeting visit from the Grinch, but the smiles and happiness drove him away. If you wish to donate then please go to our Just giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/martins-wood-1701348888084?newPage=true>

Year 4 – Science of sound

In Year 4, we have been studying sound and how we can muffle it using different materials. We recently conducted an experiment using household items such as cling film, foil and sponge. The children had a fantastic time creating their shakers and using the sound log boxes to measure the decibels being produced.

Christmas Baubles

Last call for Christmas baubles that will have your child's name and class written on them. These will be displayed on the main Christmas tree and brought home at the end of term. If you would like to purchase one it will be £1 and available to purchase on ParentMail. Please be aware Payments will close at 3:30pm on the 8th December.



Diary Dates

FOMW Winter wonderland

Fri 8th December

Christmas performances

Week beginning 11th December

EYFS stay and play

Mon 18th December

Reception 9:10- 10:10

Nursery 10:30-11:30

Saplings 10:30 -11:30

or 2:00 to 3:00

End of term -2pm

Wed 20th December

New Term Begins

Mon 8th January 2024

EYFS tour

9:30 AM Tuesday 9th January

Parents Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February

February Half Term

Mon 19th February - Fri 23rd February 2024

Book Fair

Begins Thursday 29th February

Art Club – Yayoi Kusama

WHO IS YAYOI KUSAMA?

Don't adjust your screens or rub your eyes...the dots you are about to experience are art!
Welcome to the weird and wonderful world of Yayoi Kusama

Tate Kids



The children who have been attending Art Club this term have been inspired by the work of Yayoi Kusama. They have been immersing themselves in the artist's fantasy world and have used different colour media to produce their artwork. They have been introduced to the concepts of compositional distribution and formal proportional portrait techniques. They then used all this information this to produce some of the wonderful personal response that you can see here.



Spring Term Clubs

Just a quick reminder that the Spring Term clubs letter has been sent out via ParentMail. Next term we will have the following clubs available : Football, Multi-sports, Gymnastics, (y1234), Pop Lacrosse (y5,6) Dance (y3-6), Book Club (y1-3) and Art Club (y4-6)



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.