



MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30th November 2023



HIGHLIGHTS

Learning – In the classroom

Charity updates

Reminders

Although there is only 1 month to go and plenty of great events on the horizon, the children are still involving themselves in some fantastic learning experiences. Please make sure you keep a view of all our communications to get the most up to date news.

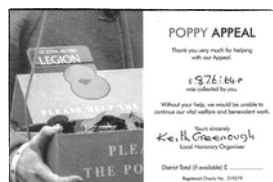
Year 1– English

On Monday, Year 1 had a special 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' day to launch their new writing unit. The children were able to bring in their teddies and during the day, created a number of teddy related pieces. They have used these toys to inspire their writing and collage art learning. During the afternoon, they made special sandwiches with either jam, honey or marmalade which they enjoyed in an afternoon picnic tea.



British Legion Poppy Appeal

We would like to thank all those that purchased either a poppy or a piece of puppy merchandise. As a school, we managed to raise an amazing £876.64 for the Royal British Legion.



Saplings – Story books

Our youngest children have been sharing a story in the book corner. They were spending time looking at the books and telling each other about the stories. They were also practicing waiting, taking turns and turning pages one at a time.



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Year 1 – Art



As part of their 'Fabulous Faces' art unit, the Year 1 children have been looking at portraits and using the artistic technique of collage to add effects and detail. They took the Mona Lisa and used colour and collage to give her a Martins Wood make over. Some children added extra detail to her hair as well as giving her some nice jewelry to wear.



Year 5 – Computing



The Year 5 children have been using the software program 'Scratch' to code their own interactive elements animations, and games. They have been learning how to make a quiz using an algorithm and variables to keep score. The children have also been practicing how to debug their coding to make sure the interactive quiz works pro. If your children want to use this software at home to practice their coding skills then it is free and available at <https://scratch.mit.edu>

Bobbie-Anne Donates Hair



Bobbie-Anne, one of our Year 5 pupils has undergone a generous transformation and donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust who provide free real hair wigs to children who are undergoing cancer treatment. She has had approximately 25cms cut off and should be very proud of herself. The school applauds you!



Christmas Lunch



On the 7th of December it is not only Christmas jumper day but there is also the chance for your child to enjoy a Christmas lunch. If you would like your child to have a meal please order on the School Grid by Monday 4th December. If your child is wearing their Christmas jumper and you wish to donate then please go to our Just giving link <https://www.justgiving.com/page/martins-wood-1701348888084?newPage=true>

Diary Dates

School Closed (Occasional Day)

Fri 1st of December

Pantomime visit for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Mon 4th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Thur 7th December

FOMW Winter wonderland

Fri 8th December

Christmas performances

Week beginning 11th December

EYFS stay and play

Mon 18th December

End of term -2pm

Wed 20th December

New Term Begins

Mon 8th January 2024

February Half Term

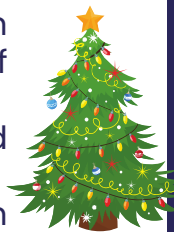
Mon 19th February - Fri 23rd February 2024

Christmas Baubles

We are once again selling 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 that Payments will close on 8th December at 3.30.



PE Kit reminder

Can you please check your child's PE kit bag has a full PE kit ready for PE learning. There may be times that they are outside and therefore it is important that they have the correct items available.

Your child needs: A pair of navy shorts and A yellow t shirt, A navy sweatshirt and Jogging bottoms, and a suitable pair of trainers that they can change into.

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Free Preloved Clothes, Toys and Books Event

Please come along to Soulsister's event at:

Bedwell Community Centre

Bedwell Cres, Stevenage SG1 1NA

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2-5PM

Please come and take anything your family needs, free of charge.

Men Women and Children Clothes

Shoes, Toys and Books

If you would like to make a donation please speak to one of the volunteers.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/309691077461921/?ref=share>



Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals

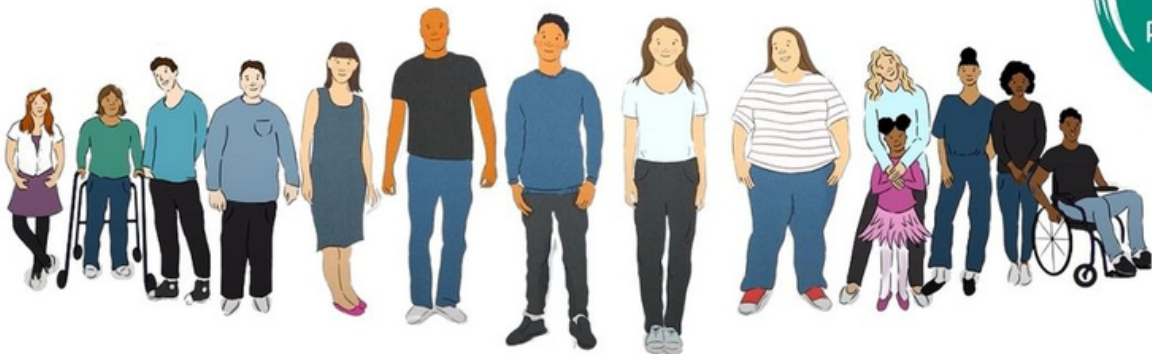
We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
- Anxiety
- School

No
Diagnosis
Required

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people

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Parent, Carer
or
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**Open Monday-Friday
9 AM - 1PM**



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- Give updates/
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- Recommend
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Here to support, reach out for a listening ear

