



MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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It has been a busy week with the children settling into the new year and achieving some fantastic results. We have also been involved in some life saving training, magical reading and the nursery children gave a nod to Mary Poppins (but we did not charge them 'tuppence a bag')! The Pupil Ambassadors have also been busy leading an assembly and launching an art competition.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Learning - Around the school**
- **Workshop and assembly**
- **Dates for your diaries**

Nursery - Winter and Chinese New Year topics



As part of their 'Winter' topic last week, the children made bird feeding 'Fat Balls' that they took home to feed the birds in their gardens. A pupil noticed that we had quite a bit left and asked 'Can we feed the birds at school as well?' We therefore went for walk on Thursday into the wildlife area and spread the remaining food all around. They have also started their Chinese New Year topic. They have been learning about all the different elements involved in the festival from Dragon dances, cleaning the house to get rid of bad and bring in the good luck and the lantern festival at the end. They have been making and decorating lanterns and using their maths skills to put repeating patterns on a dragon.



Year 5 - CPR Workshop

The pupils in Year 5 attended a CPR and lifesaving skills workshop on Friday morning. It was delivered by a local charity called DiPP (defibrillators in public places) and was arranged as part of 'Love Your Heart Month'. They have learnt about the first aid acronym D.R.S.A.B.C.D; how to put people in the recovery position, how to use a defibrillator and practiced giving CPR.



Year 4 – English



In Year 4 English this week, everything has been a bit magical and mysterious as they began to explore the story of Aladdin. The children have had great fun pretending to be Aladdin creeping into the cave and used a range of grammatical techniques to create some brilliant descriptions.

Year 1 – Celebrate ‘Draw a Dinosaur Day’

Tuesday was national ‘draw a dinosaur day’ so after Year 1 had read the story ‘Mad About Dinosaurs’ by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz, they had a go at drawing their own dinosaurs.



School Ambassadors – Inclusion Assembly and Picture competition

This week the school ambassadors led assembly on inclusivity and asked the children to design and create a picture under the title of ‘One School Many Hearts’. The children can use any artistic style and mediums. Themes discussed included friendship, togetherness, community and teamwork. The Ambassadors will help select some winners from across each phase and we look forward to seeing all your creativity and imagination. Good luck – entries close next Wednesday.



Year 1 – Geography

To showcase their learning about London, Year 1 created a 3D map to show some of the human and physical features you might see. They collaborated in groups to build a model to represent a key landmark from around London and then placed them along the River Thames to help people find their way around the city. I wonder what famous landmarks you can find?



Diary Dates

Parents Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February

February Half Term
Mon 19th February - Fri 23rd February 2024

Year 6 STEM Center Visit
Friday 28/29 th February

Book Fair
Begins Thursday 29th February

World Book Day
Thursday 7th March

End of Term
Thursday 28th March - 2:00pm

Year 5 – WOW learning!

At Martins Wood we like to celebrate when our pupils produce some truly outstanding learning outcomes. Erin in Year 5 was using charcoal to create this portrait. She has managed to draw this without once leaving the paper – well done Erin!

