



MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th February 2024



HIGHLIGHTS

- Learning – Around the school
- Key future events and other Dates for your diaries

Saturday is the start of Chinese New Year festival to mark the start of the Year of the Dragon; this week we have had our own dragons loose in the school! In this newsletter we have quite a few reminders of future events so please make sure you put all the relevant dates in your diaries.

Year 3 – RE and Geography

As part of our RE topic about religious symbols, we learnt the story of Brother Giovanni's Little Reward. He was an Italian monk that was a master baker. He made a new type of salted bread to help the children learn their prayers. The twist is to remind the children to cross their arms when they pray. We used salt dough to make our own pretzels! They were too sour to eat, but we did get some ready made pretzels to try. Most of us thought they were delicious!

AS part of their Geography topic 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles' the children have been looking at different aspects such as the different layers of the Earth and Plate tectonics. They discussed how a volcano is formed and then labelled and built their own volcanoes.

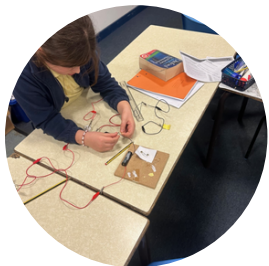


Year 6 – Science

Year 6 have been exploring circuits and components. We have been investigating the affect that voltage has on different components. We tested if it would affect the brightness of a bulb or the loudness of a buzzer.

Times Table Rock Stars

All the children in years two to six should now have their log ins and this week the Year 6 have successfully launched their attack on Times Tables Rock Stars! The next step for the children will be to see if they can beat the teachers...a tough ask!



Football Result



On Monday, the Year 5 and 6 football team had a game versus Longmeadow. It was a close game and both teams had great opportunities. Although Martins Wood took the lead and had many chances they could not unfortunately find the equaliser and it ended up 3-2 to Longmeadow.

Nursery – Chinese New Year

This week the Nursery children have been celebrating the Chinese New Year. They have been learning about the story of how the years were named after different animals. They celebrated on Friday with their own festival day that included dancing a dragon dance and having some Chinese food. They also went home with a lucky chocolate coin.



Future events

Next Tuesday and Thursday are parents consultation evenings where we will be able to discuss your child's progress. Whilst you are here we would like to invite you to look at the wonderful displays around the school showing some of the children's learning. HCL (catering company) will also be providing samples for you try in the entrance foyer.

Parents Evening

This year "World Book Day" is on the 7th of March and we are planning some very exciting events for the day. The usual 'Book Fair' will be open after school from Friday 1st March until Wednesday 6th.

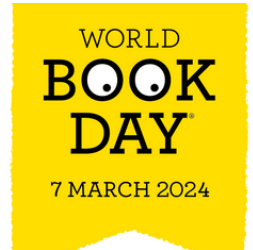
What is the most unusual place that you have read a book? We will also be holding a competition for children reading in unusual places.

We would also like for the children to come into school as their favourite book character and if they wish to bring that book in to share with the class.

Parents are being invited join their children and 'Read along' with them. To allow you to get to all your children these will be at different times across the afternoon.

We are also excited to host the Mayor for a whole school assembly.

World Book Day



Diary Dates

Parents Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 13th and Thursday
15th February

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

Theme lunch days

Chinese new year
Tue 27th February
World book day
Thurs. 7th March

Book Fair
Begins Thursday 29th February

World Book Day
Thursday 7th March

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

School Lunch Theme Days



We have sent out details of the theme days for some of the special days that we are having next half term. On 27/02/24 to celebrate Lunar New Year and on 07/03/24 for World Book Day, the kitchen will be preparing special menus. If you wish for your child to have a school dinner on these day then please make your choices on the herts grid.

Measles

We have been asked by Public Health Hertfordshire to let parents know that Measles cases in the UK have been rising since November 2023 and that the vaccination is the best protection. They have asked us to tell you that if your children have not had both of the MMR vaccine jabs, then please get in touch with your GP practice to book an appointment.