



# MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

16th February 2024



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Sporting success
- Learning around the school
- The new learning on our display boards
- Dance club performance

It's been a busy final week of the half term. Parent/Carer consultations this week has hopefully given you a chance to wander around the school and see the great examples of learning showcased on our display boards. We have news of sporting success, the dance club performances and of course learning that has happened around the school. We wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term break and look forward to seeing you on the 26th of February.

## Year 2 – Art

Year 2's final piece of art from their art unit 'Flower Head' was to create a sculpture inspired by the Japanese contemporary artist Yayoi Kusama. They focused on shape, form and texture when creating their art pieces using clay. They have then painted the pieces in the pop art style that the artist is renowned for. Here are a few of their final pieces.



## Reception – Maths and Literacy Celebrating Pancake Day



The children in our Reception classes have been learning all about Shrove Tuesday or as you may know it 'Pancake Day'. On Monday, they read and followed a recipe to make pancakes. They measured out the ingredients and talked about how the different items change when they are mixed together to form the batter. On Tuesday, they got to eat pancakes, choosing between either chocolate sauce, lemon and sugar or just plain.

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## Badminton Competition – Prize Winners!

This week 6 of our year 4 pupils attended a 'Stevenage Sporting futures' Badminton competition. The winning performance is best summed up by one of the competitors 'Teddy'. We are very proud of all of them!



From the moment I got to Barnwell, I was stood with my friends. When we saw the other schools, I felt nervous but when I saw the activities, I wanted to get started straight away! We did 12 different stations with different Badminton skills. We were voted for by each station leader and we got the most votes! The team also won a bear for self-belief!

## Times Table Rock Stars

This week was the first week that we were able to award certificates for the children's efforts with their times tables rock stars. The awards are given for how quickly the children answer the tables questions or for their progress over time. Some of the children can now call themselves either a times table legend, a times table star or a times tables hero.



## Children's learning around the school



## Diary Dates

February Half Term

Mon. 19th February - Fri. 23rd February 2024

Y6 STEM Visit - Wed. 28th - Thur. 29th February 20 Feb

Theme lunch days - Chinese new year - Tue. 27th February

World book day - Thurs. 7th March

Book Fair Begins Thurs. 29th February

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School ambassadors (Houses of Parliament) Commonwealth day - Monday 11th March

Science week - 11th - 15th March

Year 3 sleepover - Friday 22nd March

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

Inset day - 15th April

In school Swimming - begins 16th April

## Dance club

The dance club have had only 4 sessions but have managed to put together a short routine. They were able to perform this to their families and some of our younger children.



## Playgrounds – before/after school

Could we please request that children do not play with any equipment, including balls, on the playground before or after school. We have had a few near misses recently; thank you for your support in ensuring everyone's safety at these times.



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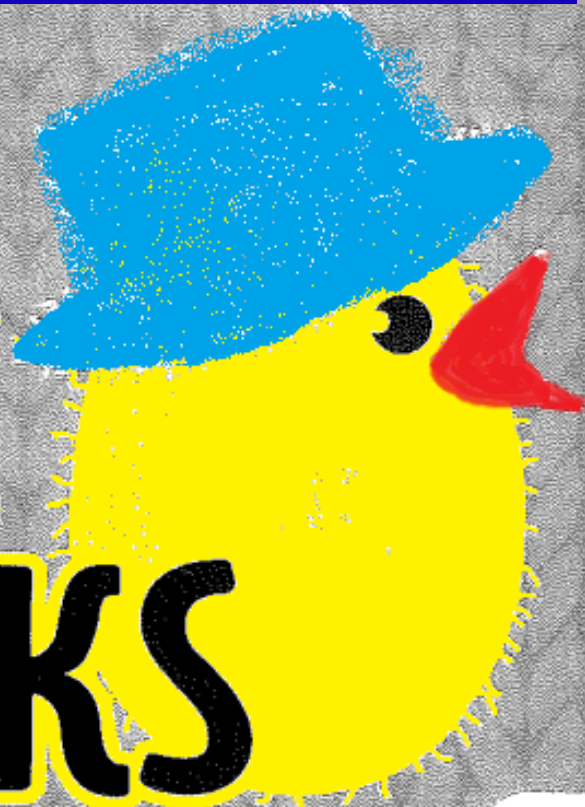


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