



MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

8th March 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- World Book Day
- Learning around the school
- Competition winners
- Future events

It has been a very exciting week at Martins Wood! On Thursday it was topped off with a fabulous 'World Book Day' which involved many different costumes, events and activities including a visit from the Mayor of Stevenage!

Year 5 - Design Technology

As part of the Year 5 Design Technology project, the children have been learning about pneumatics. They have been learning about the forces that can be developed and were using syringes as part of a pneumatic system. They explored compressed air within balloons as well as using 5, 10 and 20ml syringes to exert a force. They are working towards a final product that will involve making a moving person or creature.

Nursery - Growing

The nursery children have started their growing topic this week and have been planting some runner beans. They have been learning what is needed to help plants grow and what we need to do to look after them. They have then enjoyed planting their own beans and are looking forward to watching them grow over the next few weeks. The children have also been using their fine motor skills to produce a springtime garden that they will gift to someone special.

Phonics Workshop

In June, all children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will undertake a Phonics Screening Check. This is a national test of the children's ability to read and decode a series of words. If you would like to find out more and how you can best support your child then please attend an informative face to face session with Mrs Clark on Wed. 13th March at 9.00am. Alternatively, please join Mrs Clark online on Wednesday 13th March at 5pm. More information and a link will be sent nearer the time.

Art Club – Peter Blake

Art club have been exploring photo montage . We have learned about Peter Blake, an amazing British artist known for his experiments with collage and photo montage and famous for the cover album of Sgt. Pepper, the Beatles. They learned about the creative process involved in this type of art media.

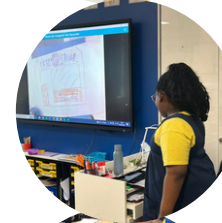
Observation-Selection- Collection-Restart – Prepare and Execute



Y4 – Maths and English

In Year 4, the children have been looking at a text called 'The Lost Thing.' The children have enjoyed seeing and hearing this story unfold and have had to create their own radio adverts in search for 'The Lost Thing'. It was wonderful to hear so many radio jingles created in the background whilst the children read their adverts to an audience.

In Maths, children have been developing their understanding of decimal places with the help of their prior knowledge on fractions. In doing so, children are starting to recognise the value of decimal points and when and how to use them.



Diary Dates

School ambassadors (Houses of Parliament) Commonwealth Celebration-

Monday 11th March

STEM week - **11th - 15th March**

SATS virtual Workshop (y6) **Tue. 12th March 4:30pm**

Year 3 sleepover - **Friday 22nd March**

EYFS Stay and Play - **Tue. 26th March**

Rec 9.10, Nurs 10.30, Sap 10.30 & 2

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

Inset day - **15th April**

In school Swimming - **begins 16th April**

Birthday treats

We were recently visited by Viv Hammond, a Safeguarding consultant and trainer, who carried out a whole school audit. As part of our discussions on the day, we have been advised that due to the severity of allergies, we should no longer be giving out food as part of birthday celebrations. This will come into effect on Monday 11th March 2024.

We kindly ask that food items or sweets from home are not sent in to school for distribution, from this date onwards.

Thank you very much for your support.

World Book day

The children and staff celebrated World Book day in their favourite character costumes and were visited by the Mayor of Stevenage in a special assembly. We would like to thank our whole school community; all the children, staff members and visiting dignitaries who dressed up; all the adults and carers who supported their child by helping with character costumes and by coming in to school that afternoon and reading with your child. We really appreciate your efforts to make this World Book Day extra special.



Early years

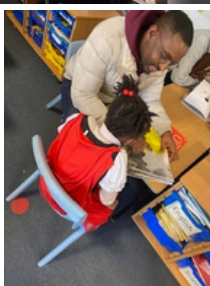


Thank you so much for such a fantastic morning. Please give my thanks to all.
Message from the mayor after her visit

Mayoral Visit



Read along with parents



Our children and staff



Competition winners



Wilf - Apple



Madison- Cherry



Oliver - Hawthorn



Lottie - Pear