



MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

15th March 2024



HIGHLIGHTS

- **STEM Week- Learning around the school**
- **Visits to and away from the school**
- **Sporting achievements**

It's been another very busy week at Martins Wood! We have had a week full of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and of course some other learning as well. Our School Ambassadors have represented the school twice this week at both a local and national level and some of our other pupils have taken part in a few different sporting events. We have even had time to launch our new website!

Stem Competition



This week, the children have been taking part in a local competition run by Stempoint who are an educational charity trying to engage children in STEM. The children were tasked with making a tree out of just 4 pieces of scrap paper using only folding and cutting techniques - no glue or tape allowed. There have been some great designs with winners to be decided and put forward to the next round, early next week.

Stevenage Schools Parliament

On Thursday morning, two of our Ambassadors joined other school representatives at the Stevenage Schools Parliament. They spoke professionally and eloquently on the schools achievements and promoted what Martins Wood is doing to make our environment better. They have also spoken and contributed their ideas on what summer activities could be offered by the town's council.



STEM Visitors

This week the children of Martins Wood have been visited (either in person or over teams) by a whole host of wonderful volunteers from a wide range of different STEM industries. We have had a radiographer, biomedical scientist, oil engineer, and Artic researcher as well as representatives from Airbus and technology company Konica Minolta. We have even been involved in live lessons with the NFU. All these events have inspired the children and given them insight into the many different aspects involved in STEM. We would like to thank all of those volunteers from our wider school community for giving up their time.



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Sporting Competitions

Eight of our Year 5 children have competed in a Stevenage Sporting Futures handball competition this week. The team performed exceptionally well finishing in second place. We are really proud of how well they represented Martins Wood.



A virtual Stevenage speed stacking tournament has also been taking place this week with some of our Year 4 demonstrating their dexterity. We will be finding out next week how they have got on.

We have also 2 football results to announce with the girls on Tuesday having a successful outing against Fairlands winning 1-0 and the boys last Friday losing 2-0 against Giles. Well done to both teams involved.

Ambassadors Visit Westminster Abbey

On Monday, the Ambassadors went into London to be present at the Commonwealth Day service that was attended by Queen Camilla and Prince William. They enjoyed traveling into London and seeing some of the world famous sights on the way. They then went into Westminster Abbey for the service. One of our ambassadors Chloe (y5) has written an account of the service below:



"When the service started, I noticed that the Abbey was massive and that there were so many people inside. There was some lovely music but then it became really loud. There was a large parade of many many people and a really large choir dressed in red gowns and then the Royals arrived. We saw Queen Camilla and Prince William. We sang some hymns and said some prayers from different countries. Eventually we sang a last hymn while all the important people left. I think I was caught on TV in the audience. It was busy, but the day was amazing."

Outside Achievements

Teddie in Year 6 recently competed in a national Dance championships with The Warriorz Dance School.

She did fantastically well to compete in the solos, quads and duo events that happened over a long weekend. She finished highly in every category but did especially well in the duos where she came second with her partner Lordina. She has admitted that it was an exhausting weekend but she should be very proud of herself. Well Done Teddie!



Diary Dates

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

Sapling closed (polling day) - Thurs. 2nd May

Just some of the many STEM Learning activities around the school



Year 2 time hunt and clock making



Year 3 working engineering with pendulums



Year 1 designing cars and making towers



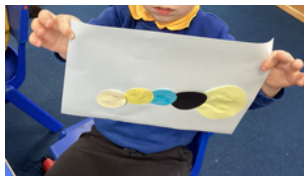
Reception tasting and painting fruit



Early years plants and Mini Beasts



Year 5 preparing, cooking and eating soup



Swimming

Just a quick reminder that swimming lessons will be starting next term. The swimming pool is being delivered during Easter and if you have not yet paid the payment option is still open on ParentMail. If you could log on and make payment as soon as possible, we would really appreciate it.



New Website Launched

We have a whole new look to our website. Please visit the site to keep up to date with information you may need. There are even some new new photos and videos to enjoy!

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