



# MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28th March 2024



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Sleepover
- Stay and Play
- Violin concert
- Learning around the school
- Congratulations

The last newsletter of the term and we are looking forward to hopefully enjoying some nicer spring weather over the coming couple of weeks. We have had a wonderful Year 3 sleepover, welcomed our Early Years community to 'Stay and Play' and an after school Easter Egg hunt hosted by FOMW. There has also been a fantastic performance and of course some other great learning around the school. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

## Early Years Stay and Play

It was our pleasure to welcome the Early Years parents and carers into school to 'Stay and Play' with their children. They were able to join their child in some Easter activities such as weaving and decorating of eggs to Easter wreaths and egg hunts. It was great to see the children showing their adults what they can achieve.



## Year 3 Sleepover

The year 3 children experienced their first ever sleepover in school on Friday of last week. The experience was something we don't think they will forget quickly. After Pizza, ice lollies and popcorn with a film, they settled down into their beds. Then it was lights out and (most of them) slept well! The children then woke up as the sun came up (approx. 5:30am) and readied themselves for the day. After a small breakfast, they were picked up and went home smiling. A wonderful experience all around!



## Violin Concert

This week, some of our Year 4 children shared their violin learning over the last 7 weeks. They firstly explained about the different ways they can play the instrument and then went on to play a 'Violin Boogie'. It was a brilliant performance - well done!



## Year 5 - Design Technology



The children have been looking at a project that teaches them about pneumatic systems and the uses of air pressure. They have been experimenting with pneumatics before designing, making and evaluating a pneumatic machine that performs a useful function.

## Year 2 - Maths

Year 2 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They explored the properties of the shapes today and predicted whether the 3D shapes would make a freestanding tower using the faces. The children then built the towers to test them.



## Dance Club

The dance club have been dancing back in time. They have been learning some old school rock and roll. Today they performed to Bill Haley and the Comets 'See you Later alligator', to their parents. They have shown they can rock around the clock! Great show dance club!

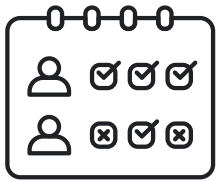


## Swimming



Our swimming lessons start on the first week back when it will be the turn of Years 5 and 6. Lesson will be going on all day and we ask that if your child is in the first lesson of the day at 9:05 they arrive at 8:50 so that we can get them started on time. Many thanks for your support!

## Why is good attendance important?



Statistics show that pupils with good attendance achieve well in school. Children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. Children who attend regularly find their learning more satisfying and have fewer gaps in their knowledge. A child that achieves below 90% for their primary school life loses the equivalent of 1 whole year of learning

## Antibiotic or other medicines

We have had several incidents this week with antibiotics coming into school in lunchboxes, small glass bottles and pre-drawn doses in a Tupperware box for children to take, all unlabelled. All Medicines must always come into school via the office and be given by a parent/guardian to either the office or our school health manager thus making sure that they are securely and properly stored and administered



## The Friends of Martins Wood

The friends of Martins Wood held their Easter Hunt this week and are holding a further 2 events next term. They are holding a Bingo night (27th April) and a summer picnic (8th May), so please keep an eye on parent mail for further details.



## Kids Eat for Free

Hertfordshire county council have rounded up a list of places to eat this Spring school holiday where your kids can eat for less or even for free! Please visit -

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/kids-eat-free-easter>

## Diary Dates

Inset day - 15th April

In school Swimming - begins 16th April

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

Key stage 2 SATs (with breakfast) Week beg. Mon. 13th May



# Congratulations

## Our New Values Medals

This term we have introduced our new 'Values' medals for children that over the whole term have shown our three core values. Three children from each class were awarded their medals in our celebration assembly this morning. A very large well done to all those children who have shown such wonderful behaviours over the whole term.



## Year 4 Speed-Stackers

The team of Year 4 speed-stackers have been off competing in a Stevenage speed-stacking competition. They performed extremely well and won a whole host of medals. They have definitely shown our PRIDE values and their hard work has paid off with the very large amount of medals that they won. The Team was Luca, Mikolaj, Adan, Ollie, Stanley, Grace, Lily, Savannah and Imogen. A fantastic effort and we are very proud of their achievements.



1st -individual



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1st - Boys Relay



2nd-individual



2nd -The team of 8 relay



3rd -Girls relay



3rd -individual

## House winners - Suffolk



The winners of this terms house prize was Suffolk. They had a visit from Paddington and shared how they earned their house points before having a disco to celebrate their success!



## Other Sporting Competition

The Year 5&6 girls football team had a football match against Roebuck school, losing 3-0. The game was competitive and two evenly matched teams played out a wonderful spectacle. A big well done to all involved.

