



NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th February 2025

IN THE CLASSROOM SAPLINGS

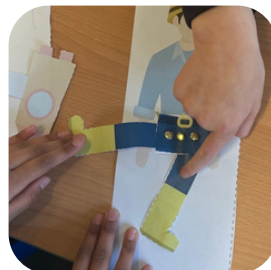
In Saplings we have been learning about the theme "Long ago". For our two/three year olds this has been looking back on when we were babies. Parents/carers provided photographs, the children spent time adding these to cut outs linked to items used as a baby such as a bottle and a pram. This sparked lots of conversations, some children were easy to identify others trickier. "I was in mummy's tummy, then I popped out" "mummy had Declan in her tummy"

These pictures are now on the wall where we can all look and share.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been busy with their Design & Technology lessons this week! They have been exploring machines and mechanisms, creating their own working mechanism models.



YEAR 5

Year Five have been exploring seasonality and soup tasting as an introduction to their Design and Technology unit. They considered the appearance, texture, and taste of different soups while discussing what seasonality means and its benefits. Through this, they learned how using seasonal ingredients can enhance flavour, support sustainability, and reduce costs. This hands-on experience will help them as they move on to designing their own soups.



ART COMPETITION

At the end of 2024 children were encouraged to take part in an art competition led by Stevenage Borough Council to regenerate one of the underpasses in Stevenage. The Winners from Martins Wood are:

Peter Mayall - Photomontage inspired by Peter Blake, theme "Tree of Life"

Noah O'Reilly - Illustration based on the concept of Tree of Life through several artists

Liberty Piper - Tree of Life inspired by Cecil Collins and the "Artist as a Tree Lecture of Paul Klee"

Hannah Goode - Tree as a Muse , inspired by Cecil Collins

Liberty Piper - Colour Vibration exercise , from Geometric -Organic colour Theory

Their artwork will form part of a larger display for everyone to admire. Well done!



Green - Board with dog & tree



Green - Tree & Characters ENLARGE



Multi-coloured - Bird & Tree ENLARGE



Multi-coloured - Character Tree and Lines ENLARGE



Multi-coloured - Coloured patches ENLARGE (check orientation)



White - Bright cityscape ENLARGE



White - Rainbow and Sun and Sky ENLARGE

Maximus UK are delighted to share that, due to the fantastic response to their Fussy Eating Masterclass, they will be running it again on Thursday, 6th March 2025, from 6-7 pm. Please see the attached leaflet for more details!

20mph in Chells & St Nicholas – have your say

We're consulting about a 20mph zone in the Chells ward and part of St Nicholas in Stevenage . The proposed 20mph zone aims to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle by creating a lower speed environment.

We would like to hear from the school community including parents and carers. There are three separate surveys covering different areas.

See the proposals and take part in the surveys 'Proposed 20MPH Zone, Chells...' on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/consultations or use the QR code. The surveys are open until 17 March 2025.

More information is available at <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/20mph>.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

27th February - 4th March - Book Fair

6th March - World Book Day

28th March - Non-Uniform Day (Easter Egg donations)

4th April - End of Term 2pm finish

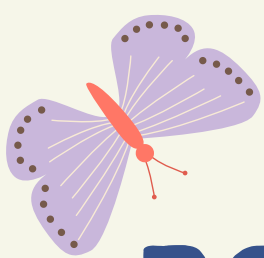
FOMW East Egg Hunt 2pm

Whole school attendance is currently 94.4%

Remember to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day and on time.

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BOOK FAIR

27TH FEB - 4TH MAR

WORLD BOOK DAY

6TH MARCH

We will be holding a competition for children reading in unusual places. There will be a prize for each phase of the school.

Please email admin@martinswood.herts.sch.uk or print pictures of your child reading in unusual places and hand to their class teacher. All entries must be in school by 9am on Wednesday 5th March 2025.

We invite the children to come to school dressed as their favorite book character and, if they'd like, bring the book to share with their class.

Parents you are invited to join your children at the end of the day on Thursday 6th March for an in class 'Read along' session with them. The 'Read along' session is between 3-3.20pm (Nursery am 11.30am -11.45am.) Parents please enter via classroom door/closest accessible door. If you need to visit more than one child in the 20minute session, please exit the external classroom door, walk around the building and enter the next classroom through the external door/hub. Parents please do not walk through the school building to the next classroom. At 3.20pm parents will be asked to leave and wait outside whilst the children get ready for home time.

