



# MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17th November 2023



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Learning - In the classroom
- Fundraising and efforts to fight nature loss
- Important Dates
- Football result

## Year 2 - Design & Technology

Year 2's new unit in D&T is 'Remarkable Recipes.' They learnt about which tools were best for each instruction within a recipe. They used different tools to slice, mash, peel, spread, grate and grab food. The tools included a grater, a peeler, tongs, a butter knife, a knife and a chopping board.



## Year 5 - English

### 'The Nowhere Emporium'

In English, the children have been using the adventure story 'The Nowhere Emporium' as a stimulus for their writing. They have been using both speech and actions to structure their story and have used drama to understand how characters would behave.

## Nursery - Diwali

In Nursery this week we have been thinking about the festival of Diwali and how this is celebrated. The children have enjoyed making rangoli patterns, diva lamps and retelling the story.

"The lights came and Rama and Sita could get home."



## Outdoor coats

As the weather is becoming more wintery can we ask that all children have a suitable coat that they can wear at playtimes.

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## Football Result

Martins Wood fought valiantly in a close 2-1 loss against Woolenwick Juniors in a football cup match on Friday. The team played their first ever match together and showed definite signs of togetherness, team spirit and determination. Well played everyone!

## Woodland Trust-New Trees



The 'Woodland Trust' have a campaign that is urging schools and communities to assist in their fight against Nature loss. They are trying to reach a target of 5 million trees planted within the UK and have sent out over half a million this year. We have received our 15 new trees and the School Ambassadors assisted planting them in our school grounds.

## Oscar's Christmas Appeal!

One of our pupils, Oscar Manning, has been collecting for Home Start Herts for many years now, and will be collecting for their Christmas appeal again in 2023! If anyone would like to contribute items such as Xmas selection boxes or biscuits, that would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively, if you would rather make a donation, a box will be in the Office.

Oscar will use any money collected to buy food to make up hampers for families and will take these to Home Start Herts on 15th December 2023.

More information can be found here:

[Home Start Herts](#)



## Diary Dates

**Children In Need Non-Uniform Day**

Fri 17th November

**School Closed (Occasional Day)**

Fri 1st of December

**Pantomime visit for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

Mon 4th December

**Christmas Jumper Day**

Thur 7th December

**FOMW Winter wonderland**

Fri 8th December

**Christmas performances**

Week beginning 11th December

**EYFS stay and play**

Mon 18th December

**End of term**

Wed 20th December

**New Term Begins**

Mon 8th January 2024

**February Half Term**

Mon 19th February - Fri 23rd February 2024

## Reverse Advent

We are also accepting donations for the Food Shed's Reverse Advent which is accepting food donations to support local people.



## Skip 2B Fit Challenge - Well done to all those taking part!



| Year Group | Best Skipper         | Best Effort        |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2          | Archie M - Cherry    | Ela S - Cherry     |
| 3          | Wendy F - Elm        | Esme S - Elder     |
| 4          | Evangeline S - Hazel | Samuel S - Holly   |
| 5          | Thomas M - Pear      | Mason W - Poplar   |
| 6          | Ethan F - Walnut     | Luke W - Whitebeam |

## Early Years Tours

The Nursery and Reception admissions process is now open. If you would like to visit our ambitious and friendly Early Years Foundation Stage, please book onto one of our tours.



November:

Friday 17th (9:30am)

Wednesday 29th (9:30am)

A space on a tour can be booked via the office.



## **THANK YOU**

To all at *Martin's Wood Primary School*.

We would like to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone involved in the Harvest Festival this year. Your kind and generous donations couldn't have come at a better time and will help us to continue to reach those in need, providing them with essential meals for the colder months. A big thank you to the pupils and their parents for being so generous, to the teachers for supporting and organising the collection, and for the school for choosing to support Foodshed – thank you, thank you, thank you!

Our drop-in sessions, run by our volunteers, enable people who have very little to come and receive much needed food, support and a safe place to talk. We provide a welcoming atmosphere for those who are going through some very difficult life circumstances. All the donations we receive enable us to give generously and provide hope to those most vulnerable in our town.

As Christmas is fast approaching, I have included a copy of our Reverse Advent Calendar. We would be very grateful if your school would consider getting involved with this too. Every donation is gratefully received! (More copies can be downloaded from our Facebook page, or feel free to email us.)

We thank you again for your continued support and generosity.  
Please do keep in touch.

Kind regards

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