



NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th September 2024



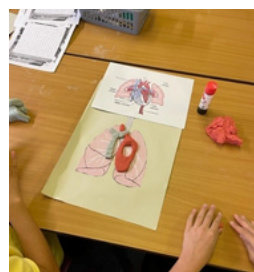
Reception - Going on a bear hunt.

Our reception children went on a bear hunt to the woods. The children had a go at acting out parts of the story and retelling it in the woods. They were all so well behaved and had lots of fun exploring the area to see what they could hear, smell and see.



Year 6 - Residential and at school

Some of year 6 children are currently away at their residential trip to PGL in Lincolnshire but the ones that did not go have been busy this week creating salt dough hearts to showcase their knowledge of the circulatory system. They then used this experience to write instructions on 'How to make salt dough'



The residential trip has been going really well and we will be talking about it more in next weeks newsletter. You can find many pictures and videos on our facebook or instagram pages.

Year 2- Art

Year 2 have been exploring colour in Art. Using the primary colours, they mixed together different amounts to create hues. They then used white to create different hues of the same colour, using a different amount each time.



Year 4 - Science

The children have been learning about the digestive system. We have used a scientific model involving bananas, crackers, orange juice, cups zip-lock bag and the leg of a pair of tights to represent what goes on in the different parts of our bodies. The children used this to learn the name and functions of the organs involved.



Year 3 _football result

Determination, pride, belief and resilience are some of the words to describe how this football match unfolded. Our year 3 team played their first competitive match against Giles school this week, coming away with a 4-3 victory. This game was end to end from start to finish with amazing team work on show from both teams, with our team showing resilience and an incredible spirit to come back from behind to win the match.





Early Year tours

Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2025? If so, come along to one of our Early Years tours to find out more about our great school. You will be met by our Head of School and have the opportunity to see our pupils learning and displaying their super learning behaviours.

To secure a place on an open day, please contact the school office on 01438 222602 or admin@martinswood.herts.sch.uk. Admission for Reception opens on 1st of November, this should be completed through Hertfordshire County Council. For Nursery, you need to complete an expression of interest which can be obtained from the school office and will be available during the tours.



UPCOMING TOUR DATES
Monday 7th Oct. 9.30am
Friday 11th Oct. 2pm
Wednesday 16th Oct. 2pm
Monday 21st Oct. 9.30am

Road Safety

Some concerns have been raised around children coming to school on scooters and their safety when crossing roads. We would like to highlight road safety issues, when travelling to and from school, and ask you to support us in educating children about traffic hazards and dangers. Please can you talk to your child about general road safety and highlight the following points:

Stop, look, listen;

Think – is it safe to cross?

Wait, look, listen again;

Cross only when it is safe to do so;

If you are travelling to school on a bike or scooter please always wear a helmet;

When crossing the road, dismount the bike and walk the bike across the road;

Please use the underpass, although it may add one more minute onto your journey time, when crossing the road it is the safest option;

It is advisable not to have headphones in your ears when crossing. (This way you can hear any traffic approaching.)

You may find it useful to visit the Safety4kids website, which is a non-profit organisation designed to help children make good decisions about their personal safety and travel.



PE team request

It is important that the children have suitable clothing when doing PE especially now that the weather has started to get wetter and colder. Can you please make sure that your children have sweatshirts, joggers and most importantly trainers as they may do PE outside.



Flu Vaccinations

The School Immunisation team will be coming into school on Wednesday 9th October 2024 to deliver your child's Flu vaccination. Please make sure you complete the form online as soon as you can. The portal will close 48 hours ahead of the Flu session.

[Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation \(schoolvaccination.uk\)](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk)

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 9th October - Flu vaccinations (reception to year 6)

Friday 18th October Individual and family photos

Tuesday 22nd October - Parents evening (4-6)

Wednesday 23rd October - Parents evening (4-8)

Friday 25th October - Inset Day

28th October to 1st November - Half term

Friday 29th November - School closed

Friday 20th December - Term ends

Whole School Attendance is currently 94.2%

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



