



Martin Primary School Newsletter

25th June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Some of you may have noticed that we now have a wonderful wood cabin tucked away in the corner of our school orchard. There is a separate eco-toilet as well, thanks to funding from the MHSA. These facilities will be used to support our outdoor learning provision, which includes Forest School and Muddy Mondays.



Well done to the members of our school choir who performed at the Arts Depot as part of the Barnet Music Festival, on Tuesday 19th June. As always they were a credit to our school and put on a great singing performance. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support this wonderful annual event. Well done as well to our dance group who performed on the community stage at the East Finchley Festival on Sunday 24th June. Special thanks go to Miss Sophie Baughen who leads on Performing Arts at Martin Primary School and has worked hard with the children to ensure they are well-prepared.

On Wednesday 13th June our school participated in a Primary Forensics work shop hosted by Queen Elizabeth's School in High Barnet. Teams from the other primary schools in our FAB (Finchley And Barnet) partnership group also participated in this hotly contested event. Congratulations to Ameena, Molly, Ethan and Selim from Year 6 who represented Martin Primary School and who emerged as one of the winning teams.

Just a quick reminder that our school's Sports Day is due to take place on Wednesday 4th July, weather permitting. In case it does have to be postponed, our reserve Sports Day is Tuesday 10th July. The schedule for the different year groups is included on page 2 of this newsletter, with more details on our dedicated sports page. I hope that many of you will be able to make it along as the children do appreciate being cheered on by the crowds!

Best regards

Rebecca Bakar
Head teacher

What's Happening This Half Term
(please also see the calendar on our website)

June

- 25th International Week starts
27th New Reception Induction Meeting @ 6.00pm
28th Year 2 Trip to Canvey Island
29th Nursery Trip to Beckonscot Village
29th International Breakfast @ 9.00 all parents/carers
Welcome – more details to follow
International Dressing up Day
30th MHSA Summer Fair

July

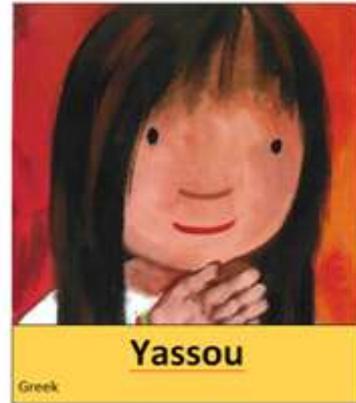
- 3-4th Drop in Nursery (new children) @ 4-5pm
4th Sports Day
6th School Reports sent home
10th Year 6 Show to parents/carers @ 2pm & 4pm
11th Year 6 Show to parents/carers @ 6.30pm
12th Optional Parents Evening 4:00 to 6:00pm
13th Year 2 Jamboree 6:00 to 8:00 pm
16th Full Governing Body Meeting @ 6.30pm
20th Last day of term: school finishes @ 2.00pm

Class Assemblies

At 9 a.m. unless stated otherwise. Parents & Carers most welcome

- 26/6 3SK Recorder assembly in the Music Room
29/6 4SW Clarinet assembly @ 9.30am
3/7 3KM Recorder assembly in the Music Room
3/7 RB
4/7 4JL
11/7 RR
17/7 RK
17/7 3ZC Recorder assembly in the Music Room

Language of the fortnight: Greek



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



Sports Day: Wednesday 4th July

- Nursery am 9:15 am to 10:00 am (next to MUGA)
Year 1 and 2: 9:05 am to 9.55 am
Year 3 and 4: 10.05 am to 10.50 am
Year 5 and 6: 11.05 am to 11:50 am

Sports Cup Presentation: 12:00

- Nursery pm: 1:15 pm. to 2:00 pm (next to MUGA)
Reception: 1.30 pm to 2:15 pm

International Dressing Up Day



On Friday 29th June, we would like the children to dress up in traditional clothes from their countries, colours of their flags or clothing that represents their country: for example, cricket clothes for England.

Coffee Mornings

Summer Term

- 29/6 MHSA Summer Fair preparation
6/7 Parent Partnership – Planning for next year

All welcome – please come along for a friendly chat.

There is now a coffee morning page on our school website – just click on the Parents/Carers tab to find it! If you have never attended coffee morning or haven't been for a while, please come and join us for fresh coffee, biscuits and an interesting presentation or workshop every **Friday at 9 a.m. in the Portakabin.**



International Breakfast

Parents and carers are invited to attend a Bread Feast in their child's class.



Nursery

Wednesday 27th June at 8.40 – 9.40am and 12.40 – 1.40pm

Reception – Year 6

Friday 29th June – 9.00am – 10.00am

We would welcome donations of bread and spreads from your country or tradition. Our aim is to represent all of the many cultures and countries at Martin Primary School.

Year 5 visit to Ann Owens

On Thursday 7th June, some of the Young Global Ambassadors (YGA) from Year 5 went on a trip to the Ann Owens Centre on Oak Lane. The YGA listened to the centre's visitors' stories of how they migrated to East Finchley. We then wrote down the migration stories eagerly and were very interested in what we were hearing! The stories are going to be part of an exhibition so other people can read their stories and gain an idea of why people moved to East Finchley in the past. We plan to return to the centre in around a month's time and we are looking forward to it.

Selena and Siham



Green Day – Wednesday 11th July



How much do you recycle? Do you use a keep cup when you visit the local coffee shop? On 11th July, the whole of Martin Primary School will be going green in an effort to raise environmental awareness and make the school more eco-friendly. We will all be participating in activities on that day to encourage everyone to save energy, recycle more and take more care of the environment. Teachers won't be using computers or whiteboards and other electric equipment will only be used if it is absolutely necessary! As well as this, each class will have a project around using recycled materials. Please save bottle tops, cardboard and large cardboard drinks cartons (cleaned) as we will be using them on the day, but do not send them in to school until 10th July. Ms Freedman will also be starting an Eco-Council to help organise the day.

Visit to the Migration Museum

On Monday 18th June, at the start of Refugee week, the YGA'S went to the Migration Museum. We have been working with the Migration Museum as part of Destination East Finchley. Whilst we were there, we got to read people's stories about how they came to England. Some of the stories were quite sad and some were quite interesting. One story we read was Ahmed Al-Rashid's story. He came to England from Syria. In 2012, he fled his home because of the war and went to Iraq. He lived in Iraq for two years but then ISIS arrived and took over the area he was in. He went to many more countries before he came here. On his way, he met a smuggler who gave him a fake passport and ID.

We also got to meet an author called Ele Fountain. She has written a book called Boy 87 which is about a young boy who is forced to leave his home and the story of his journey. It was really interesting to listen to her explain how she wrote her book and listen to some extracts.

Another area of the museum was a display of newspapers which had featured stories about migrants, refugees or asylum seeker. When we looked through the headings, we say that the language was mainly negative and there was not one story which was positive. We thought about how this could make people feel and considered how we could re-word the headings to have more of a positive impact.

It was a fascinating day, full of very interesting stories.

By Scarlet and Siham



Coffee Morning – Friday 6th July: Celebrating the Martin Community

We would like to invite all parents / carers to attend this coffee morning which will be an opportunity to discuss Parent Partnership at Martin School. We have an extremely diverse community with families from all over the world and speaking over 50 languages. We would like to hear from you and find out how we can make our school community more inclusive and more dynamic, ensuring that all of our families feel valued and involved in the school. We would value your contribution to our Community Cohesion policy which is currently being updated

Sporting Round-Up

Our school athletics team are busy doing practices both before and after school for all the various track and field events, in readiness for the Barnet Primary Athletics competition on Tuesday 26th June, 2018.

The team is from Year 3 to Year 6 and the whole team is working to run, jump and throw their personal best.

Well done to the following pupils for all their dedication and hard work so far:

Year 3:

Hanan, Tamara, Isaac, Joengha

Year 4:

Zaynab, Suraya, Antony, Lucas, Elena, Gabriella, Jack, Jay, Max and Reece.

Year 5:

India, Tyler, Alex, Bruno, Olivia, Amber, Julian, Angelina, Selena, Toby, Minha, Shameer, Evie, Tobias, Leon and Isobel.

Year 6:

Tracey, Lila, Alec, Daniel, Phoebe, Aisling, Oscar, Alex C, Beth, Barney, Ethan and Zaleha.

Watch this space for how we did in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to Jay from Year 4 who had a trial at Barnet and District Athletics Club as he has been running, jumping and throwing up to Year 6 standard in term of times and distances this season.

Sports Day

Sports Day is fast approaching and takes place on Wednesday 4th July. Please see below details of timings throughout the day so you can come and support your children in their events and hopefully enjoy the sunshine too! It is important that all children from Reception to Year 6 have a PE kits to change into for their Sports Day.

Unfortunately there are still a number of children without PE kits or plimsolls across the school. It is very important for all children to have PE clothes in school – all children of school age need to be able to change independently.

The image shows a handwritten schedule for Sports Day on Wednesday, 4th July. The schedule is organized into two columns. The left column lists the times for different year groups: Nursery (9:15am-10:00am), Year 1 and 2 (9:05am-9:55am), Year 3 and 4 (10:05am-10:50am), and Year 5 and 6 (11:05am-11:50am). A Sports Cup Presentation is scheduled for 12:00. The right column lists the times for Reception (1:30pm-2:15pm) and Nursery (1:15pm-2:00pm). A list of items to bring includes Sun Screen, hats, bottle of water, and plimsolls. A reminder box states that all children from Reception to Year 6 need their PE kits and that children from Year 1 to Year 6 need a t-shirt of their house colour (if possible).

SPORTS DAY

Water WEDNESDAY Earth

Air 4th JULY... Fire

Nursery am 9:15am → 10:00am
Next to outdoor court

Year 1 and 2 9:05am → 9:55am
Main field

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Sporting Round-Up

Swimming

3ZC are coming to the end of their term of swimming at Finchley Lido.

The children have made pleasing progress and all 30 children are now confident at going under the water. As part of the lessons for both Year 3 and Year 5 (booster sessions) the children are taught water safety and life saving skills. This involves all abilities of swimming; knowing how to enter the water in an emergency and feeling how clothes are when they are wet.

As the summer holidays are approaching I have included below the Water Safety Code to go through with your children. This is a reminder for all of us to be safe in and around any depth of water all year round.

Ms Jeannette Adams

DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK Look for the dangers. Always read the signs.

STAY TOGETHER Never swim alone. Always go with friends or family.

In an emergency:

CALL 999 OR 112 Shout for help and phone 999 or 112.

FLOAT If you fall in, float or swim on your back. Throw something that floats to anyone who has fallen in.

BEACH FLAGS

RED AND YELLOW LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY
Between the flags is the safest place to swim.

RED DANGEROUS AREA
Lifeguards are not watching this area. Do not swim here.

BLACK AND WHITE WATER SPORTS AREA
Do not swim here.

ORANGE WINDSOCK SHOWS THE DIRECTION AND STRENGTH OF THE WIND
Beware of winds blowing out to sea.

Henrietta Barnett School Consultation

Henrietta Barnett are applying to the government's Selective Schools Expansion Fund to move from 4-form entry to 5-form entry. Please see the consultation document on their website:

<http://www.hbschool.org.uk/media/news/article/1180/Selective-Schools-Expansion-Fund-Consultation>