

Martin News

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The newsletter for the Martin School community

Attendance

If your child is absent from school please remember to call the office every day with detailed reasons for their absence. Thank you

**Theme of
the Month
for
November**

**Our School,
Our Community**



This week was Antibullying Week and it was great to see all the odd socks on Monday! As you know this was to emphasise the importance of celebrating our individuality and what makes us ALL unique! The children also took part in discussions about the importance of being kind and respecting others.

We are starting to think about Christmas arrangements which are obviously going to be a bit different this year. As you may know we are not allowed to sing in school at the moment so all our children are learning Christmas songs in sign language which they will perform to other classes in the school via Google Meet. Our Christmas lunch and parties will be going ahead, with some adaptations, and we will be holding a class Christmas decoration competition! The MHSA is also putting together plans for an exciting Winter Warmer event on 12th December - more details on page 3.

Have a happy and safe weekend. Ziz Chater



Barnet Active School Hero Award

This week we found out that Somayeh Farooq, one of our fantastic teaching assistants, has won an Active School Hero Borough Award "for her amazing work inspiring kids in primary schools to be active".

I am sure you will join us in sending many congratulations to Somayeh for this well-deserved recognition of her commitment and hard work.

Schools for Success Award

We are delighted to let you know that Martin Primary School was recently recognised as a School for Success by the Mayor of London!

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: "I'd like to congratulate the staff of Martin Primary School for their exceptional work. We created Schools for Success to recognise the positive impact that teachers, headteachers, teaching assistants, support staff and governors are making every day to support students and reduce inequalities, and this school's commitment to being supportive and inclusive sets a great example. Covid-19 has presented unforeseen challenges across our city but Martin Primary School has done a fantastic job in maintaining excellence during a very difficult time. Working together we can make sure that no young Londoner is left behind".

We are absolutely delighted that the hard work and commitment of all of our staff at the school have been recognised and we are so proud of the progress that all our children are making.

MAYOR OF LONDON



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

**SCHOOLS FOR
SUCCESS 2020/21**

Martin Primary School

This award recognises your exceptional work in sharing good practice and helping to improve education for all Londoners.

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

School House News

We are delighted to announce the results of the new School House Captains and Vice Captains. The nominees wrote a speech outlining why they should be selected which were then typed to make them anonymous. The children in years 5 and 6 then voted for their own House. All of the speeches were excellent and we would like to congratulate all the children who applied on their persuasive speech writing skills. The results are:-

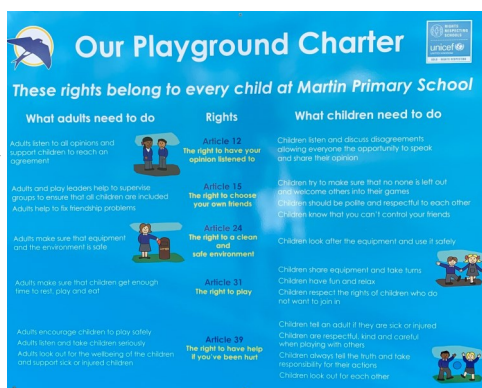
Fire	- Captain- Joseph (6SB)	Vice Captain - Jake (6SB)
Water	- Captain - Leonardo (6SB)	Vice Captain - Mariam (6SW)
Earth	- Captain - Marissa (6SW)	Vice Captain - Ruby (6SW)
Air	- Captain - Emma (6SW)	Vice Captain - Barney (6SB)

We are sure they will be inspirational and dedicated leaders.



Rights Respecting Playground Charter

As you know our Rights Respecting ethos is reflected in everything we do at school including at playtimes and lunchtimes. To reinforce this, Julie Taylor worked with the staff and children to develop a playground charter for children and adults which is now on display in the playgrounds. Many thanks to the MHSA for funding the cost of the signs.



Library books



As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we have lost hundreds of library books as many were not returned to school after the lockdown. We are very grateful to those families who have donated books but we are still very short. If you have been unable to find your child's library book we would be grateful if you would make a donation of £5 so that we can buy a replacement.

This week's winners



Gold Stars



1JL - Rayel	4LS - Max
1SA- Eli	4SM - Lewis
1LK— Ella	4ZC- Digby
2SG - Paige	5FN - Adrian
2SR - Aydin	5VM - Mia
2TH - Alex	5SK - Kaitlyn & Rania
3CF - Adam	6LC- Iris
3SB - Nasim	6SB— Leo
3MT - Kaydon & Djebril	6SW— Sam

Rights Respecting awards

1JL - Miki	4LS - Layla
1SA - Husam	4SM - Anaya
1LK - Chloe	4ZC- Gabriel
2SG - Ned	5FN - Isla
2SR - Charlotte	5VM - Alfie
2TH - Isobel	5SK - Melana & Hannah
3CF - Sude	6LC - Martha
3SB - Abigail	6SB— Aron
3MT - Lana & Danya	6SW— Amber



AUTUMN TERM 2020

**Thursday 3rd September 2020 to
Thursday 17th December 2020**

Half term

Monday 26th October 2020 to
Friday 30th October 2020

(school closed Wednesday 2nd September,
Monday 2nd November and
Friday 18th December for staff training)

SPRING TERM 2021

**Tuesday 5th January 2021 to
Wednesday 31st March 2021**

Half term

Monday 15th February 2021 to
Friday 19th February 2021

(school closed Monday 4th January
for staff training)

SUMMER TERM 2021

**Monday 19th April 2021 to
Friday 23rd July 2021**

Half term

Monday 31st May 2021 to
Friday 4th June 2021

(school closed Monday 3rd May for the
bank holiday and Monday 7th June
for staff training)

News from the Martin Home School Association



MHSA Virtual Family Quiz Night Thursday 26th November, 6:30-8:30pm. Don't forget to sign up for our VIRTUAL FAMILY QUIZ with fun, trivia, music, celebrity guests, picture rounds and more... plus cash prizes to be won!

Who can join? The whole family – there is something for both children and adults.

Do I have to appear on screen? No – you don't have to appear on screen if you don't want to.

What if I have to put the children to bed/cook dinner/feed the cat... We will have breaks throughout if you need to pop away to do something!

How do I sign up? Register your family as a team by emailing MHSAquiz@gmail.com with your child's name/class and you will be sent the details. Suggested entry donation of £10 – pay via Paypal at www.tinyurl.com/mhsaquiz

2020 Winter Warmer

Save the date: the MHSA is delighted to invite you to its **2020 Winter Warmer!** Come and meet Santa, or Owls, Guinea Pigs & Bunnies on Saturday 12th December in the Martin School field. This will be a free but ticketed & distanced event if, fingers crossed, guidelines allow this, with donations always welcome. There will also be plenty of virtual events and an online radio show to mark the end of term and the festive season! More details to come, watch this space...

Walkathon

A massive thank you to all the children who participated and asked for sponsors for their walkathon - and to all the parents/carers/extended family and friends who sponsored them! We have raised a fantastic amount - over £3,500 for the school so far. If you haven't so far, today is your last chance to add any money the children raised to the paypal pool: <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8u3yFQQVM5>

2020 AGM

We held our first virtual AGM last week with parents, staff and governors from the school - thank you to everyone for attending and for all your contributions. Erini Rodis and Miriam Divwalla are now stepping down as co-chairs of the MHSA after two years. We would like to say a massive thank you for everything they have done for the school. Following on from that, we are delighted to announce and welcome Marianne Comparet (parent in y6 with two older children), and Andry Moustras (parent in nursery, y3 and y6) as our new co-chairs. If you'd like to get in touch with them, they'd love to hear from you: mhsachair@gmail.com.

Dates for your diary



Thursday 26th November

Friday 4th December

Friday 11th December

Saturday 12th December

Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16th December

Thursday 17th December

Friday 18th December

21st December to 1st January

Monday 4th January

MHSA Family Virtual Quiz Night 6.30-8.30pm

Pyjama day in aid of Ronald McDonald House Charity

Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Martin School Winter Warmer

Christmas lunch

Christmas parties - children can wear their party clothes

School closes at 2pm for the Christmas holidays

School closed for staff training

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