



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

17 December 2021

Thankyou to everyone who donated a prize and bought a ticket for our Grand Christmas Raffle the proceeds of which will go towards our school therapy dog Wilko—the winners can be found on the school website clicking on this [link!](#) In this newsletter you will also find a 'waggy tails' report from Wilko!



Christmas performances have taken place this week and recordings will be available [through this link](#) for a short time over the Christmas break.

I hope you enjoy watching the fantastic performances from our students and the questionable performances in the staff panto!

Children from the school choir joined with members of St Martins Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to sing Christmas songs serenading shoppers at Stans Superstore this week.

Nursery students have had a Christmas party this week and taken part in lots of Christmas related activities which were a lot of fun.



A reminder that school finishes an hour earlier on Friday 17 December ; there wont be an after school provision on this day. We return on Wednesday 5 January, but please keep an eye on the website and your emails should there be any amendments to the start back due to COVID. .

Covid testing in school for secondary students will take place during the first week back. We have already emailed out the COVID testing consent form to all parents and have made them available to students in tutor. If you've already completed one you don't need to complete another one, but it would be great if we could get more students tested particularly in year 7, so please return your forms to school as soon as possible, it's the best way to stop the spread.

I wish a very happy and safe Christmas to all our families, Ms Lovecy



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Young Writer 2022

This year's competition is open to all year groups. You can submit your piece of writing, which should be no more than a side of A4 (approximately 500 words), to Ms Jones in primary or Ms Phoenix in secondary.

This year's title is

"Today's Heroes"

Closing date: Friday 7th January

Gift token prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

ITEMS FOR THE CALANDER

Year 10 & 11 mocks will start in January, contact reception@stmartins3-16.org FAO Mrs T Evans, if you have any questions/concerns.

HPV vaccines - 1st dose for Year 8, 2nd dose for Year 9, catch-up's for Year 10, will be happening at some point early in the new term. Letters and consent forms will be sent home after the Christmas break.

All secondary PE groups are on swimming after Christmas. Students will need to bring appropriate swimwear, a towel, a swimming hat and goggles. Students will have one swimming lesson and one 'dry' PE lesson per week. PE staff have informed students when to bring different clothing for their lessons. This is also explained on 'teams'.

BRANDED PRIMARY PE KIT STILL REMAINS AN OPTION FOR PARENTS—DETAILS ON [THE WEBSITE](#). Plain white t shirt and plain black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings in colder weather is acceptable, Pupils should wear their school jumper over the t-shirt .

Waggy Tails from Wilko!

Woofers what a busy week, my tail hasn't stopped wagging! I've had the best time. I spent the day in Science on Monday where year 11 were learning something called physics, it was a bit hard for my puppy brain but I enjoyed watching the video.



I also worked with Mr Riley and the little humans in year 3 who said I was a very good boy, I then helped Ms Fiddy and year 5 with their independent writing. I was rewarded with a new toy snake off one of the pupils, it is my new favourite thing.

The lessons in secondary were fun, although I did have a little dog nap during French and Humanities, sorry Madame Young and Mr Machin.

Everyone loved my collection of Christmas jumpers and I was fed lots and lots of treats, I think I'm going to really

like being part of St martin school. Woofy Christmas everyone x





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Year 10 parents – please be reminded that all year 10 students need a copy of 'Romeo and Juliet' for the first English lesson back after Christmas. We recommend the following copy which is available from Amazon. Christmas present??!!

Here is the link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Romeo-Juliet-Special-Annotation-Formatted/dp/1076926509/ref=sr_1_5?crid=B2YYLWSNK5QA&keywords=romeo+and+juliet+annotation+friendly&qid=1638353070&sprefix=romeo+and+juliet+anno%2Caps%2C166&sr=8-5

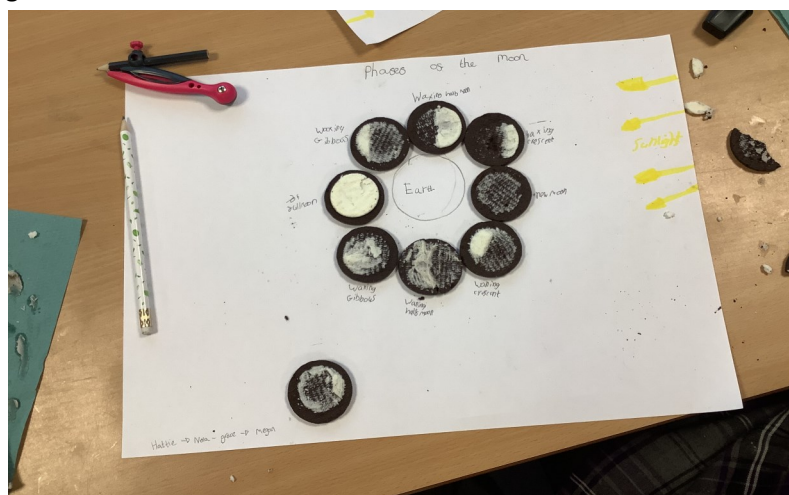


Our new outdoor classroom with Ms Lovecy teaching year 7—thank you to Stans Superstore and Nisa for their very generous contribution. This classroom will be used more in the spring and summer but is also used at break and lunchtimes by students.

Well done to the U15 (year 9 and 10) boys football team who played against Thomas Adams School on Tuesday 14th December. They unfortunately lost to a strong all year 10 team. Our boys played brilliantly in tough conditions and showed some lovely football at times. Fenn Jones (year 9) scored a great team goal a few seconds into the second half.

Well done boys! Plenty more fixtures to play after Christmas. The PE department want to thank all students and parents for their support and effort this term. Merry Christmas all and best wishes for 2022.

Year 5 have been using Oreos to create a Phases of the Moon diagram in science this week.



Dear Parents and Carers,

2021 has continued on from where 2020 left off, giving us challenges that most of us would not have believed we would have to face. However, despite everything that Covid 19 has thrown at us this year and the different arrangements needed to keep our community safe, our school continues to have that special character created by the partnership between staff, students and families. The governors are very proud of the way our students have risen to the challenges throughout the year and so thankful for the support our staff team have received from parents and carers.

Hopefully we will be able to celebrate Christmas more socially this year than last and will have the opportunity to meet up with our nearest and dearest. So, on behalf of the Governors, I would like to thank you for your support and wish you and your family a happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

Best wishes, Jan Edmondson Chair of the Local Governing Body, St Martin's School