



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

7 October 2022

Our open day and evening on Tuesday this week was a huge success, our student guides and subject experts were fantastic. The students spoke confidently and knowledgeably about their school but more than that they were proud to be part of their school community. We welcomed over 150 families looking around the school so it looks like we will be oversubscribed again next year.

Next week on Tuesday we have a whole school photograph being taken, weather dependant plus primary photos on Wednesday. Please ensure all students are in the full uniform.

Year 7 have a non uniform day on FRIDAY 14 October—this is for year 7 only as a reward for their exceptional attendance so far this year. Government Statistics show there is a link between attendance and punctuality and results at GCSE. We ask, therefore, for your support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly and is punctual. Poor attendance significantly impacts on attainment., every day lost in attendance reduces your child's chance of achieving at their best.




Cycle to School Week

Primary organised a cycle to school week last week, with classes practicing their cycle and scooter skills in safety on the school playground. Pictured is year 3 class showing off their skills, well done!

Our Harvest Festival takes place at St Martins parish on the afternoon of Tuesday 18 October. Parents of years 2—6 are invited to come along. A letter has been sent out to parents with more details.

Primary students can bring in any non-perishable food donations from Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October for Harvest Festival. These will be donated by the School Council locally.

We will have a 'Wear it Pink' non uniform day on FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER raising money for Breast Cancer Now charity. Students can come to school in non uniform and donate a £1, if you can wear something PINK that would really show your support!



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Reminder that my OPEN HOUSE session will now be on a WEDNESDAY 2.05—3.05pm—sometimes people have pre booked an appointment, but it is still fine to just pop in.

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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SPORTING UPDATE

This week year 9 and year 11's played an away match against The Marches. Although the year 11 team did not win it was a much stronger performance from the girls with some great passing and movement. When the shooters had opportunities to score they handled the pressure really well. Player of the match was Katie Rogers (GD and captain). The year 9 team kicked their first season's match off with a bang by drawing, even without some of their team mates being able to play. Player of their match was Ysabel Carter (C). Captain was Belle Williams (GA).

Year 11 Team—Katie R, Elisha W, Shannon E, Ruby L, Morgan C, Tayla C, Verity R, Annyah C, Mhairi M

Year 9 Team—Annabelle S, Ysabel C, Faith M, Kacie P, Belle W, Molly E

Ms Hamm Jones is really proud of how these girls worked and represented the school. Keep going girls!



Please congratulate the following y8 girls who competed at a Shropshire x country events in Shrewsbury yesterday: Lily Bowen, Maisie Evans, Erin Woolcock, Mad-dy Hodgeson Hughes



There were around 30 runners in their race (junior girls). The course was a classic x country course...woodland, muddy fields, jumps off over a wall into straw and a fast finish. Positions: Erin 5th, Lily 10th, Madisyn 18th, Maisie 19th DONTFORGET THE SECONDARY EXTRA CURRICULR CLUB LIST IS ON THE WEBSITE USING THIS [LINK](#)

YEAR 9 DRAMA

Little Sister Aka Big Brother is a unit that student study where they develop characterisation to a much more advanced level. They create their own character, they provide their own background history and use this information within the unit.

Student's aim is to sustain their character in all tasks they do- there are many, but tasks that further develop their acting skills via the use of various conventions like: Physical Theatre, sustaining a character through the use of vocal and physical skills, Spontaneous Improvisation, hot seating, planned improvisation and role play.

Additional transferable skills that they use in this project are: organisation skill, team work, collaboration with others, creativity where they will face a problem which they must overcome and adapt, thinking on their feet as they will be given tasks which they have to complete on a time line provided.

With all this to be thought about students have further advanced their skills into the creative process of a production: Aston Allum without prompting went home and created, with his father, a beautiful cardboard tractor – one that will be an heirloom and used in scene ; he has also begun to create other props for the show. Thomas Gaskell has created a costume and the prop of a cigar for his farmer- this is made of wood. Steven Hughes has built his age with using a walking stick and an old jacket. What a joy to have students creatively building an understanding of skills in production and the enthusiasm for their learning. **Ms Poli**



Students with props they have made for drama

Hub News

I have been absolutely overwhelmed with pupils applying to be Student Librarians! I will be giving everyone who applied a chance to help out, although I won't need everyone every day or there won't be room for anyone else! I was so proud of all the Student Librarians who've been helping me to reorganise their secondary library area this week. It has been a bit chaotic, but things will start to settle down soon into the new layout.

The Open Evening guides did a fantastic job of promoting the Hub, and we had lots of visitors having a look through the books and talking about what they might choose when they come. A special thank you to Charlotte Jerrard-Davies in 7ZW for being a spectacular student librarian helper for Open Evening, and to Megan Hall in 8KA for abandoning her family in her enthusiasm to help out too!

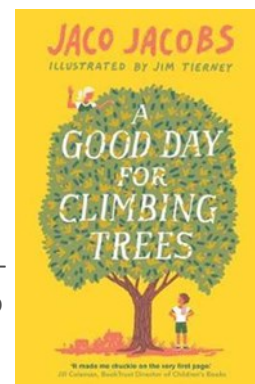
READERS OF THE WEEK

Harry Moran – Year 1, Beth Tiltman – Year 3, Thomas Pritchard – 7NP, Lewis Jones – 7CJ, Charlotte Jerrard-Davies – 7ZW, Finley Brereton – 8RP, Alfie Winks-Jones – 10JMA, Matthew Carle – 10JP

Ms. Lovecy will be giving out the certificates in assembly, and the children will be able to tell you exactly why they won one!

BOOK OF THE WEEK

A Good Day for Climbing Trees by Jaco Jacobs – Perfect if you've read all of the Diary of the Wimpy Kid books and you feel like you've grown out of them but want to try something similar. This is the story of Marnus, a middle child who is tired of living in the shadows of his two brothers. One day a girl called Leila turns up in his life and draws him in to an accidental adventure! Recommended from Year 5 up to Year 9.



French Trip September 2022 - by Martha Greene 8CY

Early start, coach, motorways, channel tunnel and more roads we finally arrived at Chateau d'Ebblinghem. We were all really tired but excited to get there. The first meal was a real French affair with snails on the menu (they weren't as bad as you'd think...very garlicky). A treasure hunt followed - in French of course.

Our first full day in France began with a town trail and a trip to a local market in Boulogne where we attempted to use some of our French to communicate with the stall holders. After lunch we headed to Belgium where we went to a war memorial (Tyne Cot cemetery - the largest commonwealth cemetery in the world). It was very sad to see a sea of war graves. After that we went to a War Museum, (the Flanders's museum in Ypres), a chocolate shop and then back to the museum for dinner (no snails on the menu that night). That evening we stayed late to listen to the last post being played at the Menin Gate. This was very moving and incredible that this is done every night to remember those who lost their life at war.

The next day was a trip to Disney land Paris. This was great fun. The parade of characters was amazing! Definitely the highlight of my day.

Before we knew it, it was the final day. On our way home, we stopped at a hypermarket and a traditional French bakery (people drove 90km to get their bread from there). The Baker explained in French how the bread was made. Some students were lucky enough to roll the bread and put it in the 100-year-old wood fired oven. After lots of tasty treats we headed back to the channel tunnel and spent many hours on the coach talking about the highlights of the trip.

I would like to say a huge thankyou to all the teachers who came with us and made this a great experience.