

ST MARTINS SCHOOL

4 November 2022



We invited back year 12 last night to celebrate their achievements over the time they have been at St Martins School. The list of awards and the winners is in this copy of the newsletter. I also wanted more importantly to consider the journey the class of 2022 have been on over particularly over the past 3 years, with considerable disruption to their GCSE years and being the first students since 2018 to sit

actual GCSE exams. For this reason I awarded the Class of 2022 the Resilience Award, you have been amazing and have great things ahead of you. Please keep in touch with school we love to hear from our students as they continue in life with new careers and opportunities.

Members of the school council delivered all the harvest festival donations to Cedar Close residents on the last Friday before half term. Thankyou to all parents, carers and staff who donated produce.



Primary students had a great Halloween disco on Monday, here's year 1 before the disco. They then spent some time making healthy sandwiches as part of their design and technology project -



Ms Jackie Moore has asked school to put a thankyou in the newsletter "I would like to thank all of the staff, parents and children for gifts and greetings on my retirement. I am completely overwhelmed at your kindness. The house was full of flowers and gifts....and I still have my balloon flight to look forward to! Thank you again, Jackie xxx"

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 11 student Macie Weston Roberts has successfully passed her Makaton Workshop Level 1. Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate'. Macie attended the training at Derwen College during half term and will be working towards her level 2 before Christmas. Macie has been undertaking a work experience placement in our nursery and this type of skill and expertise will be very useful. Well done Macie!!

The Rhyn Park Dance Award	Dance	Katie Dean
Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt	Creative iMedia	Jack Williams
The HSBC Art Award	Art and Design	Jasmine M Evans
The Ifton Drama Award	Drama	Tiana Piercy
The Juliet Woollam Music Award	Music	Lucy Williams
The Gwynfor Williams Award	Design Technology (Food)	Naomi Anderton
The Heather Bowyer Award	Independent Learning & resilience	Lilia Cookman
The Sports Trophy	For outstanding commitment and achievement.	Josh Bowen
The Kronospan Award	Geography	Sophie Drury Whittall
The Weston Rhyn Parish Council Award	History	Ellen Williams
The Brian Case Trophy	French	Jake Swart
The Longeville Gittens Award	Spanish	Amy Elliott
The Science Award	Science	Niamh Reese
The Barclays Bank Award	Maths	David Pryce
The Paddy Hughes Award	English	Sophie Drury Whittall & Ewan Nash
Diamond of the Year Award	Perseverance	Harvey Allum
The Mary Lay Award	The Greatest Progress in Core Subjects	Jess Skinner
The St Martins Parish Council Trophy	Greatest progress during time in school	Jack Williams
The Everest Trophy	Greatest overall contribution to school life	Isabella Swart
The Ridgway Community Ambassador Award	Contribution to the Community	Jacob Holmes
Janet Warwick Award	Best external exam results	Sophie Drury Whittall
The Lord Robens Trophy	Best external exam results	Katryn Degge

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Our **WOW DAY** on **FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER** has a careers theme—year 5-11 will have the opportunity to speak to these fantastic organisations about careers at our **CAREERS FAIR..**

PRIMARY students can come to school dressed in the type of clothes they would wear in an occupation of their choice, no football kits on this occasion. **Year 7-11 should wear their full school uniform.**

As part of this day there will be a study skills session for students and parents in year 10 and 11 at **5.00pm**. The session will be hosted by a guest speaker from an organisation called Enlighten who will help students develop their study skills; how to best learn and remembering and then tips about planning and preparation. This speaker will also give advice on ways you can support your child with some useful tips and techniques.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11 NOVEMBER—WOW day and careers fair/study skills session for year 10 and 11 students and parents 5.00-5.45pm

18 NOVEMBER—Children in Need day—non uniform for £1 donation

5 DECEMBER—Mock exams start for year 11

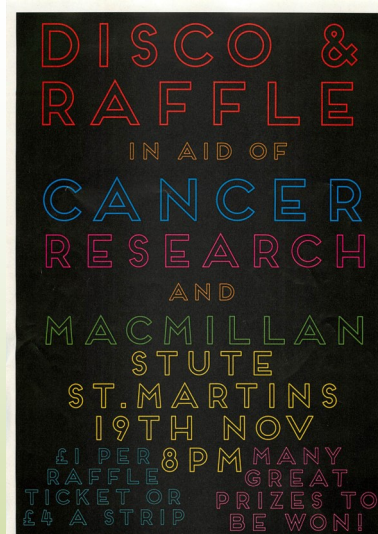
9 DECEMBER—Church Christmas Service

12 DECEMBER—KS1 Christmas performance

13 DECEMBER—NURSERY AND KS2 Christmas performance

14 DECEMBER - WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW AND STAFF PANTO

16 DECEMBER—LAST DAY—2PM FINISH—NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB



Happy new half term! I am so pleased to see how many children have taken part in the Half Term Reading challenge. I am still accepting entries until Monday 7th November, so children have the weekend to finish off, if they want to participate. Winners will be announced in next week's newsletter!

Plea for books! Please ask your children to hunt for hidden library books at home. A lot of the secondary children seem to have overdue books on their accounts and I would really appreciate them being brought back so other children can enjoy them. Thank you!

READERS OF THE WEEK

Cerys Firmin – Year 1, Jayceeleigh Hughes-Chorlton – Year 4, Isabella Davies – Year 6

Rose Owen – 7NP, Thomas Pritchard – 7NP, Joseph Edge – 7EH, Nikitha Mohan – 7ZW, Kayne Piercy – 11CED, Mrs. Pritchard

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

The Fire Eaters by David Almond – This is a recommended read for Year 8, but is suitable for confident readers from Year 6 and all the way up to Year 10 and 11. It's also a fire-themed book for Bonfire Night!

That summer, life had seemed perfect for Bobby Burns. But now it's autumn and the winds of change are blowing hard. Bobby's dad is mysteriously ill. His new school is a cold and cruel place. And worse: nuclear war may be about to start. But Bobby has a wonder-working friend called Ailsa Spink. And he's found the fire-eater, a devil called McNulty. What can they do together on Bobby's beach? Is it possible to work miracles? Will they be able to transform the world

