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Congratulations to Our UKMT Maths Challenge Participants!

Freya McKune, Tommy Thorpe, Hannah Newman, Herbie Hughes, Jemima Dea-

kin, Sophie Currie, Lucas Buffrey, Oscar Jones and Noah O'Brien! The **UKMT Maths Challenge** is a national competition that puts problem-solving and mathematical reasoning skills to the test. This challenge is designed to stretch the brightest young minds across the UK, and we're proud to say our students rose to the occasion! Their efforts have earned them a range of **achievement certificates**, with some attaining the impressive **Silver**, and even the highly coveted **Gold** awards – a remarkable accomplishment. Thankyou to Ms Stevens for organising this activity.

Watch this space for updates— students who achieve high scores in this challenge will have an opportunity to enter further competitions and prove their Maths skills against worthy challengers and we

can't wait to see where their mathematical journeys take them next!

Huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs tests this week. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the year supported by Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Connell. After the last test, they were treated to an ice cream in the sunshine. Thank you to our Nursery children who set up the field and helped serve the ice creams. Even Mr Wilko was helping!

The celebrations for Year 6 continue with a POP UP TUCK SHOP. Items will range in price

from 20p - £1.00. It will be open at breaktime on Monday and throughout the weeks until supplies run out. If your child would like to bring in some spending money please ensure it is in a purse/wallet or envelop with your child's name on.

Have a lovely weekend Ms Lovecy

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Dates for the diary

22 May - yr 8 Parents evening

26-30 May - half term

19 June - WOW DAY 3

20 June - moving up day and new year 7 day

23-27 June - Year 10 work experience

25 June - year 11 leavers Prom

30 June—4 July—Cadet Camp

1 July—sports day primary

7 July—Geography Field Trip

9-10 July—Quinta year 6

14-16 July—yr 6 trip

15 July—Sports day secondary

17 July—Summer Showcase and head teacher awards

17 July—last day for nursery

18 July—last day before summer holidays non uniform

<u>Aspens</u>—take a look at their page on the website for menus.

A reminder that accounts cannot be in debt, if your child is having school lunches please top up their account in advance.

Year 6 pupils will also attend a special assembly on Tuesday 20 May. PC LeClere will be delivering this about knife crime. The purpose of this is to raise awareness and give pupils strategies for keeping themselves safe. If you **do not** wish your child to be involved, please email rachael.pritchard@stm.318education.co.uk

Primary Pupils were invited to "wear something green" yesterday to mark Mental Health week. Throughout the day, pupils learnt about recognising and managing feelings and supporting others.

We are very fortunate to be able to offer a new website resource for parents called the "Wellbeing Hub" This resource has been gifted to school by Moreton Hall—we are incredibly grateful. Staff at school have been accessing the resources and parents can too. Next week we will send a link via the Arbor app for you to register. The Wellbeing Hub delivers expert-led support for

exclusive deals to find information and support on (1) The Wellbeing Hub Courses Resources Events Q&As Support Q 4 2 Your acc wellbeing orenting Teens Welcome This month's focus is an sleep. Join us for expert advice from Mandy Gurney, Healthcare Professional and Founder of Millipand Children's Sleep Clinic, Dr Amánda Gummer, Child Development Expert and Founder of The Good Play Guide, and Cax Houghton, Yoga Teacher and EFT Practitioner. therapists for friendships, anxiety Ive Q&A here Monthly expert-le house and guest speakers on various Resources including the A - Z of Wellbeing > Autumn Term Staff Sessions

parents and carers to help their children thrive – socially, emotionally and in their learning. It includes, free expert-led webinars, one-to-one specialist support, and a Q&A library. It also offers weekly podcasts, live Q&As, careers resources, top tips, and an A-Z of wellbeing. Additionally, the hub provides information and advice on topics like anxiety, drugs, alcohol, and self-image.

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I hope this message finds you well.

I wanted to take a moment to highlight a recent update from Roblox—a popular platform among many young people—that introduces new parental control features designed to give families greater transparency, oversight, and control over children's online activity.

New Features Now Available on Roblox

Roblox has launched several key tools that allow parents and carers to tailor their child's digital experience more closely, including the ability to:

- Block specific users from their child's friend list, removing messaging and engagement with that person.
- Block individual games or experiences, beyond general content maturity settings, for more precise content management.
- Track the time spent on Roblox and gain insights into which experiences children are engaging with most.

To access these features, parents must link their own verified Roblox account—a safeguard ensuring only trusted individuals can adjust parental settings.

Updated Roblox Safety Centre

Roblox has also redesigned its Safety Centre as a one-stop hub for resources, guides, and reporting tools to help support safe and informed usage of the platform.

While no system is ever completely secure, these developments are a positive step. They reinforce the importance of combining technical tools with education, support, and most importantly —open conversation. Discussing online safety and gradually involving young people in these decisions can encourage greater digital responsibility and trust.

At St Martins, we continue to support students in becoming responsible digital citizens and encourage families to stay informed and engaged with their child's online world. Should you wish to learn more about Roblox's safety features or need support navigating them, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Kath Mooney, Senior Designated Lead