

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS;

Years 5/6 Tag Rugby Saxon League Tournament –

St. Martins returned to rugby action this week with their first round-robin match of four against local rivals. The team of 10 Year 5 and 6 students, captained by Spencer Codling, attended Hurstbourne Tarrant School and won two of their three matches. A mix of experience and new recruits saw the team play some wonderfully connected rugby in the first match, passing, supporting and working with each other to notch up a comfortable 5-3 win against the hosts. Beau Power and Jack Robbins were outstanding and showed glimpses of the pace and quick feet which has made them formidable opponents over the last few years. The second game was our local derby against Woolton Hill and we witnessed some brilliant flowing rugby; unfortunately we were unable to complete that final pass and although St Martin's had the vast majority of the ball, Woolton Hill managed to score two tries and were deserved winners. Our final match was against Vernham Dean and the team played with renewed vigour and enjoyment; Katya Burgess receiving a formal caution for smiling too much! Everyone was involved, Gabriella Aberg, Louis Codling and Harry Jacobs showing up well for the Year 5s with spirited runs and commitment, bolstered by the brilliant running and effort of Nina Matthews and earning a wonderful 5 – 2 victory. A fantastic team effort, on and off the pitch, the next round is in November so look out Woolton Hill!

A special mention to Zak Rota, who due to an injury was unable to participate; however he proved himself to be an inspirational Assistant Coach – thank-you Zak!

A huge thank-you to all the adults that made this competition possible – to Mrs Brown for organising our team, to Mr Codling and Mr Jacobs for helping with transport and coaching and to Mrs Lovell volunteering to accompany the trip at the last minute.

School Ambassador Interviews

Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Bishop are interviewing applicants for school and sport ambassadors today. Based on the strong letters of application they have received, it is going to be a very difficult decision!

Uganda

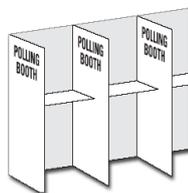
As most if you are aware St Martin's is very proud of its close links with Bukuya School in Mityana, Uganda. Over the years we have supported them in lots of practical ways and members of our staff have been out there to visit and we have also welcomed members of Bukuya, and other Mityana schools, to Hampshire and to our local schools. A display of photos and artefacts can be seen in the school hall.

Mr Shelton and his wife will be traveling out to Uganda to visit Bukuya School in October and taking with him a suitcase full of learning resources for the children from St Martin's. We would also like to include some gifts for the teachers for example, ties, simple floaty scarves or nail varnish. If you would like to make a donation, all gifts would be very gratefully received – please bring them into the School Office next week. Thank you.



School Council

The children were reminded last week that is time to think about School Council and to consider whether they would like to stand. Last year's school council explained what being a school council member involves and Mrs Clifton thanked them for their hard work and support of the school during the last school year.



Elections for the school council this year will take place on Wednesday 11th October. In each class, up to 4 candidates will make it through the initial selection and they will then plan their posters and present their manifestos to encourage voters, in preparation for the final elections.

Please remember that, manifestos and posters should be mainly the children's own ideas and work (3 posters only per child please).

The School Council receives financial support from the Parents' Association, in order to achieve some of its plans. The ideas are based on suggestions made by all the classes to help develop aspects of school; a clear example of democracy working well at St. Martin's. Thank you, as ever, to our Parents' Association for their generous, on-going support.

French Club

Dominique Colthurst is running French Club on Mondays at lunchtime at a cost of £4 per session. The club is aimed at children in Year R and Year 1 but Dominique is happy to take some Year 2 children if parents are interested. If you would like your child to join French Club please speak to Mrs. Carter in the school office.



Saturday 30th October

A huge thank you to everyone who has already offered to help clear up our school grounds on Saturday 30th October. If you can spare a few hours tomorrow from 10:00 – 12:00, please let Mrs Carter in the School Office know. Let's hope the weather is fine!

Important Funding News

We have applied for a grant from Tesco's called 'Bags of Help'. It sounds similar to the Waitrose scheme where you vote in store for your chosen charity. **Please make sure you vote for St. Martin's School** when you are shopping in Tesco and remind your family and friends to do the same (please be aware that you often need to ask at the till for counters to vote with). The more votes we get, the more likely we are to receive a larger grant. With the proceeds we are hoping to extend the bouncy bark area by adding more fixed play equipment.



		Total Merits
HOUSE OF THE WEEK:	EAST	100
HOUSE CAPTAINS:	Louis Codling and Milla Brereton	
House Scores this week:	North	82
	South	77
	West	92

Writer's Award



Maple Class

Congratulations to Freddie Bonner for good grammatical understanding and descriptive word choices.

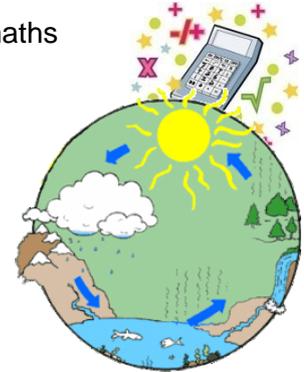
Mathematics Award

Maple Class

Congratulations to William Fortmuller for creative application of mental maths strategies.

Congratulations to David Smith for applying different mental strategies for addition.

Congratulations to Logan Alexander for solving complicated problems with logic, tenacity and accuracy.



Good Citizenship Award

Maple Class

Congratulations to: William Fortmuller for setting a great example of good behaviour in class and for helping his peers when they are stuck.

NEXT WEEK:

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Service will be held at St Martin's Church on Thursday 5th October at 2.15pm. In conjunction with the church and our neighbouring schools, we will be fundraising for Loose Ends, a charity for homeless and vulnerable people in Newbury. After the success of last year, we have agreed with the church that instead of bringing in traditional harvest gifts, we will invite families to support our harvest celebration in one of two ways.

1. Families are invited to send in donations in an envelope on the morning of the harvest service and these will be passed on to Loose Ends.
2. Families are invited to donate 'fresh' produce: bread, fruit, vegetables, flowers, cakes or homemade preserves, jams or chutneys. It would be great if they were home-made or home grown, but not essential, as these would represent the produce of the harvest. One item or small collection of items would be ideal. ALL fresh produce may then be purchased after the service for donations – whatever you feel is a suitable contribution based on what you take.

All the monies raised, either by direct donation or via the sale of fresh produce, will then be given to Loose Ends as our Harvest gift. We do hope you can join us in this opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate Harvest.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

A recommendation from Maria Traill

Molly & Eve Traill attend Berkshire Maestros every Saturday morning where they both have individual music lessons and also participate in the mini maestros and choir groups. On Saturday 7 October Berkshire Maestros are having an open morning where people can come along for free to try out the sessions. Information on groups and times is below. Please come and join us!

Subject: Newbury Music Centre Mini Maestros and Choir Open Sessions

Dear Parents and Students,

We are holding a Mini Maestros and Choir open day on Saturday 7th October. All Mini Maestros and choir students are invited to bring a buddy to their normal session. Students, friends and family are also welcome to attend sessions appropriate for their age:

Mini Maestros Starting Out (Preschool) 10.15 – 10.45
Mini Maestros Walking Tall (reception) 8.55 – 9.25
Mini Maestros Beat Keepers (year 1) 9.30 – 10.10
Mini Maestros Rhythm Makers (year 2) 11.00 – 11.40

Newbury Children's Choir (years 1 – 3) 10.15 – 10.55
Newbury Young Singers (years 4 – 6) 10.15 – 11.00
Newbury Youth Choir (years 7 – 13) 9 – 10
St Bart's Singers (Adult Choir) 11.30 – 12.15

As you can see there really is something for everyone and we would love to see you all there. To reserve your place, please click on the link below and please do share this information with your friends and family: www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/FDGDF

Kind regards **Tracey Oldman**

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Community Market

Woolton Hill Village Market on Saturday 30th September at Woolton Hill Church Hall from 10.00am – 1.00pm with all the usual stalls.

ACTIVITIES: 30th September – 6th October 2017

School

Monday 2nd Year R/1 French Club – 12.25pm
Monday Funday – 2.00 -3.00pm
Brass / Woodwind Lessons – from 3.00pm
Tuesday 3rd Judo Club 8.00 – 8.45 am
Year 1, 2 and 3 Multi Skills After School Club 3.25 – 4.20 pm
Wednesday 4th Maple Gymnastics After School Club 3.25 – 4.25 pm
Thursday 5th Harvest Festival Service at St. Martin's Church 2.15pm
PLEASE NOTE: NO BRASS/WOODWIND LESSONS TODAY

Governors

Tuesday 3rd Full Governing Body Meeting – 7.30pm

Church

Sunday 1st Oct Holy Communion – East Woodhay 8.00am
Harvest Festival – Woolton Hill 9.30am
Harvest Festival – Highclere 11.00 am
Messy Church – Ashmansworth 11.00am
Harvest Evensong – East Woodhay 6.00pm

Advanced Notice:

Xmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December