

# St Martin's School Weekly News

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## THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

**It has been a busy week so the newsletter is packed! Hold onto your hats!**

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you!

What a fantastic event the Summer Fete was last Saturday; we were lucky the weather was so kind to us! Congratulations and thanks to Mia Hancock for taking a very efficient lead and to all her helpers: James Hancock who was busy all day long and to all of you who helped to put up gazebos, man stalls and...tidy up at the end! Too many of you to mention but THANK YOU all!

It was a super event, a good fund raiser and a good opportunity to show off our lovely school to others. Thanks again Mia.

Thank you to all of you On Saturday 8th July Nicky Bonner, Sue Wilson, Claire Welch and Kate Mervyn-Jones hiked 24 miles along the Jurassic Coast in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Although in a beautiful setting it was a complete test of endurance and one of the hardest things we have ever done. In order to further raise funds Nicky is organising a coffee morning at the coffee barn from 9-11am next Tuesday 11th July. Please come do come along after drop off if you can to help support this worthy cause. who baked the cakes too; any left overs were sold after school on Monday and this money will also go into the fete

funds.

Other activities that have taken place this week include:

### Thank you Tea Party

Our first attempt at a thank you tea party and very well received it was too! Thank you to you all for your thanks, much appreciated, and for all your help during the year, of course.

The Year 6s were a credit to the school; with very little input they 'metted and greeted' arranged flowers, made cucumber sandwiches and served at table. Thank you all. Mrs Wellings' dancers were superb, they did not put a foot wrong, literally... and the whole school song was great too.



### Activity week

An action packed activity week with our theme of 'Out and About'. The week has included a visit to Bracknell Discovery Centre: The Look Out. We had a lovely time there, managing to dodge the showers. The centre is safe, interesting and very well organised. The staff were friendly and helpful. We recommend it to you! We have some 10% off tickets which we will try to distribute to as many of you as possible.

We also walked to church, across the fields with 78 children. We were delighted with the walk, especially as it was the first time we had attempted it; the children were brilliant: safe, enthusiastic

and... you should have seen them at the church, sketching outside features of their choice; such concentration!

Our week finished with our usual games afternoon; this year: Bug Games. The children ate the biscuits they had made during the week and drank elderflower cordial made earlier in the year by Cherry Class.

Thanks so much to all the parents who came with us to Bracknell, and the church, and who helped during the week. Thanks too to Chantal Tyas who has transformed our corridor into an 'outside habitat'. Come and have a look. Well done staff too! We deserve a pat on the back and a sit down!!

We have been pleased to welcome back some past pupils this week. They have made themselves very helpful. Thanks to Gabriel Reis, Lottie Codling and Lucy Wilson.

## QuadKids



Last Wednesday Mrs Evans took a group of year two children to Basingstoke KS1 QuadKids competition. The children all performed to their very best against some fierce competition. Coming 9th overall they all received a special wristband. We must make a special mention to Sebastian Bridge who replaced Fin at short notice and did very well against the older children, also to Finlay Saich and Josh Burgess for leading the long 300m race in sweltering heat. As always it was a pleasure to take a group to an event.

Their determination and sportsmanship was evident throughout the afternoon. Grateful thanks to Caroline Bridge for coming with us and to Maddie Mayo and Charlotte Bishop in their roles as sports ambassadors; they spent lunchtimes training the squad and they did a great job. Thank you.

## Reports

Your child's annual reports should be in bags today, Friday. Please remember that although we do not have formal parents' evenings in the summer term, teachers are available after school next week for meetings with any parents who wish to discuss the content of the report.

Staff will also be getting together to pass on important information to each other as part of their preparation for new classes in September.

## Upper School Play – Mystery at Magpie Manor

Tickets for the play have been sent home this afternoon so please look out for them in bags.



**House Points will be carried forward to next week**

**Congratulations: Faustine Brooks** (Silver Birch) for passing her Primary in Dance Award from the Royal Academy of Dance with Merit.

## NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:

### Wow news

We are hoping that Training for WOW for the current Year Ones, next year's Year Twos, will take place on Tuesday afternoon, (if time allows); after that they will be allowed to walk unaccompanied to school if they, and their parents have signed the Rules form. Welcome to WOW Year Ones!

## School Play

We are all looking forward to the performance of "Mystery at Magpie Manor" by Maple and Willow classes. There is an afternoon Dress Rehearsal performance on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm for the rest of the school. The evening performances are on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm.

### **Moving on**

Our main 'Move Up Morning' will be next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July when all children will spend the morning in their 'new' classes with their 'new' teacher. Children new to Cherry Class, and to our school, will also be joining us on this morning.

### **Sports**

Sports Day is planned for Friday afternoon (weather permitting, as always). This will be the usual more traditional sports session, where children take part in a running race, relays and another race in front of an audience, gaining points for their houses. Parents are welcome to attend and this event will start at approximately 1.30pm. Please feel free to come wearing the colour of the house that you are supporting.

We are not sure what the weather is planning to do next week but if it is hot, please make sure that children have sun hats, sun cream and water bottles for the event. Do please remember that although we do our best to provide shade for the children, we cannot also cater for the adults; the adult seats are in full sun.

We have Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July in the diary as a reserve day in case the weather is awful!!

We will also be holding our usual morning carousel of activities but this will be held on Tuesday morning 18<sup>th</sup> July this year. Children will compete in their houses, gaining points for their house, either as individuals or as teams. Points gained at this session will be carried forward and added to those awarded at the afternoon session on Friday.

Directly after Sports Day the Parents' Association will be holding a brief AGM – please stay for this if you are able to and enjoy a glass of Pimms as you watch our presentation on the year's successes.

Please stay and support our hardworking Parents' Association at this enjoyable event.



### **MESSAGE BOARD:**

Judo will start on the 26<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45 am. There will be 4 weeks of Judo before half term and 6 weeks after half term. New joiners are welcome so if you are interested please email David Edmonds: info@iinkai-judo.co.uk to find out about pricing and any other questions you may have.



Alan Barton will be selling some of his home grown vegetables next week. Some of the proceeds going to school funds. Please bring your purses and enjoy some locally grown, potatoes and onions and more.

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CANCER SUPPORT**

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## **ACTIVITIES: 17<sup>th</sup> – 21st July**

### **School**

Monday 17th      French Club (Yr 1) – 12.25pm  
Monday Funday – 2.00pm  
Piano Lessons – from 2.00pm  
Multi skills after school club 3.25 – 4.25pm  
Mystery at Magpie Manor Year 4-6 Play Dress Rehearsal – 1.30pm  
Mystery at Magpie Manor Year 4-6 Play Performance – 6.30pm

Tuesday 18th    Judo 8.00am  
Sports Carousel

Wednesday 19th Moving Up morning  
Teddy Bears' picnic – Silver Birch on the field.  
Mystery at Magpie Manor Year 4-6 Play Performance – 6.30pm

Thursday 20th   Brass / Woodwind Lessons – from 1.30pm

Friday 21st      Sports Day – start 1.15 pm (approx.) Reserve Sports Day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Church**

Sunday 16th July Holy Communion – Highclere – 8.00am  
Benefice Communion Woolton Hill 10.00 am  
Evensong – East Woodhay – 6.00pm

### **Advance Notices**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July End of Term (School finishes around 2.15pm) **NO Fun Club on this day.**





**TOP CLUB** in association  
with **DIVERSITY SCUBA**



- From October, **TOP CLUB** will be offering all Year 4, 5 & 6's the opportunity to experience a BUBBLEMAKER dive session with Diversity Scuba.
- Each session will involve six children and there will be five concurrent diving experience dates available, on a first come first serve basis. They will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6.45pm to 8.30pm at the Mary Hare School swimming pool.
- The cost of the experience is £25 per child, but please be aware, this is open to **ALL** children, so please enquire with the office.
- To secure your dive experience, please select your nominated date from below and put your child's name and class on the Dive Course Sheet in the office and contact Colin Brears (PADI Staff Diving Instructor) on [hello@diver-sity.co.uk](mailto:hello@diver-sity.co.uk) or Mob: 07785335836 to arrange your payment, via BACs Sort Code: 11-05-47 Account No: 00665854. Colin can also answer any questions you may have. He will also send you a Medical Questionnaire that you will need to fill in prior to the dive. See [www.diver-sity.co.uk](http://www.diver-sity.co.uk) for more information on Scuba Diving with Diversity.
- Course Dates: Tuesday **10<sup>th</sup>** / **17<sup>th</sup>** / **24<sup>th</sup>** / **31<sup>st</sup>** Oct & **7<sup>th</sup>** Nov. (6 divers per date)

HAVE A FANTASTIC TIME, **THEY DID !!**