



NEWS & VIEWS

20 September 2024

Be the best you can be.

Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

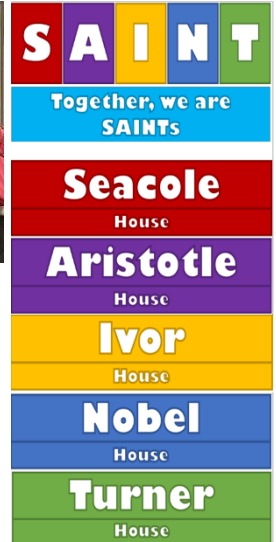


Headteacher's Comment:

On return to school you may have noticed a change in the name of your child's form this year. A lot of work was done in the Summer Term behind the scenes, in conjunction with our pupil voice, to relaunch a new House System that is more representative of our community. The SAINTS House System is based on inspirational and diverse historical figures that align with the values of the school. We will be building on this throughout the year including aligning the rewards system and regular house competitions. Watch this space.

I would also like to welcome back 'Woody', the St Martin's therapy dog, shown in the picture with her human companion Tina, from the HEADS2MIND charity. Woody will be working with some of our pupils throughout this term and provide a welcome distraction.

Finally, congratulations to this week's Headteacher's galley Bobby Green in Year 10, for continuously going above and beyond to help our lower school community.



Year 10 Navy Cooking Master Class

Last Tuesday we were very fortunate to have two chefs from the Royal Navy come in and give some of our Year 10 pupils Food Preparation and Nutrition master class in cooking.

Pupils were shown recipes that would be served in the Royal Navy and given a presentation on life and careers in the Navy.



The session was well received by the pupils who enjoyed the task and the event as a whole. The final dishes were well presented and the feedback from the chefs was very encouraging. Well done to our pupils for their active participation and for being excellent ambassadors for our school.



Year 7 Bake-off Competition



The languages department are organizing a bake-off style competition to celebrate the European Day of languages. All Year 7s are challenged to bake something with a European flavour – either following a European recipe or decorating their cake/cupcake in a European theme.

Entrees need to be brought to the MFL office, room N 109, before school on the 26/09/24 and will be judged (there will be prizes and house points). All cakes will later be sold for charity (MIND) at a price of £0.50 per item.



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A visit from the Author Paul Dowsell

Last term the children's author Paul Dowsell visited the school to share the story of his celebrated novel *Auslander*, as well as to educate students on his life as a professional writer.

Auslander, the German word for foreigner, tells the tale of a young Jewish boy called Peter who loses both of his parents during WW2 and is orphaned in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Pupils from years 7 to 10 learned about the horrific history behind Paul's novel, including stories of teenagers in the Hitler Youth along with accounts of those who lost their lives for opposing Adolf Hitler's rule.

Stark historical images provided a shocking backdrop to Paul's talk and encouraged students to think about wider themes such as discrimination, tolerance and diversity.

Some lucky students left with signed copies of *Auslander*, including year 8's Max Chow. Max used his Jack Petchey award money to book Paul's invaluable visit, so thanks must go to him and our librarian Mrs Peters for arranging the day.



Mrs Swan Brings Home European Medals

Our Head of PE & Performing Arts Mrs Swan, recently represented England in the European Senior Badminton Championships in Heusden-Zolder, Belgium. She won bronze medals in both Ladies and Mixed Doubles losing both semi-finals in 3 ends.



Dates for the Diary

24.09.24 - 27.09.2024
25.09.24

- Year 6 School Tours
- Year 7 Welcome Evening
- Futbol Lingo Educational onsite visit

For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE for further PE updates

Word of the Week Week 3 Prudent



Adjective: acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

Sentence: It is always prudent to start any exercise programme gradually at first.



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