



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

## Headteacher's Comment:

As we now approach Christmas, we have lots of activities taking place including our Christmas Card competition which I will be shortlisting and announcing the winner in next week's News and views. We also have our annual Christmas Concert showcasing our wonderful young musicians next Wednesday and Thursday evening. If you would like to come along and support please email [zrahman@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:zrahman@st-martins.essex.sch.uk) to book your tickets and reserve seats as there are limited spaces.

This year, our Senior Student Leadership Team came together today to decorate our main Christmas Tree in the South Hall and what an amazing job they have done.

We appreciate many of you may wish to buy gifts for members of staff to say thank you for this year. While this is very much appreciated we do have to be mindful of accepting gifts that are deemed expensive. With this in mind, please can I make you aware of our Gifts and Hospitality policy which states the following; "Staff and Local Governors/Trustees/Members can accept gifts and hospitality, which are small gestures, that are isolated gifts of a minor or trivial nature, and that have a value of £25 or less, without approval". "Where a collective gift is given, i.e. from a group of parents/carers or pupils, the gift can be accepted if worth more than £25, provided that the average contribution per person is no more than £25." For more information please [click here](#) for the DET Gifts and Hospitality policy.



## English Schools Cross Country Cup Finals

Our Senior Girls Cross Country Team will be competing this Saturday at the English Schools National Finals, which are being held in Woodbridge, Suffolk. The team of 6, year 11-13 runners, have qualified to this prestigious event by winning their first round, county level competition and then coming in the top three at the Regional Finals. This is a tremendous achievement and the girls have put in a huge amount of effort in training and competitive runs since September in preparation for this event. We are very proud of them. **Good luck to Isobel, Sienna, Harriet, Alice, Siobhan and Poppy!**



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## Children in Need

We are pleased to announce we raised a staggering:

**£1338.08**

Well done to everyone who took part!



## Christmas concert rehearsals

It was fantastic to see a number of our students joining our resident steel pan expert Cara O'Brien, to learn a song in preparation for the Christmas Concert. They have been incredibly resilient and versatile in the club and have been awarded with a Subject Award for their hard work and dedication to Music. We all look forward to watching them perform at the Christmas Concert next week.



**Students:** Ishika Naik, Edith Galea, Anjali Sangar, Max Chow, Amira Yousuf, Roshan Sangar, Cara O'Brien



## FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Masterpiece

The FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Masterpiece program for Year 7 and 11 students, took place this week supported by Mr Spencer. This is an engaging and creative educational initiative that encourages students to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) concepts through robotics, problem-solving, and teamwork.

The preparation journey for the FLL Masterpiece competition has been a testament to the dedication, innovation, and collaborative spirit of the students. Their hard work, resilience, and passion for both STEM and sustainability are evident in their project development and technical skills.

Looking ahead, the team aims to fine-tune their project, further improve robot performance, and refine their presentation skills in preparation for the upcoming FLL Masterpiece competition. They are committed to showcasing their hard work and innovative solutions to address real-world sustainability challenges.



**Students:** Archie Giles, Huey Walton, Charlie Ware, Ayden Sajid, Oliver Street, Joshua Wan, Oscar Mellis, Austin Fearn and David Baxster



## Dates for the Diary

- 4.12.2023 – Holocaust Educational Trust visit  
Years 10, 12 and 13 C2 Scripted PPE Tech exam
- 5.12.2023 – Year 9 Evening Theatre Visit
- 6.12.2023 – Christmas Concert all day rehearsals and evening event
- 7.12.2023 – Christmas Concert all day rehearsals and evening event

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