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Headteacher's Comment

Welcome back, I hope you all had a great half term and enjoyed the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

This week I am extremely pleased to announce that we have had a bid for funding approved by the government so we will be getting a new teaching block which will provide us with four brand new classrooms. We have waited a long time for this so this is fantastic news for the school. In addition, this funding will allow us to update the fire security systems in the school this summer which is a huge task but an extremely important one.

In this week's News and Views, we share information about the Rainbow Flag Award and an exciting food tasting event involving staff and students. Enjoy and have a great weekend!



Rainbow Flag Award

As we celebrate Pride in June, there is no better time to inform you all that St Martin's has now achieved the Rainbow Flag Award!

The Rainbow Flag Award is a national quality assurance framework for primary schools, secondary schools, SEND schools and colleges. The award focuses on positive LGBT+, (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, plus other related identities), inclusion and visibility. The Rainbow Flag Award encourages a whole organisation approach to LGBT+ inclusion, as well as developing strategies to effectively challenge and combat LGBT-phobic bullying.



As part of the award, we have made many changes and adjustments to our school, such as making sure staff know what terminology to use, promoting inclusivity throughout the curriculum and throughout LGBTQ+ PRISM club, adding a parents' information section on the school website signposting and giving supportive advice and information if needed as well as involving student voice in ways to embrace the diverse communities we have.

This week, Year 12 have listened to an assembly by Mr Shoker encouraging them to remember that Representation Matters, and this has also been shared with the rest of the year groups. At lunchtime on Thursday 16 June, there will be a cake sale in N016, with all profits being donated to an LGBTQ charity of PRISM group's choice. There will be lots of other opportunities for Pride to be celebrated this month and in the future any student wishing to join PRISM is welcome to come to N016 on a Thursday lunchtime.



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Food Tasting Session

On Wednesday afternoon, Pabulum our school catering contractors laid out a food tasting session for staff and students to sample.

Staff and students from Chase High and Larchwood Primary Schools came along with members of the Trust to sample the new exciting menu. There was a variety of hot and cold cuisine to choose from including plenty of options for vegans and vegetarians.

Staff and students were extremely impressed and whilst we are currently gathering student feedback the overall view on the day was very positive.

Thank you to all the staff from Pabulum and our kitchen staff for all their hard work in presenting this new delicious menu. It was a huge success and we share some photos of the tasting session below.

